

Long Buckby Machine Knitters

Newsletter

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From the Editor

Welcome!



Another machine knitting year is drawing to a close, and this time we have managed a full year of face-to-face meetings. The attendance has been down on pre-pandemic rates, but continues steadily, and we have enjoyed a variety of topics, as well as new members and visitors.

As mentioned last month, we will try to establish a slightly different format for our meetings, including show and tell at most meetings and demonstrations where possible.

Please get in touch with any suggestions for meetings or demonstrations - we will do our best!

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Today's meeting is our annual celebration and discussion time - we invite members to show their work and vote for a winning entry, the maker of which will receive our Trophy for a year and a coaster for keeps. The discussion is an informal AGM, which will allow us to update members on committee matters.

Refreshments will be served!

Lynda

The Future

Calendar 2023 **red dates are one week later because of bank holidays**

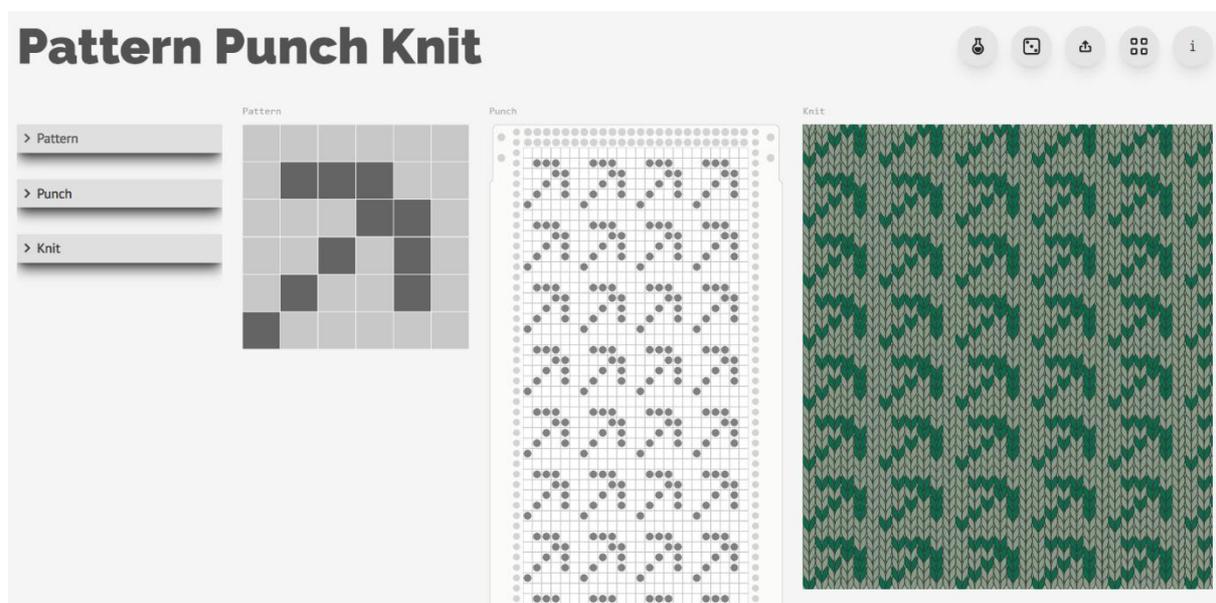
There may be some alterations later in the year, watch this space!

LBMK calendar 2023	All meetings are from 2pm to 4pm, and doors are open from 1.30pm. Membership fee: annual £5, plus £3 for most meetings, £5 for those with visiting speaker [marked with ***] Guest fees: £5 most meetings, £7 for those with visiting speaker. Tea/coffee and biscuits included
Date [all Mon]	Topic
9th Jan	Colour theory: presentation/ ideas for combining colours/ demo of knitting techniques etc
13th Feb	Machine Knitting Forum – a chance to catch up on skills and friends! Multiple rolling demonstrations, basic skills to more advanced, patterns, gadgets and garments. Also, software demonstrations. Bring your projects to show, work on or seek advice about demo colour changing/ weaving
13th March	Plating and Weaving
17th April***	Bill King – extended meeting with exhibition/sales etc.
15th May	Machine Knitting Forum – a chance to catch up on skills and friends!
12th June	Fair Isle techniques
10th July	Knitting for babies and children
14th Aug	Machine Knitting Forum – a chance to catch up on skills and friends! Squares / Accessories
11th Sept ***	Claire Newberry - lace
19th Oct***	Sally Butcher
13th Nov	Yokes/ hand tooling
11th Dec	AGM/ COMPETITION, DISPLAY AND SALES. End of year celebration

Free things to try

Spotted on Facebook, this lady has produced a website to help with punch card design. [But you could use it to design any fair isle stitch pattern]. And, if you use an electronic machine, but struggle with making your own patterns, you could look this up first [Inputting A Your own Pattern On the Brother KH965/965i Electronic Knitting Machine - YouTube](#) which is a great video showing you how very simply. If it is the wrong machine for you, he has other videos which are also good, but I think the general principles apply anyway.

[Pattern Punch Knit](#)

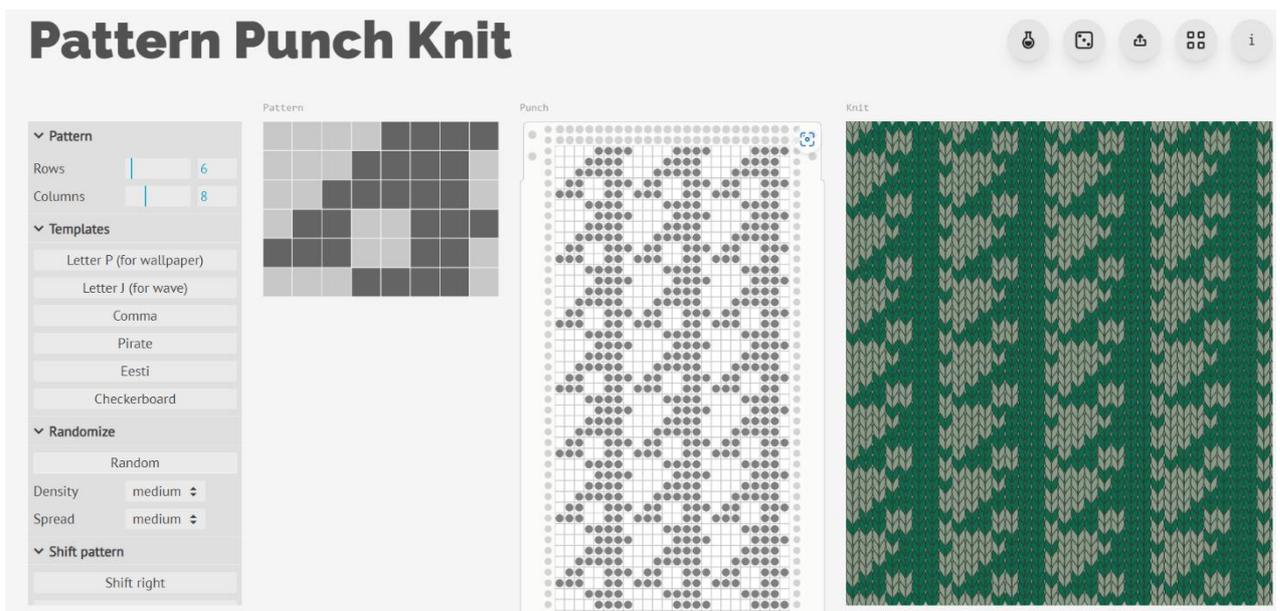


It is still being developed but works fine - you need to experiment with it. I tried first with a 8 stitch pattern which would work on the LK150, using my new Needle Beetle [or selecting needles by hand] although I would not be using it for Fair Isle - This is the template marked Comma,

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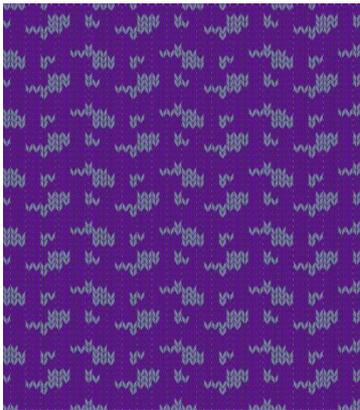
Which I then randomised to get this



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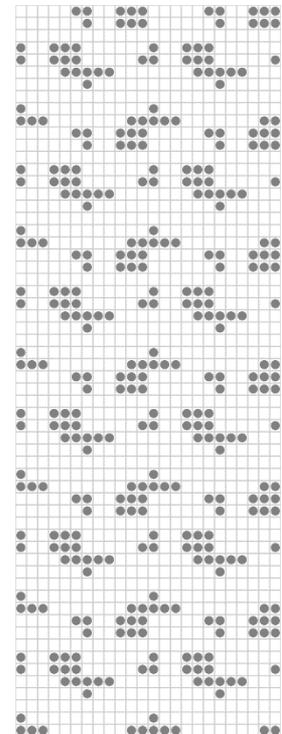
I had not done any design yet, but still got some interesting patterns!

You can change the colours from the menu, you can choose other effects, or you can just use your own design. You can export an image file of your design, like this one on the left, or an image of the punch card:



Lots of potential here, I would say.

And all for free at the moment!



Susan Guagliumi

I have often referred to Susan's free sheets and patterns, and they are still available to those who subscribe to her emails. However, I received this email last week, and it seems we will need to download all the content before it goes

WEB SITE CLOSING NEXT YEAR

My web site expenses have escalated over the last few years, making it less realistic to continue maintaining the site. Most of my book sales are through Amazon so the web site is mostly a courtesy and a convenience for the knitting community, but it has become too expensive to justify continuing. Hackers have become much more sophisticated, and I have had two nuisance hacks that each cost me hundreds of dollars to fix – on top of the web site and plug-in fees. That said, most of my pre-paid expenses will expire at the end of next year (fall 2023) and I plan to close down the site over the summer. I'm telling you this now so that you can download any of the free downloads while they are still available – and to nip any rumors of my demise before they start! All copyrights remain in effect, and you will still be able to contact me once the site is closed out.

So....be warned!

A hand knitted diversion



I was asked to knit mittens for my two-year-old grandson, and have a large quantity of sock yarn available, so looked for a pattern. Alas, I could only find this pattern which uses Aran weight yarn. But, strangely, I found that by knitting the adult size instructions, but using the thinner yarn and 3mm needles, I was able to produce the mittens in the right size. I am not sure I would recommend the route I took, but you never know until you try. The pattern is a free one on Ravelry

[Ravelry: Garden mitts pattern by Sarah Dingwell](#)

Not free but worth a look

This lady is braver than I am about wearing clingy sweater dresses, but those of you who are slimmer might like them

[Ravelry: Lofty Frocks Knitwear](#)

Suppliers

These are still operating an online supply

www.wools.co.uk - Uppingham Yarns

<https://yeoman-yarns.co.uk/> Yeoman Yarns

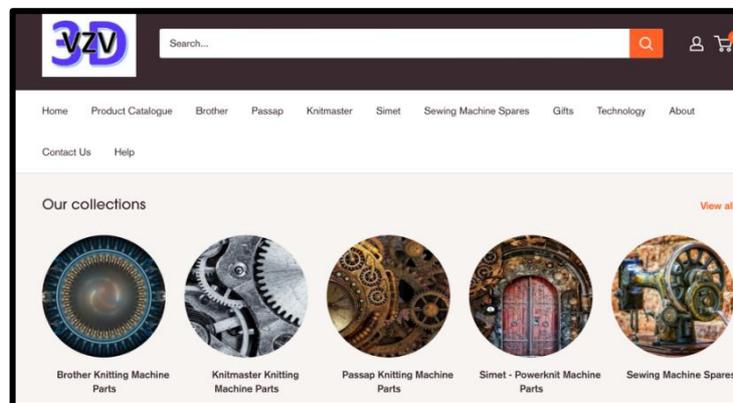
<https://www.yarnoncone.co.uk> Yarn on Cone

<https://woolyknit.com> Woolyknit

and this one deals in recycled fibres <https://www.iinouio.com/>

For 3d printed
try

<https://vzv3d.com/>



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Other information

Sally Butcher has a [Kalamunda Crafts](#) page on Facebook. Sally is an inspiring machine knitter, with lots of ideas and videos to keep you busy! And now she has her own YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSDxy6pQHAs4gd5XBztYWmw>

which is well worth a visit. Well done, Sally, a marvellous resource.

<http://handymachineknitting.libsyn.com> is a regular podcast

<http://knitwords.blogspot.com/> is a blog

And Finally

I would like to involve others in this newsletter, so please let me know of anything I can include

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