LONG BUCKBY MACHINE KNITTERS

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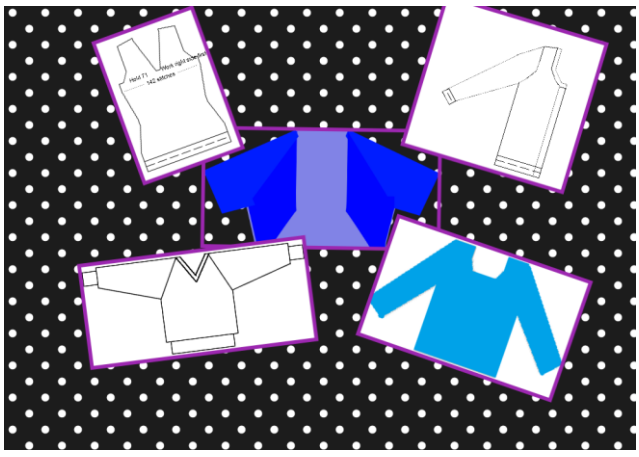


FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CLUB MEETINGS

Today

8th Jan **PATTERNS: availability and issues**

COMING UP:

12th Feb **PATTERNS: designing, adapting, using software**
12th March **BILL KING**
9th April **NECKLINES**

- **At meetings where we do not have an outside speaker, club members are encouraged to participate: please see Lynda if you would like to demonstrate or show a special technique or item**
- **Please let us know if you have a special requirement in case of emergency, e.g. a mobility problem which would mean a special arrangement in case of evacuation of the building**
- **Please also respect the demonstrators and other members, some of whom have hearing impairment, by not talking during the demonstrations. **PLEASE SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE!****

WORKSHOPS

ALL WORKSHOPS RUN FROM 1-4 AT LONG BUCKBY COMMUNITY CENTRE. COST £15 TO INCLUDE USE OF EQUIPMENT.

16th April **BEGINNERS' NECKLINES**
16th July **ADAPTING PATTERNS**
17th Sept **ONE PUNCHCARD, MANY PATTERNS**

OTHER EVENTS

March **Ruth Lyne workshops in glass button making – see below [next page] for poster**

CLUB SERVICES

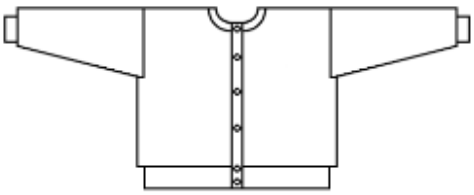
VOLUNTEERS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

We offer assistance to new and improving machine knitters. If you would like to volunteer as a Knitting Buddy, please let us know, and we can pair learners with buddies, geographically if possible. If you need assistance, please email Lynda at administrator@longbuckbymk.com in the first instance.

EQUIPMENT HIRE

We have a comprehensive list of equipment available for loan, including full machines as well as accessories. See Margaret for details.
We are also setting up a free lending library, and would welcome donations of hardback machine knitting books for this purpose.

PATTERNS



In addition to patterns available in this newsletter and on our website, Lynda is also willing to make bespoke patterns via Knitware for members: these will be available as printouts or pdf files. Form attached for orders, or just let Lynda know the details.

Gorgeous Glass Buttons

Monday 5th March or Monday 26th March

2pm to 4pm

Ruth will help you use lots of little glass jewels to make up to 12 colourful buttons

No cutting required but please bring your reading glasses!

Ruth will then fire the glass overnight to fuse all the pieces together

Choose between low fired to keep the shape of the jewels

or high fired to make a smooth rounded button

Make a couple of sets or several statement buttons to add to your machine knitting

£25

The Barn, Houlton, Rugby CV23 0AB

Book your place through Pat at Long Buckby Machine Knitters or with Ruth at ruth@ruthlyne.co.uk or 07796 507073

www.ruthlyne.com

SMALL ADS

WANTED

Machine Knitters needed!

- Mhairi MacLachlan (maclachlan.mhairi@gmail.com) 07813 897 528
- **Harrison Winter of HCR knits** [http://www.hcrknits.com/] Contact: info@hcrknits.com

BUSINESS ADS

- **Knits 'n' Bits [Long Buckby]**

We buy and sell used [serviced] knitting machines and accessories, and also sell books, punchcards, spares and more. Contact Wendy on 01327-842335 or email knitsnbits@live.co.uk. N.B.Response will be a little slower at the moment than usual, but she is still in business.

- **Elsie's Wool Shop: Ma's Buttons**

in Victoria Road, Rushden, just off the high street. They supply wool, all plies, including cones and a large selection of buttons and haberdashery items. email mcginnelsie@yahoo.com or telephone 01933 380610 evenings or weekends.

FOR SALE

Skein winder: Ashford Kiwi design. Useful for winding and unwinding skeins, especially for dyeing purposes. Adjustable to fit skein. £20 Lynda Fiendley [lyndafiendley@hotmail.com]

Knitting machine table £10. Pat Banyard Smith 01788 822091

Brother Single bed colour changer KHC820a £10 Kath Blundell 01788 578137

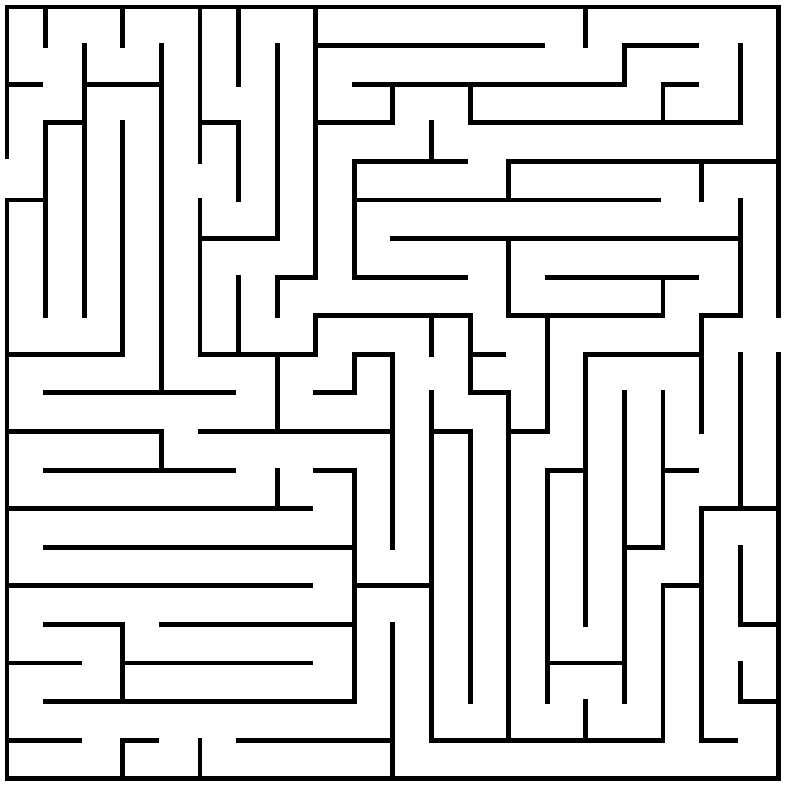
Brother Knitting Machine Model KH-891 and KR-850 Ribber in Horn Cabinet including Bench Seat/Storage Box
Accessories and instruction manual, Transfer Carriage and Knit-Leader
All in excellent condition but machine requires new sponge bar
Many extras including:-
Substantial stock of industrial and 4-ply yarn
Machine knitting maintenance book with video tape
Cone winder/Hole punch and punch cards/Work box for accessories
Assorted hardback and paperback "how to" and pattern books
Folder with many "useful hints" and patterns
Price : £275 o.n.o. Please contact Eileen Andrew 01788 822159 or jpandrew@tiscali.co.uk

WANTED

I am looking for a used Brother 260 knitting machine preferably without a ribber.
Price negotiable and cash available.
Susan Koffler at 01844 260569 or message 07809826230

PLEASE LET ME HAVE DETAILS OF ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SPACE. SALES AND WANTED – FREE ADVERTISING!

PUZZLES



Today we have a maze, not related to knitting, or maybe to untangling thread!

Find your way from one side entrance to the other side.

PATTERNS AND PROJECTS

ALEXA

This is a pair of sleeves knitted as one length, to a relaxed raglan pattern. You can then knit a border, or skirt, as long as you wish, round the edges.

SIZES [chest measurement in inches]: relaxed fit

30 32 34 36 38 40 42 44 46 48 50 52 54 56

TENSION: at T7 standard gauge, approx. 30 sts and 42 rows to 10cm/4 inches. I used plating to combine two two ply yarns, but you could use four ply, or anything which gives you this tension approximately.

PUNCH CARD Brother 2, Knitmaster 3, or any tuck pattern

SLEEVES:

1. . Cast on 70/74/74/78/80/82/84/86/88/90/92/92/94/94 sts in WY, using TD7 and open edge method.RC000.

Inc 1 st at each end of every

30	6th row 6 times, then every 7th row 16 times to 114 sts (148 rows total).
32	6th row 11 times, then every 7th row 12 times to 120 sts (150 rows total).
34	6th row 25 times to 124 sts (150 rows total).
36	6th row 23 times, then every 7th row twice to 128 sts (152 rows total).
38	5th row 9 times, then every 6th row 18 times to 134 sts (153 rows total).
40	5th row 21 times, then every 6th row 8 times to 140 sts (153 rows total).
42	5th row 27 times, then every 6th row 3 times to 144 sts (153 rows total).
44	4th row once, then every 5th row 30 times to 148 sts (154 rows total).
46	4th row 6 times, then every 5th row 26 times to 152 sts (154 rows total).
48	4th row 16 times, then every 5th row 18 times to 158 sts (154 rows total).
50	4th row 21 times, then every 5th row 14 times to 162 sts (154 rows total).
52	4th row 36 times, then every 5th row twice to 168 sts (154 rows total).
54	3rd row 9 times, then every 4th row 32 times to 176 sts (155 rows total).
56	3rd row 9 times, then every 4th row 32 times to 176 sts (155 rows total).

2. Work even to total 154/156/156/158/158/158/158/158/158/158/158/158/158 rows. COR
3. Shape raglan on right hand side of knitting only, except first two rows [underarm shaping]

30	Cast off 6 sts at beg of next two rows (102 sts rem). Dec 1 st at right hand end of every 3rd row 6 times, then dec 1 st at right hand end of every 2nd row 42 times. Total 258 rows.
32	Cast off 7 sts at beg of next two rows (106 sts rem). Dec 1 st at right hand end of every 3rd row 4 times, then dec 1 st at right hand end of every 2nd row 46 times. Total 262 rows.
34	Cast off 7 sts at beg of next two rows (110 sts rem). Dec 1 st at right hand end of every 3rd row twice, then dec 1 st at right hand end of every 2nd row 50 times. Total 264 rows.
36	Cast off 8 sts at beg of next two rows (112 sts rem). Dec 1 st at right hand end of every 3rd row 6 times, then dec 1 st at right hand end of every 2nd row 46 times. Total 270 rows.
38	Cast off 8 sts at beg of next two rows (118 sts rem). Dec 1 st at right hand end of every 3rd row 4 times, then dec 1 st at right hand end of every 2nd row 51 times. Total 274 rows
40	Cast off 9 sts at beg of next two rows (122 sts rem). Dec 1 st at right hand end of every 3rd row 4 times, then dec 1 st at right hand end of every 2nd row 53 times. Total 278 rows.
42	Cast off 9 sts at beg of next two rows (126 sts rem). Dec 1 st at right hand end of every 3rd row 4 times, then dec 1 st at right hand end of every 2nd row 55 times. Total 282 rows.
44	Cast off 9 sts at beg of next two rows (130 sts rem). Dec 1 st at right hand end of every 3rd row twice, then dec 1 st at right hand end of every 2nd row 59 times. Total 284 rows.
46	Cast off 10 sts at beg of next two rows (132 sts rem). Dec 1 st at right hand end of every 3rd row 4 times, then dec 1 st at right hand end of every 2nd row 57 times. Total 286 rows.
48	Cast off 10 sts at beg of next two rows (138 sts rem). Dec 1 st at right hand end of every 3rd row twice, then dec 1 st at right hand end of every 2nd row 62 times. Total 290 rows.
50	Cast off 11 sts at beg of next two rows (140 sts rem). Dec 1 st at right hand end of every 2nd row 65 times. Total 290 rows
52	Cast off 11 sts at beg of next two rows (146 sts rem). Dec 1 st at right hand end of every 2nd row 64 times, then dec 1 st at right hand end of every row 4 times. Total 292 rows
54	Cast off 12 sts at beg of next two rows (152 sts rem). Dec 1 st at right hand end of every 2nd row 66 times, then dec 1 st at right hand end of every row 4 times. Total 296 rows.
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This is the midpoint, you have knitted one sleeve: you now need to knit the second from the top down.

First mark each end.

Then knit the second sleeve reversing shapings, i.e., where the pattern says ‘decrease’ you will increase, and vice versa.

You will then have a pair of joined sleeves, with the raglan shapings on the front edge of your cardigan, and the straight edge on the back.

BODY

My cardigan body was knitted in three sections: one for the back, and two for the front. You may need to divide the back into two as well, depending on size.

BACK

I knitted the back by holding the straight edge between the sleeves/armholes up to the machine, and I attached it on to 190 needles, with the front [knit] side facing. [Size 36] You may need to do this in two sections.

I knitted across these needles T5 and read the punch card pattern. I then set the card rolling, and the machine to tuck.

Then I knitted 40 rows T5, 40 rows T6, 40 rows T7, 40 rows T8, 40 rows T9, 20 rows T10. [220 rows]

I took this off on a circular HK needle, but you could use waste yarn, or finish with a loose cast off, or an edging.

This gives a mid-hip length. You can knit longer, I would keep a similar proportion on the different tensions.

FRONT

I knitted this in two pieces: each had 100 stitches, and were knitted as for the back.

However, if you wish to make a longer back, I would suggest that you knit as for the back, but after 160 rows [or fewer if you prefer], you begin to put needles into hold at the centre front end as follows: 1 stitch every alternate row. This will prevent the collar become too big, and create a gradual curve round the front.

FINISHING

Join the sleeve seams, and the seams between the body pieces.

Finish the edges and the sleeve hems: I used a garter stitch hand knit, but you could crochet or use a machine edge: an example of one you might use can be found in our first newsletter September 2015, the Alternative Edging for the Crescent shawl. Also in that newsletter was a project for a similar cardigan to this [so I have been adapting it for over three years!], with some alternative edges.

I made Dorset buttons to match my cardigan, and to hold the body in place at the front. Instructions can be found here: Henry’s Buttons

TODAY'S THEME

PATTERNS

Sources for patterns:

ONLINE:

www.longbuckbymk.com our own website has a few patterns on it!

www.ravelry.com is a source of many patterns for hand and machine knitting, some free, many for a modest fee

https://modernknittingpatterns.com/ Marianne Henio's website has lots of modern styles, which are relatively easy to knit, and at reasonable prices

http://home-machine-knitting.co.uk/ Anne Lavene offers a different style of knitting, which is probably more challenging, but well worth a try! She offers a free pattern to get you started.

http://metropolitanmachineknitting.co.uk/shop/books.html Metropolitan offer a variety of patterns in their book department, including, for example, Iris Bishop's.

http://www.needlesofsteel.org.uk/pattstobuy.html also has lots of links to patterns

AT OUR CLUB MEETINGS:

This year, our visiting speakers, Erica Thomson www.erica.co.uk , and Sue Booth, offer patterns.

SELF DESIGNED

You can use software: [if you want more information, ask me [Lynda] although I am not an expert in all this software, I can point you in the right direction!]

Knitware [now discontinued, but you can ask me about using it at club meetings, and also order a bespoke pattern]

Sweatermaker http://www.seedlingsoftware.com/sweatermaker.htm which costs $39

DesignaKnit https://www.softbyte.co.uk/designaknit.htm starts at around £190 for the Machine Knitting program.

USING CHARTING DEVICES

Probably a completely new topic, but you can use dressmaking patterns, existing knitwear and other clothing to create shapes on charting devices, which can then be knitted.
http://web.archive.org/web/20110623131839/http://guagliumi.com/ChartingAtachment.pdf Likewise, you can reverse engineer a chart to create a knitting pattern: you need to do a 'dry run' of your garment, following the chart, and take notes as you go, noting the number of stitches, increasing and decreasing etc. Possibly worth it, if you want to copy a favourite jumper and keep the pattern to use repeatedly.