

Long Buckby Machine Knitters

Newsletter

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From the Editor

Welcome to our 2023 programme!



We start with a meeting designed to inspire the use of colour and a mixture of yarns. We were asked to repeat/reprise our presentation of combining yarns, which we will do at this meeting, as well as encourage others to join in on matching colours.

Future meetings are set out below, but I would like to draw attention to our April meeting, as we are planning a longer one, with a variety of demonstrations, exhibitions and sales, starting at 12, [bring your own lunch] and culminating in the wonderful Bill King, who will present his designs as well as including some more advanced ribber techniques.

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

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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!

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



welcome

Bill King



**A Presentation of his designs
including
Double Bed Techniques**

Monday, 17th April 2023

At Long Buckby Community Centre

41 Station Road
Long Buckby
NN6 7QB

Doors open at 12.0—Bring your own lunch - tea/coffee provided

Talk will be from 2-4

Entrance cost: members £5, guests £7

Advance tickets not necessary, but please let us know if you intend to come,
so that we can prepare well - email: chairman@longbuckbymk.com

SALES TABLES
Yarn
Machine spares
Fabric

**DEMOS
AND
EXHIBITION**

Colour theory

This is a huge topic, and one which is best left to others! Therefore, it would be a good idea for members to look at some of these links:

<https://blog.tincanknits.com/2017/10/12/colour-theory-for-knitters/>
<https://brooklyntweed.com/pages/color-theory-for-stranded-colorwork>
<https://www.knitpicks.com/learning-center/color-theory-basics>
<https://30daysweater.com/color-theory-for-knitters-color-wheel/>
<https://knitpal.com/blogs/knitpal/your-guide-to-color-theory-for-knitters-and-crocheters>
https://www.bigbeadlittlebead.com/guides_and_information/BBLB_Using_Colour_Wheel.pdf

It is not necessary to study this in depth, or even at all, but if you would like to mix colours, it provides a good place to start.

If you want to experiment virtually, these sites will provide some colour fun

<https://www.canva.com/colors/color-wheel/>
[Color Wheel Tool Online \(rapidtables.com\)](https://www.rapidtables.com/Color-Wheel-Tool-Online)

In the meeting, we hope to point to the theory, rather than go into great detail, and would like members to experiment with our yarn stocks to mix colour and yarn.

I do not wish to repeat previous articles on mixing yarns, so, if you want to recap, please look at this previous issue

<http://www.longbuckbymk.com/images/stories/newsletters/oct2022.pdf>

The patterns I have included today are from our website with a theme of neck warmers, as these are quick to knit, and are easy to adapt for different stitch styles, yarns and colours.

The techniques we will cover through the year include plating, weaving and Fair Isle, as well as multicolour stitch variations.

Patterns

I started this section with the first two patterns shown, one machine knit and one hand knit. Following this, I have highlighted more from the website, which lend themselves to using different colour techniques, stitch patterns and yarns.

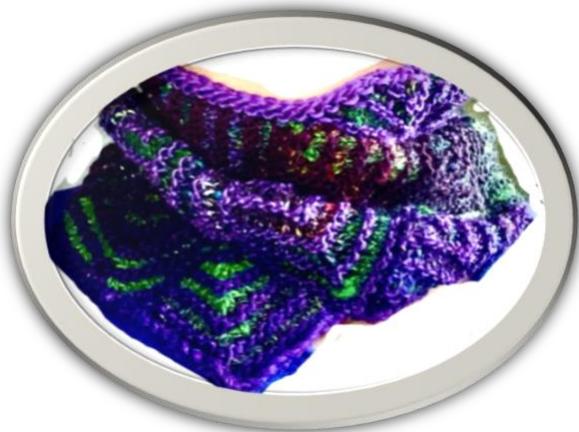


This is not a new pattern, but I have included it because it is similar in design to the hand knit one I am including this month.

It is really easy to knit, and could be adapted to include colour, either in Fair Isle or in multicolour tuck, and it would be easy to adapt for a different weight of yarn, too.

<http://www.longbuckbymk.com/images/stories/patterns/tuck%20cowl.pdf>

My hand knit version is made with mitred squares in patchwork fashion:



Pattern available below

<http://www.longbuckbymk.com/images/stories/patterns/stc.pdf>

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Another machine knit one - LK150
[collared.pdf \(longbuckbymk.com\)](#)



And the hand knit version [handknit cowl.pdf \(longbuckbymk.com\)](#)



This is machine knit using weaving - it is very simple and could easily be adapted for different gauges
[fringed cowl.pdf \(longbuckbymk.com\)](#)

And there is always the simplest one: a neck roll knitted as a simple rectangle seamed on the short side or knitted in the round in hand knitting.



If you do not treat the edges, they will roll to the purl side, which I think is great!

Hand knitted example on left

The roll must fit over your head, so I make them at least 22 inches wide, but it depends how loose you want it to be - use a tape measure to find out, and use a loose tension - I found tension 6 with Aran weight yarn on the LK150 good.

Suppliers

These are still operating an online supply

www.wools.co.uk - Uppingham Yarns

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

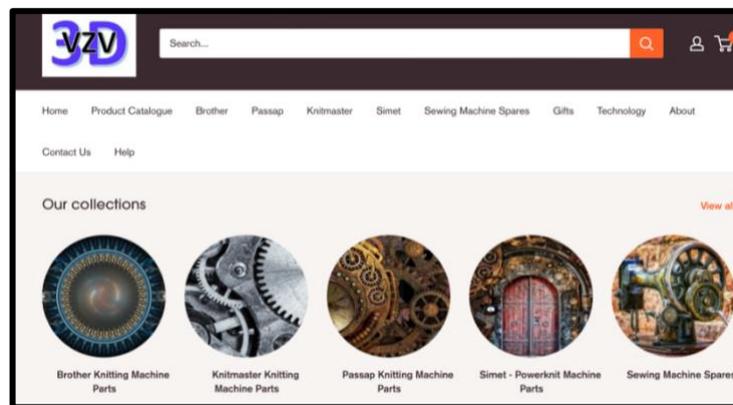
<https://www.yarnoncone.co.uk> Yarn on Cone

<https://woolyknit.com> Woolyknit

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

For 3d printed
try

<https://vzv3d.com/>



parts

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

Administrator@longbuckbymk.com is my club email address.