

Long Buckby Machine Knitters

Newsletter

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From the Editor

Welcome to the July edition, which is the accompaniment to an open forum meeting.

We are having a clearout yarn sale [courtesy of donations - thanks especially to club member Doris, who has donated some very nice ones].



This month we also intend to present a workshop style session on making buttons - Dorset buttons are the main event, but there are others!

I have included in this newsletter several links and articles about buttons to make, and, as well as being good for fastening, buttons can be embellishments in their own right.

In addition, we will have the computer/tv combination running, in

case members wish to have a look at software or video material.

As ever, please bring your own work to show and tell, or work on during the meeting.

Lynda Fiendley

Today's meeting

11th July	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
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Future meetings

LBMK calendar 2022	<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, please bring a cup, and take it with you for washing later [we are limiting use of the kitchen post-Covid]</p>
Date	Topic
15th Aug	Holding Position How to use this simple technique for shaping and other effects. Please note change of date!!!
12th Sept	Edges [hems necks bands etc] Demonstration of edging techniques on the knitting machine, and other ways to finish your knitting
10th Oct	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
14th Nov	Maintenance. DIY maintenance and tools
12th Dec	AGM/ COMPETITION, DISPLAY AND SALES. End of year celebration

Buttons

In the past, we have run workshops on making buttons, and part of our meeting today will be to showcase what we have produced before.



This is a photo of one of our workshops from 12 years ago this month!

There are notes on Button making on our website [under Hints and Tips] linked here:

http://www.longbuckbymk.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=24:button-up&catid=49&Itemid=113

But, since these links are also ten years old, I feel we need some current ones!

For **Dorset buttons**, these sites are good

<https://www.ginabsilkworks.co.uk/ginabshop/index.php/new> this one has lots of information on Dorset buttons as well as other types of stitched buttons [e.g. Yorkshire buttons]

And these are mainly Dorset buttons, but both are good resources:

<https://henrysbuttons.co.uk/index.html>

<https://www.beakerbutton.co.uk/>

YouTube has many videos relating to buttons, including offerings from the above sites, which are probably the best.

Fimo

We are not intending to demonstrate making Fimo buttons this time, but they are easy to make and worth using, particularly to match up colours with your knitting. Fimo is available locally from Colemans Craft Warehouse in Rushden [also sells online] <https://www.colemanscraftwarehouse.co.uk/product-category/hobbies-interests/modelling-clay/> and Hobbycraft <https://www.hobbycraft.co.uk/fimo-soft-basic-modelling-clay-set-25g-12-pack/6436131000.html>

This video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Z4_x3sv1TI is a short, basic introduction to one design of buttons, but it is relatively easy to expand on this to create your own designs.

And this site has a different approach, also worth a look <https://thebluebottletree.com/make-polymer-clay-buttons/>

I have found Fimo buttons to be washable once baked, especially since knitwear is usually washed in favourable, fairly gentle conditions.

Wooden buttons

In our original workshop, one member made buttons from wood she had salvaged from the ground when she went on woodland walks. You do not need a large branch to do this! But you could also use bought wood e.g. dowel rods or broomsticks.

This site has clear instructions for making buttons from twigs etc. <https://www.twigandtale.com/blogs/twig-and-tale-blog/handmade-wooden-buttons>

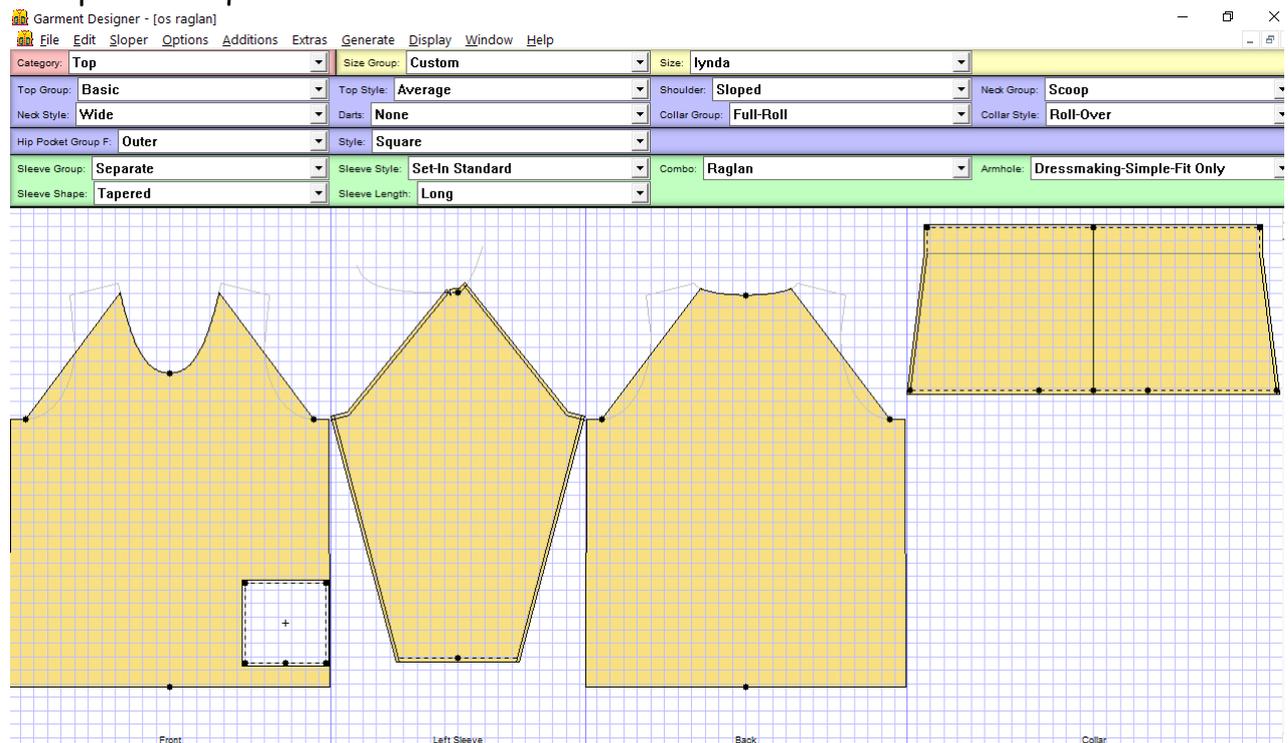
Projects



My main project this month was a dressmaking one, but one which I designed to use with knitted fabric, and will use as a cut and sew template for yardage knitted on the machine. It is an oversized jumper, which I made in a lightweight fabric - I thought it was knitted jersey, but I now see that it is a woven viscose warp with an elastic weft - quite cool really.

I bought the fabric from Amo Threads <https://amothreads.com/> which is a 'deadstock' fabric supplier - which means leftovers from industry, and is seen as a greener [and cheaper!] way of buying fabric.

The pattern squares are one inch.



If anyone likes the design, I can easily provide it to your measurements, and also provide knitting instructions for a shaped version - just give me your tension stats! I might even do that in future, but at the moment I am on a dressmaking roll....

Suppliers

These are still operating an online supply

www.wools.co.uk - Uppingham Yarns

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

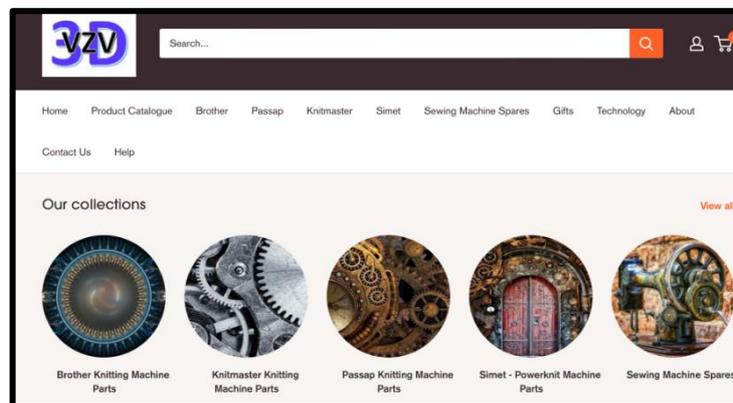
<https://www.yarnoncone.co.uk> Yarn on Cone

<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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