

LONG BUCKBY MACHINE KNITTERS

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CLUB MEETINGS

TODAY

14th Jan **OPEN MEETING – making fabric as a topic**

FUTURE MEETINGS

11th Feb **PLATING AND WEAVING**
11th March **BAGS [all crafts]**
8th April **Anne Lavene**
13th May **SOFT FURNISHING**
10th June **ERICA THOMSON - TASSELS**
8th July **GENERAL CRAFTS**
12th Aug **OPEN MEETING**
9th Sept **ACCESSORIES**
14th Oct **SUE BOOTH: SHOULDERS**
11th Nov **BASIC MAINTENANCE**
9th Dec **AGM/ COMPETITION, DISPLAY AND SALES/End of year celebration**

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 [ARRIVE FROM 12.30, BRING YOUR LUNCH IF YOU WISH] AT LONG BUCKBY COMMUNITY CENTRE. COST £15 TO INCLUDE USE OF EQUIPMENT. THE MAIN FOCUS OF THE WORKSHOPS IS AS BELOW, BUT ALTERNATIVELY, AS EVER, JOIN OUR WORKSHOPS TO PRACTISE OR LEARN ANOTHER SKILL OF YOUR CHOICE [BUT DO DISCUSS THIS WITH US FIRST!] TEA AND COFFEE PROVIDED. MACHINES ALSO PROVIDED, LET US KNOW WHICH MACHINE YOU PREFER, SO WE CAN MAKE IT AVAILABLE.

15th April **BEGINNERS WORKSHOP fabric**
16th Sept **BEGINNERS WORKSHOP: shaping**

CLUB NEWS

Happy New Year to all members and readers!

This year we have an overarching theme of fabric: the knitting machine is brilliant at producing [knitted] fabric, and we want to explore ways to do this, while also featuring ideas for items produced from the fabric.

OTHER EVENTS

28th February-3rd March 2019: The Knitting & Stitching Show, Olympia

www.theknittingandstitchingshow.com

14th-17th March 2019: Sewing for Pleasure, NEC, Birmingham www.ichfevents.co.uk/events/sewing-fashion

4th-6th April 2019: The Creative Craft Show, Excel, London www.stitchandhobby.co.uk/london/spring

14th April 2019 : Nottingham All Knitting Show: West Park Leisure Centre in Wilsthorpe Road, Long Eaton NG10 4AA: 10 - 4

CLUB SERVICES

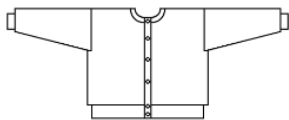
EQUIPMENT HIRE

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.

Small Ads

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.

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

FOR SALE AND WANTED

FOR SALE

Two brother machines punch card pattern with knit leaders and ribbers with tables I would like £200 each

Sue 07702309582

WANTED

I'm looking for a Passap E6000 + motor Paolo Preite preite@hotmail.fr [in France]

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

Clothes Wordsearch [apologies if the words are a bit esoteric and contain American spelling, I chose them from a word list]



armor	beanie	belt	bib	blazer	bolero
bowler	boxers	bra	busby	cape	cloak
clog	coat	corset	cowl	cravat	crown
Derby	dress shirt	fez	frock	garb	garter
gum boot	habit	halter	hat	hood	hose
jacket	jeans	kepi	kilt	knickerbockers	leotard
mask	mini	mitt	muff	nightshirt	robe
ruffle	sari	sash	shimmy	shoe	slip
sock	stole	sunsuit	tabard	tam	tiara
toga	tunic	uplift	veil	vest	vizor

TODAY'S THEME

Today we have our first 'open' meeting of the year: this means we will have machines out and ready for use, but will not be demonstrating as a group, which will offer our members the opportunity to chat and play with machines as they wish.

We have printed a few suggestions for practice, and all committee members [as well as other members] are available for assistance! Pat has also produced this fantastic pattern, and will unveil it at the meeting!

PATTERN

RAPTURE

4 ply Tension 7

30 sts 42 rows to four inches/10 cm

The original garment used approximately 700 g of 2/8s Shetland but you can use any yarn of your choice that gives the correct tension e.g. T7 1 strand of Superwash wool, T6 3 strands Uppingham fine crepe, 3 strands 2/30 acrylic, 1 strand 4 ply acrylic, 1 strand Yeoman Panama.



FRONT [KNIT 2, RIGHT AND LEFT]

Cast on 166 stitches, knit and make a hem as required (I did 10 rows in 2 by 1 rib at T4 and then transferred all stitches to main bed). Set row counter to RC 000. Main Tension.

Knit to RC 212 and place marker.

Knit to RC 274.

Shape shoulder on one side, while shaping neck on the other. Set carriage to hold.

On shoulder side, put the following needles furthest from the carriage into holding position on each alternate row or use the automatic wrap method by putting 4 stitches to hold at opposite end to carriage knit 1 row and then bring 5th needle to hold and knit 1 row repeat

5 stitches/ needles 20 times

4 stitches/needles 10 times

On neck side, decrease 1 stitch every other row fully fashioned 26 times.

When 140 stitches remain [in hold] Set to knit back from hold. Knit 1 row and then remove on to waste yarn. RC 336

BACK [KNIT 2, RIGHT AND LEFT]

As Front, do not shape the neck, but take the neck stitches [26] off on to waste yarn.

COWL NECK BACK

Cast on 66 st in 2 by 1 rib and knit 6 rows at T 4/4 transfer rib stitches to main bed. RC 000 Set machine to main tension and knit 64 rows decreasing 1 stitch each side fully fashioned every 8th row 7 times 52 stitches remain. Purl side facing hang the back-neck stitches of main garment on waste onto the neck. Knit 1 row at main tension and cast off.

COWL NECK FRONT

Cast on 124 st in 2 by 1 rib and knit 6 rows at T 4/4 transfer rib stitches to main bed. RC 000 Set machine to main tension and knit 64 rows decreasing 1 stitch each side fully fashioned every 8th row 7 times 110 stitches remain. Purl side facing hang the front neck stitches of main garment on waste onto the neck (55 stitches for each side of V. Knit 1 row at main tension and cast off.

JOIN SHOULDER SEAMS

Hang last row in main yarn of one front shoulder onto to machine right side facing then put the corresponding stitches of back shoulder onto machine so that right sides are together. Knit 1 row at main tension and cast off. Repeat for second seam.

CUFFS [2]

Cast on 82 stitches.

Work 94 rows in rib in 2 by 1 rib at T4/4. Transfer ribber stitches to main bed knit 1 row at main tension. Hang main garment between markers purl side facing. Knit 1 row at main tension and cast off. Repeat for second cuff.

MAKING UP

Join centre front and centre back seams, side seams of cowl collar and side seams of main garment using mattress stitch. Darn in ends. Make two tassels and two lengths of cord 5 inches long (I made a crochet chain) Stitch tassel to one end of each cord, thread two large beads onto the cord making a knot between each bead. Stitch second end of cords onto side seam. Wash garment if necessary and then steam, flattening out rib hems.

This is just a starting point. The hems can easily be changed to E wrap or narrow st.st hems. The finished garment measures 44" across the front hem and is suited to size 16 upward. To narrow the garment, reduce the number of stitches in the shoulder area but keep the neck shaping and collar as pattern.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

