

Long Buckby Machine Knitters

newsletter

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From the Editor

Welcome to our end of year December newsletter!

This month is our annual general meeting, which is a pretentious way of saying we are having an open discussion about how we manage the club! Feel free to attend and say anything - we especially like positive suggestions.



I have included a machine knit hood pattern, which I knitted on the LK150 - I suspect it would not be difficult to knit on/adapt for a chunky. I did knit a similar one by hand from this pattern <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/friend-of-the-forest-hood> but I modified it quite a bit. This original hand knit one has three sizes, but I found the toddler one fitted me with a bit extra in the head length! And I have a large head.

There is also a punchcard design for a Christmas tree, and a hand knit cardigan I knitted, which could easily be adapted for machine knitting - please let me know if you would like this [or if you try it yourself!]

The 2022 calendar is available below too, and we are hoping to continue with a brilliant new year!

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year - Stay safe!

Lynda Fiendley

Today's meeting

Annual membership fee of £5 due today (plus £3 entrance)!

AGM

Show and tell/ display/ competition

Refreshments

Sales: NB we have a selection of machines and accessories for sale [ongoing] and we welcome requests for information about them! We do not always put everything out at meetings, so do ask.



Future Club meetings

Proposed format:

2.00 start with refreshments [bring your own cup] and show and tell [bring what you have made.

2.30 onwards

Demonstration meetings will be a single demonstration in front of all attendees:

Open Forum meetings will be multiple small demonstrations in a 'marketplace' style - everyone is encouraged to take part - if you want to show something!

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
10th Jan	<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</p>
14th Feb	<p>Modular Knitting How to join knitting, merge other crafts with your knitting, add on edges with crochet etc.</p>
14th March***	<p>Visiting Speaker – Claire Newberry who will talk about her experiences as a knitwear designer, show her designs, and demonstrate some knitting machine techniques</p>
11th April	<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....</p>
9th May	Necklines – hoods, cowls, collars etc.
13th June***	<p>Visiting Speaker: Erica Thomson</p> <p>Erica will demonstrate how to use pressing to enhance your knitting</p>
11th July	<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</p>
8th Aug	<p>Holding Position How to use this simple technique for shaping and other effects.</p>
12th Sept	<p>Edges [hems necks bands etc]</p> <p>Demonstration of edging techniques on the knitting machine, and other ways to finish your knitting</p>
10th Oct	<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</p>
14th Nov	Maintenance. DIY maintenance and tools
12th Dec	AGM/ COMPETITION, DISPLAY AND SALES. End of year celebration

Hoodie

A combination of neck warmer and hood, knitted on the LK150. [apologies for the less than healthy look, I had another bout of sinusitis at the time of the photo! Or maybe I always look like that....☺]

Materials

2 strands of Drops Fabel sock yarn - I used one plain and one self-stripping. The yarn is designated 4 ply, on the light side, I think, so the 2 strands together make a heavy DK or light Aran weight. Approx. 130g in all.

Size

Adult

Method

E wrap Cast on 88 stitches

T7 knit 40 rows [this makes a longish neck - for a shorter one knit 20 rows]

T6 knit 10 rows, place marker

T6 knit 50 rows Carriage on right.

Set carriage to hold. 70 needles on left in HP

*Knit to left, put 1 more needle at right into HP, knit to right.

Bring 3 needles back into working position*

Repeat from * to * until 44 stitches are in working position. Knit to right.

Cancel hold, knit to left.

Put 70 needles on right in HP, set carriage to hold.

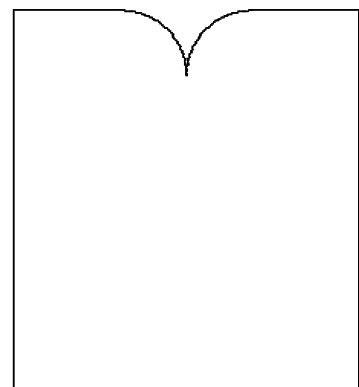
Repeat short rows for left hand side.

Knit one row, remove stitches on waste yarn.

Rehang 44 sts with right side facing, then fold hood and rehang the remaining 44 sts, before casting off.

Pick up 90 stitches between markers on front of hood, knit 10 rows then cast off.

Sew up the front seam. Finished.



Collar

Carmen

And this is my hand knit project this month. I include the instructions for my size, [size 14 - finished chest 40.5 inches], but the method is the most important bit, and a machine knit version may be in the pipeline.

If you want a different size, there are two options:

1. Ask me to make you one!
2. Modify an existing raglan cardigan or jumper pattern - you just need the back and sleeves - shape the back as shown here.

If you want to try a machine knit version - do as above - modify an existing



raglan pattern - then the 'skirt' bit would be knitted in segments [again as shown here] I think you could join them using the method I used in the Crescent shawl - i.e. at the edge of each segment make eyelets on alternate rows - join as you knit with adjacent segments by hooking the eyelets from each piece together on the same needle. It is relatively easy, and you could coordinate stripes like this.

Let us know if you do it!!!!!!

GAUGE DATA:

Gauge (Stocking stitch over 4 in = 10 cm): 22.0 sts by 30.0 rows.

Body knit by hand on 4 mm needles. Finished weight was about 600g

BACK:

Cast on 41 sts on size 4 needles and use Stocking stitch.

Knit in stocking stitch, increase 1 stitch either side on alternate rows until there are 101sts on needle.

Raglan shaping. Dec 1 st at armhole end(s) of every 3rd row 6 times, then dec 1 st at armhole end(s) of every 2nd row 24 times.

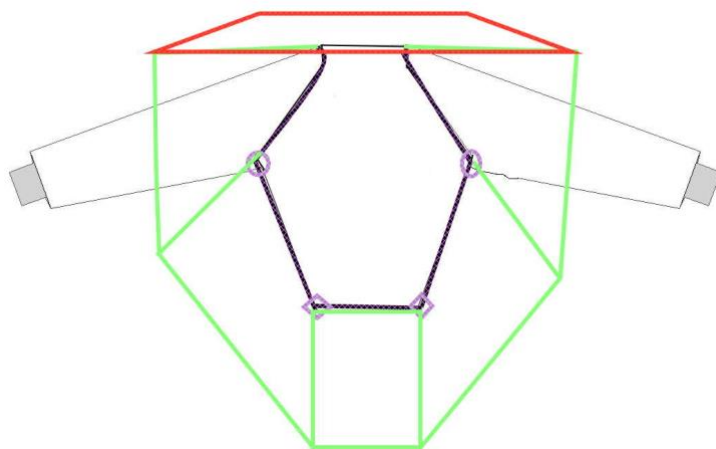
41 sts remaining for back of neck. Cast off loosely.

SLEEVES:

1. Cast on 48 sts on size 4 needles. Work in garter stitch or hem pattern of choice for 1.4 ins.
2. Change to Stocking stitch.
3. Inc 1 st at each end of every 7th row 9 times, then every 8th row 6 times to 78 sts (111 rows total, excluding hem).
4. Work even until sleeve measures 15.6 ins (118 rows), excluding hem.
5. Shape cap. Cast off 6 sts at beg of next two rows (66 sts rem). Dec 1 st at each end of every 3rd row 6 times, then dec 1 st at each end of every 2nd row 24 times. Cast off remaining 6 sts loosely.

SKIRT

Using 4.5 mm circular needle pick up stitches from front edge of sleeves and bottom edge of back. Place markers at armholes and at each end of back cast on stitches. Knit in garter stitch, increasing alternate rows either side of armhole markers and outer side of back markers. Knit until skirt measures about 16 inches. Cast off loosely.



COLLAR

Using 4.5mm circular needle pick up stitches along front edge of skirt. Knit in garter stitch, decreasing at bottom edge every row.

NB: I knitted the body in circular fashion, knitting the sleeves first to armholes, then the back to the armholes, picking up the sleeves on a circular needle, then working the upper back and sleeves all in one.

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.iinouiiio.com/>

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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