

Long Buckby Machine Knitters

Newsletter



December 2024

From the Editor



Welcome to our December newsletter.

And we are almost at the end of our 2024 meeting schedule. Unbelievably!.

This meeting is an annual celebration, including Christmas snacks and an exhibition/competition of our work - please bring items to display/enter - it is not a serious competition, but there is a prize and a trophy up for grabs.

Special Request
Especially when we have a guest speaker, but good practice anyway - could we all try to keep quiet when others are speaking to the group - we have many members with hearing difficulties, and I have a problem speaking in public if there is a lot of background noise.

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[and Pat]

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Calendar 2025

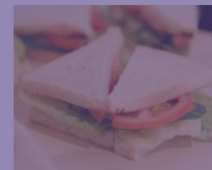
LBMK calendar 2025	<p>All meetings are from 2pm to 4pm, [except where stated] and doors are open from 1.30pm.</p> <p>Membership fee: annual £5, plus £3 for most meetings, £5 for those with visiting speaker [marked with ***]</p> <p>Guest fees: £5 most meetings, £7 for those with visiting speaker.</p> <p>Tea/coffee and biscuits included</p>
Date [all Mon]	Topic
13th Jan	Felting
10 th Feb	Machine Knitting Forum - buttons + knitting to fit
10th March***	Bill King basic cards/jacquard/brioche/lace + taster sessions in Dorset buttons, drop spindle spinning, crochet bunting, jewellery making, raglan top down + bring and buy 11.00-16.00
14th April	Cut and sew, inc projector cutting
12th May	Machine Knitting Forum - crochet/ hk /mk borders
19 th May	Overlocker group sew – bring your machine and share the experience – 10.30-14.30
9th June***	Erica Thomson - embellishment
14th July	Finishing – edges, seams , steaming
11th Aug	Machine Knitting Forum – crochet/hk/mk embellishments e.g. flowers
8th Sept ***	Claire Newberry – design process
13 th Oct	Making patterns from different sources – HK patterns/dressmaking patterns/existing garments
10th Nov	Machine Knitting Forum – wire knitting
8th Dec	AGM/ COMPETITION, DISPLAY AND SALES. End of year celebration

Long Buckby Machine Knitters present

**Monday,
March 10th
2025
11-4
Long
Buckby
Community
Centre
NN6 7QB**



**Tea and coffee
provided
Bring your own
lunch**



**Find our
website
via the
QR code**

Bill King

showing machine knitting skills, including:
Basic card tricks

Double jacquard with manipulation

Brioche - true on ribber/ mock on single bed

Lace and lacy stitches

**Members £5
Visitors £7
Pay on door
please let us know
you are coming at
chairman@
longbuckbymk.com**

Timetable
11-11.15 registration
**11.15-12.45 taster
sessions**
**12.45-13.15 lunch
and bring and buy
stall**
**13.15-13.45 fashion
show [bring yours to
show and tell]**
14.00
Bill King

Taster sessions:
**making-
buttons
bunting
jewellery**
spindle spinning
top down raglan
or
bring your own work

Last Month

This meeting was about hand knitting patterns and how we can use them.

We looked at the issues regarding their use in machine knitting:

- Knitting in the round - how to convert this into flat bed knitting - Lola is going to demonstrate/explain how to do top down raglan knitting at the March meeting next year. Bottom up patterns require a little maths, to separate the body pieces, but otherwise are relatively simple to use.
- Stitch patterns - we looked at a few patterns with difficult ones for MK, mostly using garter stitch, and decided it was easier to substitute punchcard patterns e.g. textured ones like tuck
- Shaping within pieces can be awkward, but using a garter bar, or taking stitches off on waste yarn, before replacing them can be a good solution if it doesn't happen too often
- Yarn might be an issue, but substitute yarns are often needed in hand knitting too. Ravelry is quite a good place to look for advice on this.
- Matching tension on knitting patterns is always a bit tricky, but, as I mentioned in the October newsletter, I did manage to do it accurately for a cardigan which I hand knitted then copied on the LK150. Members commented that although the tension was the same, the knitting felt different. We discussed why this might be: the way the yarn is held/stretched etc. Also discussed were the merits or otherwise of the LK150 - some of us require more automation in stitch production, other like the simplicity! I pointed out the ease of plating on the machine.
- We looked at basic hand knitting abbreviations and techniques, and discussed how to translate them into machine knitting - the links below are to various sites which have glossaries of knitting terms:

<https://nimble-needles.com/tutorials/knitting-terms-and-techniques-glossary/>

<https://www.theknittingnetwork.co.uk/blog/knitting-abbreviations-you-need-to-know>

<https://www.craftyarncouncil.com/standards/knitting-abbreviations>

<https://www.interweave.com/interweave-knitting-glossary/>

<https://www.interweave.com/article/knitting/how-to-read-knitting-charts-tutorial/>

- And we also discussed different attitudes to knitting, some of us preferring order and symmetry, while others [like me] like a little chaos. This can influence our choice of machine - more automatic v. basic/ more hand manipulation v. technology.

December meeting

As described above, a chance to eat, drink and be merry, and to display your talent!

Miscellany

I have just finished knitting a pullover by hand, the pattern for which I made in Knitware and is shown below. It is in chest size 36, a comfortable fit, but if anyone wants it in a different size, please let me know, it is easy to convert. I used some 'industrial' cones I had, with 4 strands of different 2ply yarns or thereabouts, which knitted as a fairly standard aran yarn.

I knitted the bands in garter stitch - for the hem I reduced the stitch count to 174, then increased again to start the body by 1 stitch for every 5.

On the LK150, I would cast on with waste yarn, then knit the garter band by hand afterwards, but there are many ways to knit the bands.

Although I have not tried the pattern on the LK150, I did knit my pockets on it, and achieved a tension very similar to the HK tension, using T7. I think plating might be a good technique to try with it too.



KNITWARE SWEATER DESIGN

**Circular Bottom-Up Thigh length A-line Pullover with Garter St Band
Raglan shoulder with Full length Moderate Taper sleeves with Garter St Band
Round (crew) front neck and Flat back neck with Cowl collar**

Printed: 19/11/2024

**Pattern File Name: Aran aline
Size: Standard Woman 36 for ***

GAUGE DATA:

Gauge (Stocking stitch over 4 in = 10 cm): 18.0 sts by 24.0 rows.
Body knit by hand on 5 mm circular needles
Ribbing knit by hand on 5 mm circular needles

FINISHED DIMENSIONS: (ins): ... with Comfortable fit.

Chest: 40.1 Armhole: 19.1 Top Neck Opening: 6.8
Front Neck Width: 3.4
Hip: 43.7 Sleeve Top: 14.9 Front Neck Depth: 3.6
Hem Width: 45.5 Sleeve Bottom: 9.0
Sleeve Length: 16.8
Body Length: 32.0 Hem Length: 1.3 Collar Length: 11.3
Hem Length: 1.3

BODY: (HEM TO ARMHOLE)

1. Cast on 206 sts on size 5 circular needle. Join the circle, taking care not to twist the stitches. Mark the side 'seams' at the beginning and at the halfway point (103 sts). Work in garter stitch or hem pattern of choice for 1.3 ins.
2. Change to Stocking stitch. Hem to Hips. Dec 1 st at both sides of both seam markers (4 sts per round) of every 7th row 3 times. 194 sts remaining. Work even until garment measures 4.7 ins from hem (28 rows).
3. A-line Shaping (Hips to Bust). Dec 1 st at both sides of both seam markers (4 sts per round) on next round, then every following 25th round 3 times to 178 sts. Work even for 3.7 ins (22 rounds) to total 21.2 ins, excluding hem.

SLEEVES: (HEM TO ARMHOLE)

1. Cast on 41 sts on size 5 dp needles. Join the circle, taking care not to twist the stitches. Mark the 'seam' at the beginning of the round. Work in garter stitch or hem pattern of choice for 1.3 ins.
2. Change to Stocking stitch.
3. Inc 1 st both sides of the marker of every 6th round 4 times, then every 7th round 9 times to 67 sts (87 rounds total, excluding hem).
4. Work even until sleeve measures 15.5 ins (93 rounds), excluding hem.
5. Place these sts on a holder and work the second sleeve.

JOINING BODY AND SLEEVES:

1. Mark the front so you know which part of the body it is.
2. Underarm sts (four sets). Transfer 8 sts to a holder, centred at each of the four 'seam' markers on the body and the sleeves. These sts will be left unworked until the top shaping is complete, then sewn or grafted together to join the body and sleeve at the armhole.
3. Hold (and temporarily pin) the sleeves beside the body (all right side out), with the underarm sts and 'seams' matching. With the right side facing, and starting where the back meets the left sleeve, pick up and knit sts as follows: 59 from the left sleeve, 81 from the front, 59 from the right sleeve and 81 from the back. Total 280 sts. At the same time, place four markers for the raglan shaping, one at each boundary between body and sleeve. Reminder: do NOT work the underarm sts.

RAGLAN YOKE:

1. Work raglan shaping as follows: dec 1 st both sides of each raglan marker on every 3rd round 6 times, then every 2nd round 19 times. Work this raglan shaping while incorporating the front neckline shaping in the following steps.
2. Front Neckline. When yoke measures 6.0 ins (at round 36), break yarn at end of round and start neckline shaping as follows.
3. Divide for neck. Mark center 15 sts of the front section for the bottom of neckline (19 sts each side on the front). Slip sts between end of round and right neckline marker onto the right hand needle. With right side facing, rejoin yarn at left neckline marker, place sts between neckline markers on a holder, and work all the way around to the other neckline marker. From this point on, work back and forth in rows, instead of in rounds.
4. Shape neck. Dec 1 st at neck edge every row 6 times.
5. Work even at neck edges, continuing raglan shaping. Continue work to total 58 rows for yoke (39 sts remaining).

ROUND (CREW) FRONT NECK COWL COLLAR:

--- *The instructions below are for a fairly loose collar that will roll naturally. Working to a tighter gauge will give a collar with a closer fit. Likewise, a looser gauge will give a looser fit. Optionally, the collar may be worked in any ribbing, pattern, or garter stitch, instead of stocking stitch.*

--- *When finished, and rolled down, the right side will be showing.*

1. With wrong side of work facing, continue with yoke sts, then pick up and work 19 sts from right front neck edge, 15 sts from front neck holder, 19 sts from left front neck edge. Total 92 sts.
2. Work even in stocking stitch (knit side inside) until collar measures 11.3 ins (68 rows). Cast off loosely.

If I then change this to machine knitting, the pattern is like this: I think this would work on the LK150 at least

LK150 version

**Flat (Bottom-Up) Thigh length A-line Pullover with Garter St Band
Raglan shoulder with Full length Moderate Taper sleeves with Garter St Band
Round (crew) front neck and Flat back neck with Cowl collar**

Printed: 19/11/2024

Pattern File Name: Aran aline

Size: Standard Woman 36 for *

Date started: 05/11/2024

Finished: *

YARN DESCRIPTION:

*, *, *, *

GAUGE DATA:

Gauge (Stocking stitch over 4 in = 10 cm): 18.0 sts by 24.0 rows.

Body knit by LK150 using TD7

FINISHED DIMENSIONS: (ins): ... with Comfortable fit.

Chest:	40.1	Armhole:	19.1	Top Neck Opening:	6.8
		Front Neck Width:	3.4		
Hip:	43.7	Sleeve Top:	14.9	Front Neck Depth:	3.6
		Hem Width:	45.5	Sleeve Bottom:	9.0
		Sleeve Length:	16.8		
Body Length:	33.6	Hem Length:	1.3	Collar Length:	
			11.3		
		Hem Length:	1.3		

NOTE: At most, 104 needles are required to make this garment.

BACK:

1. Cast on 104 sts in MY, using closed edge method and TD7. Work in garter stitch or hem pattern of choice for 12 rows.
2. RC000. Setup to work in Stocking stitch. Hem to Hips. Dec 1 st at each end of every 12th row once, then every 13th row once. 100 sts remaining. Work even to total 37 rows.
3. A-line Shaping (Hips to Bust). Dec 1 st at each end of next row, then every following 25th row 3 times to 92 sts. 114 rows total. Work even for 22 rows (136 rows total). COR.
4. Armhole shaping. Cast off 4 sts at beginning of next 2 rows. COR.
5. 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 19 times.
6. Total 194 rows with 34 sts remaining for back of neck. Place sts on holder.

FRONT:

- 1-3 Follow steps 1, 2 and 3 as for back. COR.
4. Armhole. Dec for armhole at both ends, as for back. Continue until 172 rows total, with 56 sts remaining. Then shape neckline as follows, continuing raglan shaping AT THE SAME TIME.
5. Shape neck. COR. Thread center 16 sts to WY. 20 sts each side.
6. Right neck. LH needles in HP. Continue armhole shaping. Dec 1 st at neck edge every row 7 times, until 9 sts remain.
7. Work 15 rows even at neckline, continuing shaping at armhole. Total 194 rows. Cast off remaining 2 sts.
8. Left neck. COL. Work as for right neck, reversing shapings.

SLEEVES:

1. Cast on 41 sts in MY, using closed edge method and TD7. Work in garter stitch or hem pattern of choice for 12 rows.
2. RC000. Setup to work in Stocking stitch.
3. Inc 1 st at each end of every 6th row 10 times, then every 7th row 4 times to 69 sts (88 rows total).
4. Work even to total 94 rows. COR.
5. Shape cap. Cast off 4 sts at beg of next two rows (61 sts rem). Dec 1 st at each end of every 2nd row 27 times, then dec 1 st at each end of every row twice. Total 152 rows. COR. Cast off remaining 3 sts loosely.

LEFT SHOULDER SEAM:

1. Sew left sleeve to front and back, and right sleeve to front only, along raglan armhole seams.

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--- *The collar is worked in one piece, on the garment, with a seam on the left side. When finished, and rolled down, the right side will be showing.*

1. Bring out 86 needles to HP.
2. With RIGHT side of work facing, rehang 30 sts from back neck holder (extra sts from holder should be incorporated into shoulder seams or doubled), 1 sts from left sleeve, 19 sts from left front neck edge, 16 sts from front neck holder, 19 sts from right front neck edge, and 1 sts from right sleeve. COR with TD7.
3. Work 68 rows. Cast off very loosely.

FINISHING:

1. Sew sleeve top to armhole, easing to fit. Sew side and sleeve seams. Sew right shoulder and armhole seams.
2. Use invisible seam to sew the cowl collar seam. For the first 1.5 - 2 in (until the collar starts to roll out), join so that the bulk of the seam is on the inside, then join the remainder with the seam on the reverse side.

New feature in an app

More exciting is this pattern in the Knit to Fit app **now including machine knitting**, available on Apple and Android , which is free in the first instance, and only £14.95 for the Premium version, which has a greater selection of styles, and is much easier to use [the free version has annoying pop-ups trying to get you to pay]

<https://knitsthatfit.com/>

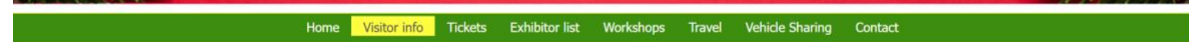
I was able to make a very similar pattern to the above for the pullover on this app - the copyright means I cannot share it but do try it yourself. You can then alter the size/ gauge to suit yourself! I think it is very usable.

You can print direct from the app if you have a printer connection, or you can save to pdf, either the written text instructions or a schematic which has most of the instructions on it. I found I could import the text pdf into Word, which would mean you could alter it as you wished. I did also manage to import the schematic pdf into Affinity Designer, where I could alter the written part, but you cannot do this in Word.

OTHER EVENTS

A new festival just before Christmas

Christmas Wool Show - Home



Visitor Information

The event takes place from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th December 2024, at the National Conference Centre (B92 0EJ).

Entrance prices are:

- ▶ £7.50 for a day ticket (in advance)
- ▶ £6 for an afternoon ticket (in advance)
- ▶ £10 for a Weekend ticket (in advance)
- ▶ £10 on the door
- ▶ Under 16s are free (no ticket required)
- ▶ Carers are free (no ticket required)
- ▶ £5 for a discounted group ticket (8 or more people)

Tickets are now available to buy from the [TICKETS PAGE](#).

Looking, Buying and Learning

For Sale

Brother Electroknit Machine	KH965	£500
Ribbing attachment	KR850	£300
Knitleader	<u>KL116</u>	£30
Colour Changer	KHC820A	£40
Intarsia carriage	KA8210	£40
Linker	KA8310	£50
Knitting machine table (collapsible)		£20
Assorted ribber weights and accessories		£10
Instruction Books		
Video instructions for electronic machine		
Hague Linker		

I would be pleased to accept any reasonable offers for the above if anyone is interested.

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Suppliers

www.wools.co.uk - Uppingham Yarns

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

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

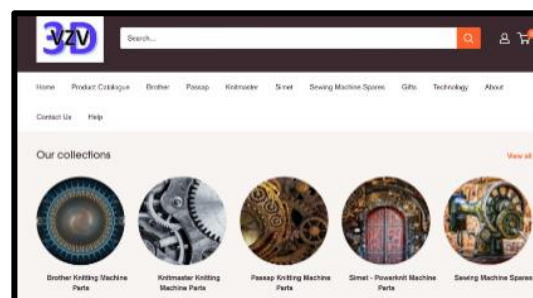
<https://woolyknit.com> Woolyknit

and this one deals in recycled fibres

<https://www.iinouiiio.com/>

For 3d printed parts try <https://vzv3d.com/>

[Buttons - High Quality Buttons For Sale - Totally Buttons](#)



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 find her on <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSDxy6pQHAs4gd5XBztYWmw>
Well done, Sally, a marvellous resource.

Claire Newberry is also fantastic - [Claire Newberry's Knitting School | creating knitting machine, DAK9 tutorials & patterns | Patreon](#) for DAK tutorials, and [Claire Newberry - YouTube](#)

<http://handymachineknitting.libsyn.com> is a regular podcast

<http://knitwords.blogspot.com/> is a blog

www.twam.uk is a good place to offload unwanted yarn, machines and accessories - they will send them to Africa to help people start up small businesses. Local centre in Rugby.



KNITTING &
CROCHET GUILD

The Knitting and Crochet Guild is also a good source of information and much more:
www.kcguild.org.uk

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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