



ABERDEEN YARNFEST 2018

WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP 1

	Dorset Button	
	Learn the traditional craft of Dorset Buttons, starting with the Crosswheel design, using the four techniques of casting, slicking, laying and rounding.	
	Skill Level Required:	Beginner
	Materials Required:	Optional – bring odds and ends of yarn to incorporate into the Dorset Button.
	Time:	9.30 am – 12 noon (2.5 hrs)
	Tutor:	Tania Ashton Jones
	Cost:	£35 including materials (plus booking fee)
	Room:	Maple
<p>Tania Ashton Jones, of TJ Frog, is a Dorset native, now transplanted to the Isle of Skye. An experienced teacher and facilitator, now running her own creative enterprise selling wool, Dorset buttons, both in kit form and as finished items.</p>		
<p>Use your Dorset Buttons to add a personal touch to embellish your projects.</p>		

WORKSHOP 2

	Introduction to knitting shawls	
	<p>Learn about the basic construction of crescent and triangular shaped shawls; how to cast on using a garter tab; how to work a yarn over and a knit front and back increase and how to work a stretchy cast off. Plus lots of tips and tricks to make a beautiful shawl using the workshop hand out.</p>	
	Skill Level Required:	Beginner / Intermediate
	Materials Required:	4.5 mm, circular needles (any length) ; 2 colours of double knit weight yarn (approx. 50g of each)
	Time:	11.30 am – 1.30 pm (2 hrs)
	Tutor:	Maddie Harvey
	Cost:	£30.00 (plus booking fee)
	Room:	Willow
<p>Maddie Harvey is a freelance designer and knitting teacher, living and working in Edinburgh, who is inspired by colour, geometry and knitwear construction. You may have seen her beautiful shawl and hat patterns in Knit Now magazine, and on Ravlery. We are thrilled that Maddie is coming to share her knowledge with us at Aberdeen Yarnfest.</p>		
<p>The word 'shawl' often has old-fashioned connotations, but not necessarily for knitters. Knitters use 'shawl' to refer to a piece of knitwear worn around your neck and/or shoulders, which could be a large traditional Shetland Hap or a small triangular neckerchief. Over the course of this workshop, you will create several mini-shawls and learn about the basic construction of crescent and triangular shaped shawls.</p>		

WORKSHOP 3



Therapeutic crochet – Exploring Tunisian and broomstick techniques

How to make Broomstick lace. How to work 4 basic Tunisian stitches. Participants will complete a small project incorporating these steps during the workshop.

Skill Level Required: Intermediate – Participants require a knowledge of basic crochet stitches.

Materials Required: Own hook and double knitting yarn.

Time: 10am – 1pm (3 hrs)

Tutor: Ellie Fiddes

Cost: £45.00 (plus booking fee)

Room: Rowan

Ellie Fiddes is an Arts and Craft worker currently producing original freeform crochet and contemporary art work. She is also an experienced tutor, conducting a variety of workshops and courses across eastern Scotland.

WORKSHOP 4



Cabling without a Cable Needle

This class will cover several different methods of cabling without a cable needle, for both right and left-leaning cables, and help you to find a method with which you feel comfortable. We will also look at charted cable patterns and learn how to decipher different cable symbols.

Skill Level Required:	Intermediate
Materials Required:	4mm needles; 50g double knit yarn
Time:	3.00pm – 5.00pm (2 hrs)
Tutor:	Maddie Harvey
Cost:	£30.00 (plus booking fee)
Room:	Willow

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Following this class, you will be able to knit cables without a cable needle in a variety of techniques and produce a number of swatches showing these techniques.

WORKSHOP 5



Tapestry crochet bowl

Learn how to make a chunky crochet bowl and depending upon ability, introduce some tapestry crochet techniques to add a contrasting zig zag.

Skill Level Required:	Intermediate – attendees need to be comfortable with the double crochet stitch
Materials Required:	Hooks, yarn, patterns, stitch markers provided by tutor.
Time:	3.00pm – 5.00pm (2 hrs)
Tutor:	Claire Bentley
Cost:	£35.00 (plus booking fee)
Room:	Maple

Many of you will be familiar with Claire Bentley from Cookston Crafts, near Ellon. We love her hand dye luxury yarns and crochet kits. Claire teaches workshops in crochet, knitting and machine sewing at her workshop in Ellon, and we are delighted that she has agreed to bring these skills to Aberdeen Yarnfest.

WORKSHOP 6



Introduction to the PEG LOOM – make a CUSHION COVER

Peg Loom weaving allows you to produce weaving at a very satisfying rate and can be used with a variety of materials. In this class, you will make a gorgeous cushion cover from roving.

Skill Level Required:	Beginner - no prior experience required.
Materials Required:	Peg Loom, yarn and roving will be provided by tutor.
Time:	1 pm - 2.30pm (1.5 hrs)
Tutor:	Doreen Cowe
Cost:	£25.00 (plus booking fee)
Room:	Maple

We are so pleased to welcome Aberdeen's own Doreen Cowe to our Workshops! Trading as Felting Mad, Doreen makes and sells a variety of felted items, as well as roving and fleece. She also conducts spinning, felting and peg loom workshops and demonstrations across Aberdeenshire.

WORKSHOP 7



Learn to spin with sealy macwheely

Learn the basics of spinning using a drop spindle and get a taste of spinning on a wheel

Skill Level Required:

Beginner

Materials Required:

All equipment, materials and literature provided by Tutor

Time:

9.30am – 12.30pm (3 hrs)

Tutor:

Sealy MacWheely

Cost:

£45.00 (plus booking fee)

Room:

Rowan

Sealy MacWheely is well known to many of you as a hand spinner, weaver, dyer and fibre fanatic based in Kirkintilloch. You may not be aware that she also studied in Aberdeen and we are thrilled to welcome her back to the Granite City to participate in Aberdeen Yarnfest. This is an excellent introduction to spinning for complete beginners – but be warned, it's addictive!

WORKSHOP SUMMARY

Room:	Willow		Maple		Rowan		£
Subject / Duration	Time	Max Class	Time	Max Class	Time	Max Class	
Shawl - 2.5	11.30 – 1.30	12					£30
Cable - 2.5	3-5.00	12					£30
Dorset Button - 2.5			9.30 - 12.00	12			£35 (inc. materials)
Spinning - 3					9.30 – 12.30	10	£45 (Inc. Materials)
Hairpin / Broomstick - 3					2.00 - 5.00	12	£45 (Inc. Materials)
Peg Loom Weaving - 1.5			1.00 - 2.30	12			£25 (Inc. Materials)
Crochet Bowl - 2			3.00 - 5.00	8			£35 (Inc. Materials)