

Finishing Techniques for Handknitters

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Friday

This workshop will show participants how to get a really neat finish on all their knitted projects. Participants will be shown how to avoid the most common pitfalls of finishing off hand knitted projects and by the end of the course will know how to achieve a neat and even tension, how to work a really neat neck line (shaping and picking up stitches) and how to join pieces using mattress stitch. Jane will also share other professional tips and techniques along the way.

Description

You can be a fabulously neat knitter and know lots of great techniques, but if you are not good at putting your items together or picking up stitches neatly then you could find that all your hard work looks less than professional once it is finished. As knitters it is often the process of knitting that we love and many of us dread the thought of finishing off, but this workshop is designed to take the scare factor away from many, relatively easy, finishing techniques. Jane will talk about tension and show how to pick up neatly and sew up seams. She will also show how to achieve neat button holes and work the short row shaping technique which can help you to achieve lovely shoulder shaping. Jane will let you into a few little secrets along the way so that you can complete this course with a new found love of finishing off!

Please bring with you

Participants MUST bring along 4 knitted pieces for use in the class as follows:

4 pieces worked in stocking stitch (knit one row and purl the next) - 26sts wide x 32 rows deep (please do not slip the first stitch on any of the rows)

All samples should preferably be worked in a good quality cotton yarn such as Rowan Cotton Glace or Hand Knit Cotton and should be no finer than 4 ply and no thicker than Aran weight. Participants should bring the yarn used to make the sample pieces to the workshop along with a pair of 3.25mm & 4mm knitting needles *, plus a notebook and pen/pencil. A small sewing kit including scissors, a knitters sewing needle, and a fine sewing needle and thread is also required. * if you are aware that you are a tight or loose knitter please alter the hook size accordingly. Knitting Needles: 3.25mm, 3.75mm, 4mm & 4.5mm (If you know you are a loose or tight knitter please alter these sizes accordingly.)

Jane will bring needles with her if you want to borrow or purchase them directly from her.

Scissors

Knitters Sewing Needle

Fine sewing needle for beads

Sewing thread (any colour)

Stitch markers

Notebook, pen & paper

Available to purchase from the tutor

Knitting Needles approximately £5 - £7 a pair

Course Location:

Missenden Abbey

Great Missenden
Buckinghamshire HP16 0BD

Friday	
9am	Coffee on arrival
9.15am	Welcome and tutor introductions
9.30am-1pm	Teaching session
1-2pm	Lunch for all
2-5pm	Last teaching session

Beads £4 a pack

Crochet project kits - Jane's Designs - £40 - £100

Level

Suitable for all levels

About Jane Crowfoot

I am a crochet and hand knit designer/maker working hard to expand the popular notion of crochet and edge it away from the idea that it is a craft representative of an older, 'Granny', generation. My goal is to produce projects for the home interior that are ground-breaking in design and technique, but are also within the reach financially and technically of the world's crafters to reproduce at home. I believe in the importance of teaching and passing on knowledge, so I also tutor workshops, give demonstrations and inspirational talks and exhibit my work, however the majority of my time is spent designing and making high quality Crochet Along (CAL) projects.

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