



# Guild Gathering 2021 - Workshops

## Saturday a.m.

### 9.00–12.00 Estonian Lace, with Cath Ward

In this class you will discover how to make nupps and the gathered stitches that are the hallmark of Estonian Lace and learn some of the history of these beautiful shawls. We will also look at the techniques used in the construction of Estonian Lace shawls and you will start to knit a sampler of Queen Silvia's Lace using these stitches.

**Skills required:** Intermediate. Familiarity with the basic stitches used in lace (yo, ssk, k2tog and various double decreases). Able to read lace charts.

**Materials required:** 2ply laceweight yarn and appropriate needles in two sizes. Your preferred needles for laceweight yarn, plus a size or two larger, 2.5 – 4mm. Or, 4 ply yarn and 3 – 4.5mm needles. The best needles will be the pointiest. Yarn should be wool-based, non-splitty and a light solid or semi solid in colour. Only about 10-15g is needed for the class sampler. Cotton thread for lifelines, wool needle, stitch markers.

### 9.00–12.00 An Introduction to Stranded Knitting, with Sue Hobbs

Stranded knitting (often known as Fair Isle knitting) is a technique for working two or more colours in the same row or round.

**Materials required:** 8ply yarn in 2 strongly contrasting colours, and 40cm circular needles, 4mm and 4.5mm. Preferably 'grabby' or 'woolly' yarn, not superwash.

### 9.00–12.00 Dorset and Yorkshire Buttons, with Pat McGregor

Make your own buttons with yarn to match or complement your garment. This class will demonstrate how to make the most popular versions of these – the Dorset and the Yorkshire buttons.

**Materials required:** Tapestry needle suitable for the yarn you have. 8ply or 4 ply yarn, scissors for yarn and for cutting thin cardboard, pen or pencil. Tutor to supply button templates.



### 9.00–12.00 Crochet A Cross-body Bag, with Diane Scaysbrook

Make a small crochet bag with a leather look base and a long shoulder strap. The base and strap in a variety of colours is to be purchased from Diane on the day for \$15. (Cash only)

**Skills required:** Basic crochet skills.

**Materials required:** 200 grams 10 or 12ply yarn, or 2 x 8 plys together, variety of crochet hooks, (small hook needed for base, bigger one for bag). You could always bring a bag of yarn from your stash.



## Saturday p.m.

### 2.00 – 5.00 **Shetland Shawl Construction, with Cath Ward**

Traditionally Shetland shawls were made with long needles and a knitting belt. In this class you will discover how to knit a triangular Shetland shawl in one continuous piece of knitting with circular needles. We will make a mini shawl using techniques that can then be expanded to make full size triangular or square shawls. You will design your own mini shawl from a variety of traditional lace motifs available for each of the shawl sections – centre, border and lace, and learn how to move from one section of the shawl to the next without breaking your yarn.

**Skills required:** Intermediate. Familiarity with the basic stitches used in lace (yo, ssk, k2tog and various double decreases). Able to read lace charts.

**Materials required:** Either 2ply laceweight yarn or 4ply fingering yarn and appropriate needles. A stitch holder, or your interchangeable needles, end stoppers and 2 cables. Yarn should be wool-based, non-splitty and a light solid or semi-solid in colour. Only about 10-15g is needed for the class sampler. The best needles will be the pointiest. Cotton thread for lifelines, wool needle, stitch markers.

### 2.00 – 5.00 **Double Knitting, with Beth Clothier**

Learn to knit double-sided knits with two different colour yarns. Double the thickness and completely reversible.

**Materials required:** 2 contrasting 8ply yarns and 4mm needles. Crochet hook for fixing mistakes.

### 2.00 – 5.00 **Toe-Up Socks – Make 2 At a Time, with Caroline Craig**

Protect yourself from Second Sock Syndrome – Knit both socks at the same time, knitting from the toe up. In this class you will practise this method by making a pair of doll's socks which can be completed in one session. Also ideal for those that can't get the hang of Kitchener stitch.

**Materials required:** Small amount of 4-ply yarn and 3.0 or 3.25 circular knitting needle. Cable should be at least 60cm, but longer is better. Two stitch markers or safety pins. Since these are just a sample, you don't have to use sock yarn.

### 3.30 – 5.30 **Crochet for Knitters, with Jane Downey**

Every knitter should carry a crochet hook in their bag, even if you can't crochet. In this class you will learn how to make chains, slip stitches and double crochet (UK). These skills will allow you to pick up dropped stitches, make a provisional cast on, make a circular cast on, join squares, make seams and reinforce your knitting (including for steeking items knit in the round).

**Skills required:** No crochet experience necessary.

**Materials required:** Your choice of -

8ply yarn (not cotton) and 4mm hook and 4mm knitting needles - long (eg 80cm) circular and/or double pointed needles, straight needles ok for provisional cast on  
OR

10 ply yarn (not cotton) and 5mm hook and 5mm knitting needles - long circular and/or double pointed needles, straight needles ok for provisional cast on.

**Homework:** 2 knitted swatches in same thickness of yarn as your chosen practice yarn (they do not need to be big eg 10cm square is fine), 1 knitted swatch that you are happy to cut (for steeking) - does not need to be colourwork or made in the round, must be in same thickness of yarn as your chosen practice yarn. 1 knitted swatch still on the needles - in same thickness of yarn as your chosen practice yarn - only about 10-15 stitches and rows.

## Sunday a.m.

### 9.00 – 12.00 Textured Knits, An Introduction, with Lesley Diskin

Aran and gansley knitting have long traditions in communities around the world. In this workshop we'll explore twisted stitches for beginners. Using a cable needle, this hands on workshop will teach you how to twist your stitches to create interesting textures. We'll explore how cables can create visual interest - whether as an overall pattern or in conjunction with other stitches. By class end, it's hoped the novice knitter will have confidence to explore the ever alluring world of texture.

**Materials required:** Bring along some light coloured and smooth 8ply yarn, 4mm needles (or the needles you would use to knit 8ply to stocking stitch tension) and a cable needle.

**Homework required:** Cast on 30 stitches, knit 4 rows in garter stitch and 10 rows in stocking stitch. Keep on needles.

### 9.00 – 12.00 Illusion Knitting , with Merrin Marks

Illusion Knitting is also known as **Shadow Knitting**. When you look straight on to a piece of illusion knitting you see only two-colour stripes. A picture or pattern can be seen when you look from a different angle. You can create beautiful scarves – or an eye-catching wall-hanging.

**Materials required:** Two contrasting 8ply yarns (30-40g of each) and 4mm needles.

### 9.00 – 12.00 Tunisian Entrelac, with Abbey Bongers

Entrelac is a method of creating interconnecting blocks and in Tunisian crochet, can be constructed using several methods. Tunisian entrelac can be turned into just about anything – get away from blankets and washcloths and start making beautifully draped wearables!

The class will teach construction methods for Tunisian entrelac which can all be applied to the Tessellate Me pattern series by Abbeymade. Written materials and a basic pattern will be supplied.

**Skills required:** Students must be familiar with Tunisian Simple Stitch, be able to create a chain and a double crochet stitch (USA sc).

**Materials required:** A 6mm standard crochet hook can be used for this lesson as long as there is no bulky thumb grip. Handmade timber 'CATCH' hooks will be available for purchase at the lesson for \$12. Bring small quantities of 8 ply yarn of any fibre in a couple of different colours.



### 9.00 – 10.30 Beaded knitting (crochet hook method), with Caroline Craig

Add beads as you knit .... the easy way, with a crochet hook.

**Skills required:** No crochet skills necessary.

**Materials required:** 4ply yarn and 3.25 to 3.75mm needles. Size 0.75mm or 1.00mm crochet hook. Tutor to supply beads.

**Homework:** Cast on 21 stitches and knit 4 rows of garter stitch. Keep work on needles.