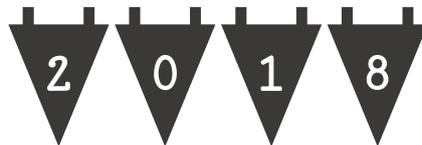
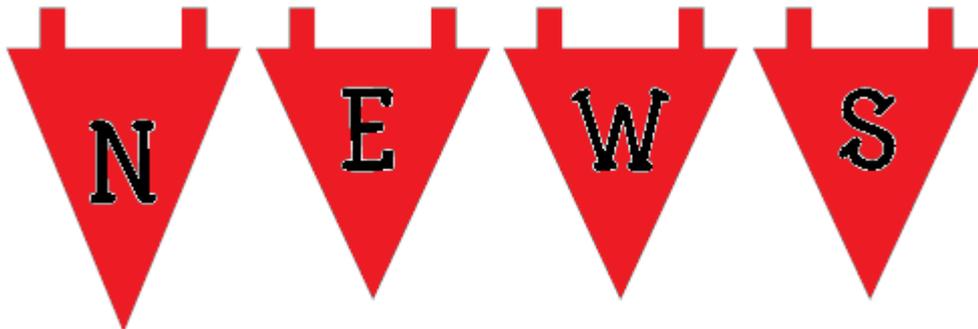


# LONG BUCKBY MACHINE KNITTERS



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### CLUB MEETINGS

# Today

14<sup>th</sup> May LACE stitch technology

### COMING UP:

11<sup>th</sup> June SEWING MACHINE TECHNIQUES FOR MACHINE KNITTERS – Erica Thomson

9<sup>th</sup> July MACHINE KNITTING AND OTHER CRAFTS

This meeting will be devoted to other crafts which have inspired our machine knitting in any way: if you would like to show your craft, either in machine knitting or something else, please let us know, and we will have a selection of 'stalls' where visitors can see what we are up to!

13<sup>th</sup> August COLOUR AND DESIGN

10<sup>th</sup> September STITCH PATTERN TECHNOLOGY

- At meetings where we do not have an outside speaker, club members are encouraged to participate: please see Lynda if you would like to demonstrate or show a special technique or item
- Please let us know if you have a special requirement in case of emergency, e.g. a mobility problem which would mean a special arrangement in case of evacuation of the building
- Please also respect the demonstrators and other members, some of whom have hearing impairment, by not talking during the demonstrations. **\*\*PLEASE SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE!\*\***

### WORKSHOPS



ALL WORKSHOPS RUN FROM 1-4 [ARRIVE FROM 12.30, BRING YOUR LUNCH IF YOU WISH] AT LONG BUCKBY COMMUNITY CENTRE. COST £15 TO INCLUDE USE OF EQUIPMENT. THE MAIN FOCUS OF THE WORKSHOPS IS AS BELOW, BUT ALTERNATIVELY, AS EVER, JOIN OUR WORKSHOPS TO PRACTISE OR LEARN ANOTHER SKILL OF YOUR CHOICE [BUT DO DISCUSS THIS WITH US FIRST!]

Tea and coffee provided. Machines also provided, let us know which machine you prefer, so we can make it available.

16<sup>th</sup> July ADAPTING PATTERNS/book by June meeting

#### JULY 16<sup>TH</sup> PATTERN ADAPTATION

Find out how to adapt patterns for knitting on the machine. Hand knit to machine knit, simple shape to more complex design, knitting on the edge and embellishment to customise your garment.

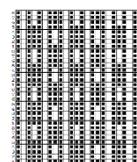


I will have my computer and printer available for designing patterns on the day or bring your own.

17<sup>th</sup> Sept ONE PUNCHCARD, MANY PATTERNS/ book by August meeting

#### SEPT 17<sup>TH</sup> ONE PUNCH CARD, MANY PATTERNS

This is an opportunity to play about with punch card or electronic patterns. There have been several booklets published on this theme, which will be available, as will punch cards, yarn and advice.



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Try tuck, slip, weaving, lace, plating.....and more!

## OTHER EVENTS

**June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Heart of England (HOE) Guild** meetup at Crick Village Hall, Bucknills Lane, Crick NN6 7SX from 10 am until 3 pm. (2 minutes from M1 Junction 18)

£5 Guild members £6 Non-Guild members Inc. Tea & Coffee / Bring your own lunch Including:  
Wendy Piper - Knitsnbits /Knitting machines to try/ Sock Machine/Weave a group wall hanging/ Show & Tell /Displays of work /Share your skills/Knitting machine clinic/ AND MORE!!

**July 28-29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Fibre East** <http://www.fibre-east.co.uk/>

Admission Fee: Adults – £8 per day per person

Venue: Redborne Upper School and Community College, Flitwick Road, Ampthill, Bedford, MK45 2NU

## CLUB SERVICES

### VOLUNTEERS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

We offer assistance to new and improving machine knitters. If you would like to volunteer as a Knitting Buddy, please let us know, and we can pair learners with buddies, geographically if possible. If you need assistance, please email Lynda at [administrator@longbuckbymk.com](mailto:administrator@longbuckbymk.com) in the first instance.



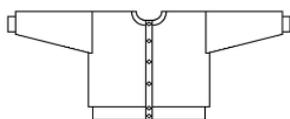
### EQUIPMENT HIRE

We have a comprehensive list of equipment available for loan, including full machines as well as accessories. See Margaret for details.

We are also setting up a free lending library and would welcome donations of hardback machine knitting books for this purpose.



### PATTERNS



In addition to patterns available in this newsletter and on our website, Lynda is also willing to make bespoke patterns via Knitware for members: these will be available as printouts or pdf files. Form attached for orders, or just let Lynda know the details.

## SMALL ADS

### BUSINESS ADS

#### ❖ Knits 'n' Bits [Long Buckby]

We buy and sell used [serviced] knitting machines and accessories, and also sell books, punchcards, spares and more. Contact Wendy on 01327-842335 or email [knitsnbits@live.co.uk](mailto:knitsnbits@live.co.uk). N.B. Response will be a little slower at the moment than usual, but she is still in business.

#### ❖ Elsie's Wool Shop: Ma's Buttons

in Victoria Road, Rushden, just off the high street. They supply wool, all plies, including cones and a large selection of buttons and haberdashery items. email [mcginnelsie@yahoo.com](mailto:mcginnelsie@yahoo.com) or telephone 01933 380610 evenings or weekends.

### FOR SALE

**Brother Single bed colour changer KHC820a £10** Kath Blundell 01788 578137

### WANTED

**PLEASE LET ME HAVE DETAILS OF ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SPACE. SALES AND WANTED – FREE ADVERTISING!**

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Unscramble each of the clue words.  
Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number.

TODAY'S THEME: LACE STITCH TECHNOLOGY

For a description of what different machines can do, and pictures of different stitch patterns go here:  
<http://www.aboutknittingmachines.com/downloadable-charts.html> the What Stitches Look Like link.

Knitting lace on the machine can be done by hand manipulation, using a lace carriage or by using other methods such as tuck lace or punch lace.

## HAND MANIPULATION

This is the probably the slowest and most labour-intensive method, but also could be the most versatile: basically, stitches are transferred with the transfer tool from one needle to an adjacent needle, creating a hole. As in hand knitting, this can be as simple or as complicated as you are prepared to make it. For non-automatic machines, such as the LK150, it's the only way.

## LACE CARRIAGES

Supplied with most Brother machines, additional accessory for Knitmaster/ Silver Reed. Does the transfers automatically, according to stitch instructions [punchcard or electronic].

## TUCK LACE

Using a tuck pattern, with selected needles out of work, and thus creating holes. A fast way of making lace.

## PUNCH LACE

Using a fair isle pattern, with two yarns, one of which is very fine, the machine knits the fine one throughout the pattern, whilst creating holes by missing stitches in the heavier yarn. The effect is of a lace, as the fine yarn is relatively invisible. Another fast way of making lace.

**BROTHER** punchcard machines can do all but the punch lace [except the KH894, which does that, too], and electronic machines do all: all Brother machines with lace carriages can do fashion lace [with multiple transfers before knitting] and fine lace, where the stitches are partly transferred and partly held on the original needles.

**KNITMASTER AND SILVER REED** machines with automatic patterning can also do all methods, but the lace carriages are added accessories, and will do simple lace, which makes one transfer before knitting, and fashion lace with a bit of manipulation.

There are two good summaries of these different techniques online:

<https://www.ravelry.com/projects/estherkate/machine-knitting---charts-and-punchcards---lace>

<http://needlesofsteel.blogspot.com/2016/05/the-art-of-lace-on-knitting-machine.html>

and a summary of knitting lace on Knitmaster/ Silver Reed machines here:

<http://www.guagliumi.com/pdfs/TT32lace.pdf>

A free pattern for a lace shawl here:

<http://marzipanknits.blogspot.com/2015/08/free-machine-knit-lace-shawl.html>

And a download booklet on hand manipulated lace here: it contains masses of stitch patterns, for those who have the patience!

<http://machineknittingetc.com/lace-for-manual-knitting-machines.html>

## PROJECTS AND PATTERNS

### NECKLINE BAG

Inspired by Pat's neckline demonstration, and by a fellow knitter's query about how to knit a bag like this, I had a go!

First, I bought a pair of 30cm dowels, 9mm in diameter. I used punch card no 1, and 2 ply cotton, woven with a wool/acrylic DK yarn. Then I measured them up against the machine and chose needles 37/37 to knit on.



## FIRST PIECE

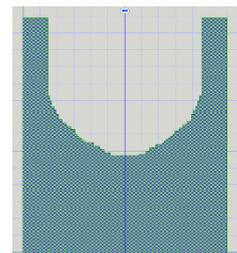
I cast on using ewrap and set the carriage to read the punch card while casting on. Weaving brushes down.

I knitted 110 rows, weaving the DK yarn with the 2-ply cotton on T7.

\*I then put the machine to hold. Cast off centre 10 sts [5/5] and put all LH needles to holding position.

Knitting on RH needles, decrease 1 st every row at left until there are only R21-37 knitting. Then knit straight to row 160 and cast off.

Join at LH and reverse shaping for this side. \*

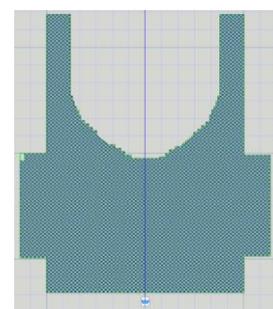


## SECOND PIECE

I hung the first piece on the needles before casting on for the second piece, using ewrap over the hung stitches. As First piece but knit 14 rows then cast on 10 stitches on both sides. [47/47]

Knit 110 rows, then cast off 14 stitches either side.

Knit as first piece from \* to \*.



## JOINING UP.

Join side seams, using the extra stitches on the second piece to connect to the extra rows and form a base.

Make a small hem on each 'shoulder' piece to contain the dowels.

If you don't want to use dowels, you could join the 'shoulder' pieces together to make handles.

I might add a pocket or two later!

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

Sentence: Sometimes you want those holes!

Words:

lace	carriage	transfer	hole	punch	tuck	knitting
summer	fashion	fine	simple	manipulation	lacy	accessory