

WORKSHOP SUMMARY



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Pure Alpacas

BEGINNER'S COURSE IN MACHINE KNITTING

Location:	AzSu Alpacas, The Low Farm, Letton, nr. Shipdham, Norfolk IP25 7TB
Course Dates:	5-days duration, 10am - 4pm, spread over 5 weeks on Fridays 20th & 27th March 2009, 3rd, 17th & 24th April 2009
Cost:	£325.00 + VAT per person for 5 days. Lunch not included but teas/coffees and refreshments freely available throughout the day.
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Content:	Days 1 - 3. Introduction to use of knitting machines and instruction in the basic techniques for single bed knitting. Days 4 and 5. The knowledge and skills gained from the previous sessions are applied to make a small knitted item or accessory. eg: hat/scarf/cushion cover etc.
Suitable for:	Absolute beginners or those who are fairly new to machine knitting and wish to improve.
Materials:	Basic yarn provided for technical sessions. Variety of yarns available for sale. Participants are welcome to use their own yarn if preferred. A tape measure and calculator are required for days 4 and 5. Some printed handouts will be provided but it would be useful to make notes and keep samples of all the techniques shown.

Course Outline	Morning session	Afternoon session
Day 1	Welcome meeting and introduction. Getting started: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Models of machines explained · Suitable yarn types · Display of examples showing what can be produced on a machine · Demonstration of basic techniques 	Practical experience. Learn how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Cast on · Alter tension · Change colour · Cast off Problem solving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · How to pick up dropped stitches · Unravel a row
Day 2	Chance to go over techniques learnt previously and sort out any difficulties. Technical Demonstration: More manual techniques. Learn how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Use transfer tools · Make eyelets · Make hems and mock ribs · Shape knitting · Partial knitting 	Practical experience.
Day 3	Chance to go over techniques learnt previously and sort out any difficulties. Technical demonstration: Creating patterned effects using punch cards. Learn how to do: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Fair Isles · Tuck patterns · Slip stitch patterns · Weaving in · Lace patterns using the lace carriage 	Practical experience.
Day 4	Chance to go over any techniques learnt previously and to sort out any difficulties. Technical demonstration: Learn how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Make tension squares · Make simple pattern calculations · Finish fabrics and make up items · Use the linker 	Practical experience. Design and make sample fabric for knitted project.
Day 5	Practical experience. Design and make.	Practical experience. Complete knitted project. Group appraisal at end of session.

