



Knitting For All teacher Samira Hill will be offering exciting knitting and crochet workshops, suitable for all abilities! Whether you would like to learn to knit, improve your knitting skills or learn some new knitting techniques, there will definitely be something for you! Want to learn to crochet? There is no previous experience needed, and soon you will get hooked on making endless amounts of colourful granny squares, and even combining crochet techniques with your knitting!

The following themed workshops are tailored to suit various abilities, interests and techniques; if however, there is a knitting or crochet technique you are interested in learning which does not figure in these workshops, please refer to the "other suggestions" section below. You are also very welcome to bring your own project as the focus of your workshop, and you will get help and advice throughout the duration of the activity week.

*Please make sure you contact your tutor about any of your workshop choices prior to the start of the activity week (see contact details below).*



### **Beginners - Want to learn to knit?**

Make, learn and have fun! Create a pair of beautiful slippers, as you learn and enjoy the basics of knitting! These lovely slippers are made out of a single ball of yarn and are a great project for beginners - no knitting experience needed! Unleash your creativity with your own choice of yarn colour and embellishments, and you will be amazed at what you can do!



### **Introduction to Aran cables knitting**

For those who have knitted before, and who would love to learn to knit those fancy garments full of beautiful interlacing cables and plaits! Our beautiful Cabled Cowl is a great project to learn the basics of cable knitting, as well as completing a gorgeous, reversible garment you will love to wear!



### **Introduction to multicolour knitting**

For those who have knitted before, and who want to have a play with colours! Our beautiful reversible Slipped Stitch Cowl will show you how to create intricate colour effects simply by manipulating your stitches! Unleash your creativity by choosing contrasting yarns, or colour-changing yarns of your choice for a great impression!



### **Introduction to Fair Isle knitting and steeking**

For those who have had a bit more practice on their needles, learn various techniques of knitting in the round (on 4 needles or using Magic Loop) as you cast on and start knitting a beautiful Fair Isle Tea Cosy! You will then learn the Fair Isle technique of stranded knitting while following a simple two-colour chart. Once the body of the Tea Cosy is knitted up, you will learn the traditional Shetland

technique of "steeking", i.e cutting through your knitting with confidence and finishing up your gorgeous cosy! A pattern for matching complimentary coasters will also be available should you want to keep practicing at home.



### **Entrelac Knitting**

Learn the tricks and techniques of beautiful multidirectional knitting for a striking woven effect! Learn it while making a gorgeous scarf, then further your skills by taking Entrelac knitting in the round to make a beautiful hat!



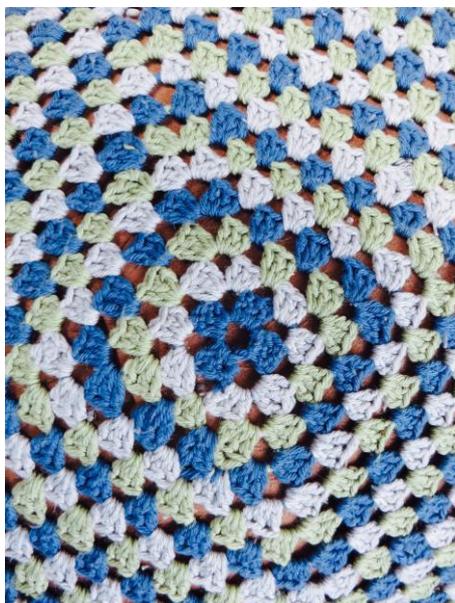
### **Brioche knitting**

Discover the wonderful effects of this beautiful reversible knitting technique! Start by learning the basics of Brioche knitting whilst making a gorgeous and cosy scarf, then move on to shaping techniques to create beautiful eye catching patterns.



### **Sock knitting**

Learn to knit brilliant socks from the toe up, and say goodbye to toe-grafting and left over yarns! When knitting your socks from the toe up, you get to finish the socks when the yarn runs out. Learn to make socks on 4 needles, on circular needles using the Magic Loop technique, and for those with some experience in sock knitting, learn to knit 2 socks at the same time on a single circular needle!



### **Introduction to crochet**

No experience of knitting or crochet is needed for this fun workshop that will get you to crochet beautiful and colourful accessories in no time! You will learn the basics of crochet as you create traditional "Granny Square" designs in various colours and shapes, suitable for blankets, cushion covers, coasters etc.. You will be amazed at how easy and fun it is to create some beautiful crochet pieces!



### **Advanced Crochet workshop**

For those with a little knowledge of crochet basics, we explore various stitch combinations, textured stitches (bobbles, spikes...), lace crochet, crochet cables and colourwork techniques, as well as learning to understand and follow crochet patterns.



### **Tunisian Crochet workshop**

For those who know how to crochet, why not try your hands at Tunisian Crochet? Learn the basic stitches of this beautiful technique, then move on to make gorgeous home accessories combining stitches, and explore Tunisian colourwork further with Tunisian Entrelac!. After this workshop, you will be able to pick up any Tunisian Crochet pattern and follow it with confidence!

### **Other themed workshops**

If you already know the techniques explored in the workshops above, themed workshops can also be tailored on other areas of interest in knitting or crochet, so please feel free to contact your tutor about other field or technique you may be interested in.

### **Please note**

Materials are not included in the workshops, but wool, needles, crochet hooks and accessories will be available for sale during the activity week. Please contact Samira if you have any questions about the required materials before you buy them to avoid getting items not suitable for your project.

For any information regarding the knitting and crochet activities at Gartmore House, please contact Samira Hill [samira@knittingforall.co.uk](mailto:samira@knittingforall.co.uk) or phone 07849 209 872