

***Learn to Knit and Crochet with Jessika Hulbert
At Darley House, Derbyshire***

Enjoy living and working for a few days, both outside, in the Derbyshire Dales, and in a grand, comfortable and sympathetically restored historic house, once owned by Joseph Paxton, with a dedicated studio room and historic gardens. Luxury accommodation is available, as shared or sole occupancy, with a choice of ensuite or shared bathrooms. Prices vary accordingly. Superb full in-house catering by professional chefs.

These residential three-day courses will inform, relax and inspire you. You will have detailed tuition and dedicated support to learn the techniques of knitting and crocheting to create your very own garment and other items, in luxurious wools. These courses are suitable for every level of ability, including absolute beginners.

We will be taking our needles and wool on excursions to discover how the natural beauty of the countryside can be imbued into our work. We intend to experience the great outdoors and any wild weather, and to take those back to the studio, so please bring ‘wild weather’ gear. All tools and materials are included in the course fee.

In a friendly and supportive atmosphere, Woollen Workshop’s individual and group tutoring will encourage the best learning experiences. Each day there will be a variety of lessons, in various locations and plenty of time for free-range knitting and crocheting.

Dates

28 September - 1 October 2015 (Midweek)
8 – 11 October 2015 (Weekend)

We are also very happy to arrange specific course dates for groups of 8 – 10.

Timings

Arrive midday, for lunch, on day 1 and depart, around 2pm, after lunch on

the Day 4. The courses span four days and include 3 days course time and 3 nights stay.

Bookings and prices:

To make an enquiry contact Jessika by email: jessika@woollenworkshop.co.uk

Prices vary according to accommodation requirements and are available upon enquiry.

More about Jessika and her approach

Jessika acquired her skills and her lifelong love of wool from her Dutch grandmother. At Steiner school, she learnt to explore every aspect of creating and making with natural yarns. As a busy mother of four, she embraced the practicalities of wearing wool and the value of comfort. In a continuous stream of making, recycling and up cycling, her designs became increasingly innovative and more beautiful. Due to popular demand, Jessika started Woollen Workshops in 2012 and is continually inspiring new generations of knitters/crocheters of every age.

Jessika teaches the fundamental techniques, stitches and how to read patterns. More importantly though, she shares her lifetime of experience in the world of wool. Jessika is articulate in describing and demonstrating knitting and crocheting skills, using a variety of learning techniques. She will teach about the unique properties of wool, how to harness those, to the best advantage and why natural yarns are so superior to synthetics.

The emphasis is on using British wools and we will be ‘knitting the (Derbyshire) view’. At home, students can discover what woollen treasures lie in their own midst.

You will have the opportunity to explore the various qualities of different wools and how suited they are to a variety of projects. Woollen items not only do you good, but also look and feel beautiful. There is no greater gift than a hand crafted woolly item, for whatever age.

The items produced at the Woollen Workshop will reflect individual styles and interests, be functional, practical and works of art in their own right. Rather than simply ‘paint by numbers’ you will acquire the skills to create your own individual masterpieces. Jessika’s Woollen Workshops are truly avant-garde, applying traditional techniques to contemporary living.

We experience the world through all of our senses, but most of our world-view is made up, out of visual experiences. Our visual experiences are made up, of different colours and various shades of light and dark. Each student will be able to explore the world of nature in the beautiful surroundings and create palettes of coloured wools to work with.