Woolly Wormhead

unique & original woolly Hat designs

Short-Row Colourwork

workshop outline

Since publishing my 'Elemental' collection in 2017, I've been developing my own approach to short-row colourwork, refining the details and methods, and adapting it's uses. Now a fully fledged technique, with a first-of-its-kind book available from Sixth&Spring books, you can learn how this new colorwork method works, understand it's key skills and principles, and explore for yourself how to create dynamic, attention-grabbing knitting!

I will talk you through how short rows create the fabric, the primary concepts and demonstrate the key skills, so that you can work through a swatch within the class. You'll learn all about German short rows, including how to repair them, knit them backwards, and graft them. With your own yarn oddments you can experiment with different colour combinations and learn how this method of creating colourwork patterns differs from others. This exciting new technique opens up new ways to explore colour, and effortlessly lends itself to a variety of construction techniques, making it versatile as well as fascinating.

Topics covered
Participants will work through a number of different techniques, including short rows, provisional cast-on and grafting garter stitch. We'll also discuss the fundamental element to this technique – balancing the fabric.

Class structure
This is a 3hr in-person, or a 2hr virtual, teacher led class. I will outline the key principles of the technique, and demonstration the key skills- German short rows, provisional cast-on, and grafting garter stitch. Participants will then work on an exclusive motif.

Materials and equipment
Participants will need to have oddments of yarn in contrasting colours, co-ordinating needle sizes and stitch markers. A crochet hook is also recommended.

Homework
To prepare for the workshop swatch, cast on 57sts. Then work 12rows/6ridges of Garter Stitch, placing a stitch marker 6sts in from each selvedge.

Handouts
Workshop notes covering all of the techniques, including charts and photo tutorials where applicable, will be provided.

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