Woolly Wormhead

unique & original woolly Hat designs

The Magic of Sideways Knit Hats

workshop outline

This is a Hat knitting method so many associate with Woolly Wormhead and I'm keen to demystify it! I will talk about the construction method, discuss how our stitches and fabric properties change when we turn our work through ninety degrees, and the techniques we use to create a seamless Hat. We'll cover why I love this method, it's potential and how it differs to other Hat construction methods. It's not going to be all technical - there's lots of fun things to explore, and I will have plenty of examples, schematics and deconstructed Hats to share!

Topics covered
Participants will work through a number of different techniques, including short rows, provisional cast-on and grafting garter stitch. We also discuss how turning our knitting through ninety degrees affects stitch patterns and increases/decreases, and learn how we can use them to our advantage. We will also discuss the maths of a circle, using garter stitch and it's gauge properties.

Class structure
This is a 3hr in-person, or a 2hr virtual, teacher led class. I will demonstrate a number of techniques, and participants will start by creating their own short row circle to help understand the construction and the relevance of the maths. From there, time permitting, participants can create different sideways swatches – half circles with cables, cones etc, or consider how they would like to create their own sideways knit (side to side, short row) garter stitch Hat.

Materials and equipment
Several small balls of up to 50g and the appropriate sized straight needles are required. Participants will also need a crochet hook, some waste yarn, and a tapestry/darning needle.

Should participants wish to design/make themselves a sideways garter stitch beanie, then 100g of yarn and appropriate needles will also be required.

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

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