



## Workshops & Courses with Debbie Tomkies

Whether you are an aspiring indie dyer, textile artist, or would simply like to learn a new skill or enhance an existing one, Debbie's fun friendly workshops offer a range of exciting subjects for people of all levels. You can find Debbie teaching at our own venues in Sale, Cheshire and at a number of lovely yarn shops and craft venues around the country. Details of current workshops and events can be found on our website. If you are a shop owner and would be interested in running workshops, please contact Debbie for further details.

Debbie also runs workshops for Guilds, groups and colleges. If your group or organisation would like to learn a new skill or enjoy a "Dye your Own" day (we bring all the dyes and equipment, participants bring anything they would like to dye!), these can be arranged at a time and venue to suit you.

Workshop bookings can normally be for short sessions (half or one day), a series of sessions over several weeks, or longer courses for more in-depth tuition.

With all workshops and courses there is the option to book our travelling shop at no extra charge and gain 10% off all catalogue prices for participants!

### Coming soon!

Can't make it to a course or workshop? Debbie is introducing a series of online workshops, demonstrations and courses on a range of textile-based topics. Sign up for our newsletter for more information and we'll let you know as soon as we go live!

### Knitting

- Beginners/intermediate/advanced knitting
- Colourwork including Fairisle/intarsia/knitting and slip-stitch colourwork
- Lovely Lace – Develop your lace knitting skills and make a pair of pretty, lacy wristlets
- Knitting in the round
- Socks (toe up or cuff down/on dpns/circls/magic loop/2-at-a-time) (not all in one session preferably!).
- Steeking
- Entrelac
- Finishing techniques (including knitting SOS for unfinished projects!)
- Beaded knitting/knitted jewellery – Beaded necklaces, bracelets, handbag charms, earrings and more.
- Cozy cables – Make knitted samplers of lovely cable patterns to form a patchwork afghan or bag
- Washcloth wizardry – Use interesting textured patterns to make attractive, practical washcloths – great for Christmas gifts!
- Intro to designing – Plan and knit a simple scarf

- Intermediate/advanced designing
- Christmas knits – Make baubles, bunting and other festive decorations
- Playful knits – Knitted soft toys
- Beautiful bunting – Garlands and bunting for festive occasions and fun decor
- Now you see it, now you don't – Make a bag using the fascinating technique of illusion knitting

## **Crochet**

- Beginners/intermediate/advanced crochet
- Freeform crochet - Play with colour, shape and texture making a funky journal or notebook cover using yarn leftovers and oddments
- Beaded crochet/crocheted jewellery – Make crocheted necklaces, bracelets, earrings and charms with beading, glitz and a bit of bling!
- Christmas crochet – Christmas tree ornaments, garlands and other festive fripperies
- Cute crocheted critters – Make crochet creatures and amigurumi (little crocheted figures)
- Spring crochet – Easter bunnies, chicks and baskets, crocheted spring blooms
- Build-a-blanket – Crocheted motifs for blankets (or bags!)
- Summer bouquet – Crocheted flowers and potted plants (crocheted plantpot optional!)
- Winter wonderland – Learn to follow crocheted charts and make crocheted snowflakes!
- Going potty – Learn how to crochet tubes and circles to make crocheted mug, pot and plant covers

## **Felting**

- Introduction to felting – Make and embellish a simple purse, phone cozy or wallet
- Felted jewellery – Funky earrings, stylish necklaces, felted beads and more!
- Vases and vessels – Create 3-d felts for bowls, bags, hats etc.
- Needlefelting - Animal magic - create a simple, needlefelted animal using a polystyrene core
- Needlefelting - Fabulous needlefelted jewellery - embellished brooches, corsages, hair barrettes, necklaces and earrings

## **Dyeing - yarn and fleece**

- Introduction to Dyeing - Dyeing for beginners using synthetic dyes
- Dyeing to Knit - Dyeing yarns for knitting, crochet or weaving using synthetic dyes
- Blank Canvas - Dyeing knitted fabric blanks (sock blanks) for knitting, crochet and weaving

- Introduction to Natural dyeing - Dyeing yarns and fibres with natural dye extracts
- Nature's Beautiful Blues - Indigo and woad dyeing yarns and fibres
- Pattern it! - Designing and creating self-patterning yarns
- Dyeing by design - Colour theory, creating a colour palette and creating a dye recipe book using synthetic dyes
- Dyeing by design with natural dyes - Colour theory, creating a colour palette and creating a dye recipe book using natural dye extracts

### **Dyeing - Fabric and other textiles**

- Bag it! - Screenprint a bag using simple screenprinting techniques
- Bags of Originality - Design your own screenprint, and create a great bag using a combination of print techniques
- Tie it! - Tie-dye a t-shirt using fun and funky techniques
- Twist it, Stitch It, Tie it! - Try some more advanced fabric dyeing techniques and create a stylish bag or t-shirt
- Nature's beautiful blues - Dyeing fabrics using indigo and woad
- Colour from your kitchen - Fabric dyeing with everyday kitchen cupboard ingredients, common plants and weeds
- Print, paint, resist with natural dyes - Use natural dye extracts to create amazing patterns and designs on fabrics
- Print, paint, resist with synthetic dyes - Create amazing patterned fabrics using a range of techniques such as crackle dyeing, resists, print and more

### **Spinning and weaving**

Spin, span, spun - Learn the basics of how yarn is made using a simple handspindle

Weaving with waste - Quick and easy stick or pegloom weaving using recycled fabrics and yarns

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