

## 'Booming Bunting' kit

Here we have another little gem from the felting queen that is GillianGladrag. The carnival style packaging is so appealing it seems a shame to open the pack...but you will, because awaiting inside is a delicious choice of colourful fleeces to help you create this bright bunting. The kit includes all the merino wool tops and ribbon you will need to make approximately 2.5 meters of bunting. You will need to invest

in a bamboo mat and netting to create the felt itself, making "Booming bunting" the perfect graduation from the Beginners felt making kit. Eye catching decoration for any time of year.



RRP: £31.95

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## Introduction to wet felting kit

It almost seems a shame to use the pillow sized wedge of fleece you get with this kit. Luckily I resisted my first instinct upon opening the box, which was to give it a big squeeze and bury my head in the bag, thus leaving it un-usable for who ever is lucky enough to win it. So, gorgeous fluffy fleece aside, this kit is a great, manageable first project for anybody new to wet felting. Clear, illustrated instructions talk you through the process that will (fingers crossed) result in a lovely, felted trinket bowl. You will need to have bubble wrap and bowls of your choice to mould. The muted, natural shades make a nice alternative if the more garish colours often associated with felt are not your cup of tea. Fab kit for the sophisticated felter!



RRP: £21

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# Top knits

This month: **Mary Pembleton of Les Tricoteuses in Holt, Norfolk**

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Located in the lovely Georgian market town of Holt, Les Tricoteuses opened at the end of October 2010 with the intention of bringing fantastically lush yarns and designs to North Norfolk.

As a new business I started with a core collection of excellent yarns including the **Bergere de France Origin'** range, **Debbie Bliss**, **Louisa Harding**, **Noro**, **Artesano**, **Manos del Uruguay** and **Alafoss Lopi**, all of which have proven to be popular. In addition the **Austermann** Step sock yarn, **Fyberspates** Scrumptious and **Sempati Fir Fir** scarf yarn have been eagerly snapped up.

I am gradually expanding the ranges—I will shortly have another two display units to stuff with yet more goodies. Just in is a selection of the **Woolcraft Tango** yarn, also eagerly awaited is my first delivery from **The Natural Dye Company**.

My customers are always welcome to come in to sit on my very comfortable leather sofa to browse patterns and fondle fabulous yarns. 'Other halves' are also welcome, as I always have copies of *Private Eye* and *National Geographic* for them to read!

In January, I launched an evening 'knit & chat' group that meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. This has proved to be very popular (maybe it's the cake...), to the point that customers bring their own seats and mugs to make sure that they can be accommodated.

Much appreciated are the scrummy stash bags and accessories from **Mili Style** – beautiful silk bags in luscious colours. They sit well with the delicious colours of **KnitPro** needles, the lustrous textures of the yarns, and knitting bowls from local potter Helen Dixon, making a knitting feast for the senses.

Customers enjoy the benefits of my loyalty scheme – they gain points on every purchase they make, and receive gift vouchers to reward themselves. I also provide a mail order service and if asked will always put in special orders to cater for customer requests.

I have been delighted with the positive response I have been given and look forward to meeting many more knitters from far and wide over the months and years ahead.

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Debbie Bliss Baby Cashmerino £4.95/50g

Louisa Harding Grace Hand-Dyed £6.95/50g



Manos Wool Classica £10.50/100g



Mili Tote £34.95



Noro Sekku £7.95/50g



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