

Out & about

Find the best knitting workshops, courses and events this March

3 March

BABY BLANKET

Design your own baby blanket on this one-day course in Liverpool. You'll knit several patterned blocks and stitch them together. You'll be given charts and a starter pack.
www.abakhan.co.uk

4 March

INTRO TO FELT

Book onto this workshop to learn the basics of wet felting, needle felting and knitted felt. You'll also meet the friendly alpacas! This one-day course is held in Dunchurch and costs £45.
Call ☎ 01788 810626



5 March

INTERMEDIATE CROCHET

Take basic crochet skills to the next level on this one-day course in Radlett. Learn new stitches and techniques, and make fab edgings and squares.
Call ☎ 01923 856619



6 March

PROFESSIONAL FINISHING TECHNIQUES

This course promises to make you look forward to finishing off your garments. It costs £41.69 and is held at The Wool Sanctuary in Weston-super-Mare.
Call ☎ 01934 414906



10 March

THE STITCH & CREATIVE CRAFTS SHOW

Pop along to the Three Counties Showground in Malvern to indulge your passion for everything crafty. Shop, watch demos and get expert advice.
Call ☎ 01822 617744



17 March

KNIT YOUR OWN STASH

Debbie Abrahams shares ideas on how to use up your yarn stash. You'll get advice on mixing yarns, colours, fibres and more. It takes place at John Lewis in Milton Keynes.
Call ☎ 01908 679171

19 March

HAND KNITTING & CROCHET

Learn to knit from scratch.

26 March

HAND KNITTING 1

This course will teach you the basics including casting



26 March

CROCHET PATCHWORK

Jane Crowfoot shows



A-Z of knitting

If you're new to knitting, or want to brush up on a technique, read our handy A-Z of knitting – it's packed with tips and advice

A is for alpaca

If you've not yet discovered the delights of alpaca yarns, you're missing out. Alpaca yarns are not just available in various weights and colours, including some fab natural shades, they also are softer, lighter and stronger than wool, while still being just as warm. Alpaca's flexibility means you can use it to create all sorts of knitted items, and there are plenty of patterns available – for starters, see ukalpaca.com.



Try super soft alpaca for delicate knits

B is for bamboo

This is a fairly new fibre for knitters, and it offers benefits almost opposite to alpaca! Bamboo is light, soft and breathable, like cotton, yet it also has naturally antibacterial and ultra-violet protecting properties, making it the perfect yarn for spring and summer garments. Plus, it's the most eco-friendly fibre you can get.



Greener knitters choose bamboo!

D is for designers