

Woolly Wormhead

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Design Ethos:-

My main interest is in exploring and experimenting with form and technique. With a passion for 3D, I aim to bring sculptural elements to Hats, using different construction methods and processes. I find Hats fascinating; their properties as a garment allow for diverse techniques and shapes.

Background:-

I was taught to knit by my mother, aged 3. She then taught me crochet & sewing and other crafts. I completed my first knitted jumper for myself aged 9, and completed my first design piece, a knitted jumper for myself aged 14. By the time I was 20, I was designing complex fair-isle patterns, and dyeing the yarn to match. From there, I explored as many areas of Textiles as possible, including basketry, printing, dyeing, spinning, weaving, millinery and much more.

Training Accreditations:-

Sept 1992 – June 1994	Silversmithing, SEEVIC, Southend, UK
Sept 1994 – June 1995	Bsc Industrial Textiles, Bolton University, UK (<i>one year credited</i>)
Sept 1995 – July 1996	Btec Foundation Art, Design & Textiles, SEECAT, Southend, UK Bobbin Lacemaking, Essex Community College, UK
Sept 1996 - June 1999	Ba (Hons) Textiles, Goldsmiths College, University of London, UK
Sept 1999 – July 2000	PGCE Art, Design & Textiles, Goldsmiths College, UK
Sept 2002 – May 2003	City & Guilds Pt1 Pattern Cutting, Greenwich Community College, UK
August 2008 - present	Professional author/designer member of the AKD

Books & Collections:-

December 2007	'Going Straight – A New Generation of Knitted Hats' solo knitting book
October 2008	'Wee Woolly Toppers' solo knitting book

Published Patterns:-

April 2006	'Loopy Bonnet' knitting pattern, MagKnits (<i>magknits.com</i>)
Samhain 2006	'Hat of Horns' crochet pattern, The AntiCraft (<i>theanticraft.com</i>)
December 2006	'Hexed' knitting pattern, Knitty (<i>knitty.com</i>)
February 2007	'Roadsta' crochet pattern, Yarn Forward (<i>UK magazine</i>)
January 2008	'Lucy' knitting pattern, MagKnits (<i>magknits.com</i>)
February 2008	'Arbacia' knitting pattern, The Inside Loop (<i>theinsideloop.com</i>)
April 2008	'Ziggy' knitting pattern, Knit On The Net (<i>knitonthenet.com</i>)

Teaching:-

Sept 2000 – Jan 2006	Full-time teacher of Art, Fashion & Textiles students aged 11 to 19, London, UK
Jan 2006 – to date	Adult one day workshops 'Beginners' knitted Hat design' & 'Kitchener Stitch'

Articles & Interviews:-

March 2008	Interview for 'Cast-On' podcast (<i>cast-on.com</i>)
April 2008	Interview for 'Knit on the Net' (<i>knitonthenet.com</i>)
April 2008	'Self-publishing a knitting or crochet book', Yarn Forward (<i>UK magazine</i>)
July 2008	'Going Indie' article, Knit on The Net (<i>knitonthenet.com</i>)

Exhibitions:-

June 1996	'Metamorphosis' – group machine knitting exhibition, Southend, UK
May 1998	Environmental Textiles, Goldsmiths College, University of London, UK
June 1999	Degree Show, Goldsmiths College, University of London, UK
June 2007	Crafts Council & KCG joint show, Bovey Tracey, Devon, UK