

Knitting Season - Warming Mittens and Hats Designed & Made in Hounslow

Course Code	Venue & Contact Details	
MM299BGA	Venue	Adult and Community Centre Meadowbank
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Day	Times	Start date	End date	No of Weeks	Fee
Tuesdays	12-2.30pm	05.10.2021	14.12.2021	10	£118 /*Free
Thu-Sat	<i>To be confirmed</i>	09.12.2021	11.12.2021		

**If you are unemployed, looking for work, and are in receipt of a means tested benefit, you do not have to pay the course fees. You will need to sign a self-declaration form stating that you are looking for a job and provide supporting evidence.*

**If you are in low paid employment and you earn less than £10.85p/h or £21,157.59 annual gross salary, you do not have to pay the course fees. You will need to provide proof of income, for example, this could be a wage slip within 3 months of the course start date, or a current employment contract, which states gross monthly/annual wages.*

About the course

This course is for people who are ready to take their knitting practice off the ground and start producing handcrafted items to sell. Knitting is an excellent craft for exploring both texture and volume, and the design opportunities are endless when you know the skills. The accessories cater for a trend that never fades but returns with every cold season. You will be guided on both techniques for knitting hats and mittens, and design development. You will be expected to knit in between sessions to complete your work, and can use the classroom as a platform for discussion, feedback and creative growth.

This course is part of our Designed & Made in Hounslow programme, with courses designed to support you to grow as an artist and entrepreneur. You will gain craft knowledge from experienced tutors and receive the essential skills for promoting your own handcrafted designs commercially. After completion of the course you will be given a platform to sell your items at the Design & Made in Hounslow markets and pop-up shops at no cost; A real life experience of trading at craft fairs. The dates for the market is December 9th-11th and it will take place at Meadowbank Centre.

What will I learn?

After this course you will be able to:

- Prepare and initiate your personalised knit design with appropriate material and equipment
 - Design and make your own handknitted accessories, for example a beanie hat and fingerless gauntlets
 - Troubleshoot when you have made an error in your knitting project and be able to solve this independently
 - Use advanced knitting techniques, such as increasing and decreasing
 - Price and label your handcrafted products
 - Display and trade your handmade work at markets
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What are the entry requirements?

- For this course, you need to know basic knitting skills. If you are a complete beginner, we recommend that you first complete the course Knitting for Beginners
 - We use Google Suite for Education to record your learning journey. If you are a new learner with us, we will create an account for you. Details will be sent to your personal email so please check your inbox and spam regularly prior to course start.
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What do I need to bring with me?

- You will need to provide your own materials, such as yarn, and might want to bring your own knitting equipment. Your tutor will advise you on this in your first session.
 - You may wish to bring a piece of paper and a pen to take notes
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How will my learning be assessed?

This is a non-accredited course with the intent to benefit lifelong learning. Your tutor will give you regular verbal and written feedback to support your progression. You will submit your course work and track your learning in Google Classroom. You will participate in group discussions and receive guidance.

To successfully complete the course your attendance should be a minimum of 85% and course work should be completed by the end of the course. **Please note that the first session is an induction to the course and the centre, so it is therefore essential that you attend.** If you for any reason are unable to attend, please let us know and ensure that you read through the induction slides located in your Google Classroom and complete any related tasks.

What can I do after completing this course?

- The most obvious next step after this course would be to develop your microbusiness for markets or online trading, independently or with the support from one of our business courses. You might also want to further develop your textile practice, for example by progressing to a Level 2 qualification in Creative Crafts.
 - At the end of the course your tutor will advise you on your possible next steps.
 - You can call us to find out about upcoming courses on 020 8583 6000
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Information, advice and guidance for employment

- Call 020 8583 6174 to speak to an advisor
 - Email work@hounslow.gov.uk
 - Visit <http://www.hace.ac.uk/employment-support>
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