

## **TRADITIONAL CROCHET SQUARES WORKSHOP**

**Saturday 20th April 2024, 10am - 4pm**

This workshop is suitable for those who have some knowledge of basic crochet e.g how to hold the hook and make a chain, and those who may be beginning/ returning to crochet and need help with the stitches and technique to make a traditional crochet square.

Learners will work in a small group in a friendly and supportive environment; all learners are encouraged to work at their own pace Refreshments will be provided during the class and there will be a one hour break for lunch (approx 12.30-1.30pm) where you are welcome to bring a packed lunch to eat in the classroom or purchase food from nearby shops/cafes.

On this workshop you will learn:

- How to crochet in rounds ('in the round')
- How to make a multi-coloured traditional crochet square using chains, the treble crochet stitch and the slip stitch.
- How to identify stitches and chain spaces in your work.
- How to finish each round and join in a new colour.
- How to identify the right and wrong side of your work.
- How to edge your squares using the double crochet stitch.
- Different methods of joining your squares (crochet, stitching, join-as-you-go)
- Basic crochet pattern terminology and how to follow a simple pattern
- How to fasten off and sew in your ends.
- How to block your crochet.



During the first part of the workshop you will learn the technique to create a traditional crochet square (often known as a 'granny square') by following a step-by-step photo pattern with guidance from your tutor.

Once you have completed your basic square you can either keep increasing its size in order to make a cushion cover or blanket, make another basic square to practice your technique or start a small project such as a scarf. You will also be shown how to edge your square using the double crochet stitch and how to join squares together using differing methods. Advice will be given at the end of the class about improving the look and shape of your finished squares by sewing in your ends and 'blocking' your crochet.

### **Cost**

£70

A size 4 hook and DK (double knit) yarn in a variety of colours\* will be provided for this class. There will be the opportunity to purchase your hook at the end of the session should you wish, for £1.50. If you struggle with the size of hook/yarn provided there will also be some chunky wool and larger size 6 hooks to try.

If you have already started to crochet and prefer to bring your own hook and yarn this is fine but the cost of the course remains the same. It is recommended that you bring a minimum size 4 hook and double knit (DK) yarn if you choose this option.

Please also bring with you:

a small pair of scissors  
a notepad & pen

\*If you wish to work your squares in particular colours for this workshop then please bring your chosen yarn with you (see yarn weight/hook size recommendation above). It is also suggested that working with lighter coloured yarns will make your crochet stitches easier to see which is helpful when learning.

For further queries regarding this class please call the White Horse Bookshop on 01672 512071 or email: [gmaclennan@virginmedia.com](mailto:gmaclennan@virginmedia.com)