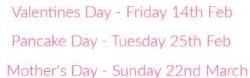


IMPORTANT DATES







Hello I'm Anne, have been working at Alwa

I have been working at Always Knitting & Sewing for over 8 years now. I left school when I was 15 and have spent most of my life working in the textile industry - which I have loved!

I love Knitting and Sewing and all things crafty! I make a lot of little dresses for us to display at the shop, including our most recent Peter Rabbit and Aqua Swan Dresses.

I love trying new patterns and testing my sewing knowledge. I recently made a vest jacket using stretch jersey and I am currently making Patchwork Quilt.

I go Line Dancing with my Grandaughter, Chloe, every week and love keeping fit and active!

At the shop I work in our 'Christmas Room' and complete all of your Christmas Themed Orders! We sell Christmas Fabric all year round!

I hope you enjoyed getting to know me a little!











CUSTOMER STORY



Hi, we are Heather and Nicola, a mother and daughter team from the Woolly Elephant Podcast on YouTube.

After many years knitting (Heather 30+ and Nicola 10+ years), we started to knit with hand dyed yarns inspired by watching a few knitting podcasts on YouTube. I (Heather) used to have my own craft shop (Crafty Addicts on Pall Mall, Chorley) where I used to sell card making and knitting supplies and hold many classes and clubs.

After closing down in 2014 we both really missed the crafting community. After being inspired by regular evryday people sharing their knitting and crochet projects with the world on YouTube we said "we could do that" and Woolly Elephant YouTube channel was born. This gave us the crafting community back in our lives.

Following this and due to our desire for hand dyed yarns, I started dyeing my own to reduce our costs as they can be quite expensive (so worth it though!) and I havent stopped since!

Nicola got into sewing following my mums example (mum was a dressmaker) but it never really interested me (and how that has changed recently!).

Nicola is now a knitting and crochet tutor at **Sew Confident** in Chorley which is quite an achievement and I spend all my time sewing bags and purses at the moment.

We both find all these crafts a great help through the difficult times in life as they help distract you from your worries and help you focus your mind on something positive. They are a great stress buster.

Well from then and 'life happening' along the way we can't stop knitting, crochet and sewing mostly socks, shawls and bags and spend most of our spare money in Always Knitting and Sewing and visit the shop most weeks. The ladies are so lovely and helpful.

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Chaft is the poetry of hands

Crafts is the poetry of hands... Reveals the soul of the one who feels Expresses his desires and virtues... Being the fruit of man's work, it is sacred.

Everyone who sets himself up,

Deep down, even if not knowing,

He wishes to kill the longing of his own creator

There is in man a divine child...

There is in the divine the resemblance of man Maybe art has the power to unite things...

Maybe it's an instrument of peace between nations... Maybe I have the power to relive

All the good that was in ourselves,

And that, without realizing, we let fall asleep Art moves the soul, relieves the weights of life...

Hands, much more than body parts,

Undoubtedly, they are the most powerful

healing instruments we have... Art is the poetry of hands!

Author: Eloisa Spray Lent to us by Fernanda Sakalouski of Felt Art Form Atelier



I stumbled across this beautiful poem this week and just loved it. For me it sums up what sewing and knitting is all about.

In our modern times of such amazing technological advances, we can sometimes forget the enjoyment that can be found in simple craft projects (and sometimes not so simple ones).

I am a knitter and occasional sewer and I know, as you probably do too, the joy of immersing myself in making something amazing.

Learning from your mistakes as you go along, being frustrated, then happy when the end result is something that you have created from nothing but raw materials and your own hands!

Whatever your next project is, be assured that crafting in whatever form is good for you, physically and spiritually.

My current project is just being finished (see below) I had never knitted socks so decided to give them a try. Now these socks are definitely not perfect... and I made some mistakes along the way, but I love them. I will remember the frustrations along the way but mostly I loved making them. The sense of achievement is great and I will enjoy wearing them so much more!

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I hope you enjoyed reading the poem, make sure to share it with a friend who also loves to Sew/Knit!

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Did you know one of our super talented customers, Dot, designs her own patterns?

Some of you may have made Dorothea's Elephant last year... The elephants were so popular, we decided to ask Dot if she would consider creating a new pattern for you all to enjoy!

