

UK Hand Knitting Association Catwalk Spectacular!

Members of the UKHKA will be showcasing a wide variety of designs, ideas, applications and yarns that will be gracing the world of hand knitting. With the emphasis on pure wool and wool-rich blends which not only feel luxurious but are a joy to knit with, the show is divided into four themes to reflect current trends and the changing seasons:

Festival of Britain

The contemporary feel of the 1951's Festival of Britain still influences us today, and with 2012 being the year of the Queens Jubilee and Olympics, people again will come together in celebration, be inspired, creative and have aspirations for our athletes and the country. These shades enhance/uplift our moods. (Not just red, white and blue).

Winter Walk

The feeling autumn/winter shades give you when walking down a country lane; experiencing the leaves turning colour and the rustic reds, pumpkin oranges, and blues of berries - true autumnal colours. Nature slowing down for its rest, but the cold air making you want to snuggle in your winter woolies giving you a warm, luxurious and cosy feeling.

Summer Picnic

The sun's warmth upon your face making you feel instantly energised and ready for outdoors. Whether it is gardening, sharing picnics, walking or even strolling by the sea, the colours give you a boost. Long summer nights and 'living' outside.

Wonder of Wool - the Grande Finale

Celebrating the beautiful qualities of pure wool and wool-rich blends.

The natural choice, wool is sustainable as a fibre and also meets the environmental agenda. Not only is it fabulously warm and tactile but a real joy to knit with. Wool is luxuriously soft yet durable and fire resistant and it's great for knitted garments and fashion accessories as well as soft furnishings!

Professionally choreographed each day of the show, these sets are not to be missed!

The Yarn Lounge

If you're looking for good reasons to stock yarns for hand knitting, or want to learn more about this popular pastime, head to **The Yarn Lounge!** Sponsored by the **UK Hand Knitting Association** and **The Campaign for Wool**, The Yarn Lounge is a meeting point and information station for all aspects of knitting and yarn crafts.

The Yarn Lounge will provide fascinating facts and figures, along with impartial advice. See the fabulous hand knits from the international fashion shows, find out about the knitting groups that are mushrooming in towns and villages across the country, and discover all the latest news stories that can help promote your business. You'll find exciting details on the rapidly expanding Craft Club campaign, co-sponsored by the Crafts Council and UKHKA with the support of the WI, to pass on knitting and yarn craft skills in schools, after-school clubs and other community groups. See the amazing resources on offer to promote hand knitting and learn about the vast expansion of knitting on social media.