

## SHORT COURSE DETAILS

S2D08165 CREATIVE CROCHET

Tutor: SASHA KAGAN

Dates: 2 DAYS WEDNESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER – FRIDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

### ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

Learn to play with yarn and hook to create interesting, versatile three dimensional fabrics. Starting with basic stitches and crochet techniques you will expand your skill level by making sample swatches of texture, geometric motifs, trims and flowers to create a library of ideas for use in future projects. Return home with some finished items and an understanding of the possibilities that crochet textiles have to offer.

You will make a selection of crochet swatches for future projects, which will cover:

- Teach how to balance left and right hands and yarn to make a relaxed crochet fabric.
- Basic crochet stitches and techniques.
- How to make geometric motifs which can be joined together to make blankets, throws and scarves etc.
- How to crochet trims and edgings for crochet and knitted items.
- How to crochet flowers for corsages and embellishments.
- Develop chosen swatch ideas into a small finished project [eg.hat, bag, cushion cover, scarf, corsage etc.].

You will gain confidence to use crochet techniques for your textile creations and the skills to crochet your own designs. This will open up to the possibilities of crochet as a vehicle to communicate ideas in fabric.

### LEVEL: BEGINNERS/INTERMEDIATE

For those with little or no experience and for those who have taken a related course. Suited to those who would like a structured introduction to a subject, with further building of skills to work towards independent practice.

### ABOUT YOUR TUTOR:

Sasha Kagan is a tutor with 40 years' experience in design for hand knitting and crochet. She specializes in designs inspired by nature. She trained at Canterbury, Exeter and the Royal College of Art, London. She teaches extensively, giving workshops and master classes internationally. She exhibits at Made London and Made West Dean and in 2011 had a major travelling retrospective exhibition "My Life in Textiles – four decades of hand knit design. She is the author of seven books.

### TIMETABLE:

#### Arrival day: Wednesday 26 September

From 4.00pm	Arrival for residential students
6.45pm	Non-residential students please arrive by 6.45pm for welcome chat and dinner
7.00pm	Dinner
8.00pm–9.00pm	First teaching session – <b>attendance is an essential part of the course.</b> Hook and Stripe – An introduction into crochet with colour working with stripes. For students who can't yet crochet coloured wraps can be made.

### Other days: Thursday 27 September

9.15am	Morning classes start
10.30am	Coffee
11.00am	Morning classes continue
12.45pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Afternoon classes
3.30pm	Tea
4.00pm	Afternoon classes continue
5.00pm	Classes finish
From 6.30pm	Dinner
8.00pm	Evening working: workshops are available up to 10pm for those wishing to work on providing this has been discussed with the tutor. These sessions are untutored.

### Departure day: Friday 28 September

(Residential students to vacate rooms by 10am)

9.15am	Morning classes start
10.30am	Coffee
11.00am	Morning classes continue
12.45pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Afternoon classes
3.00pm	Classes finish
3.30pm	Tea then departure

### REQUIRED PREPARATION:

Please do some research into crochet textiles and print out items that appeal to you and/or bring tear sheets from magazines, postcards etc.,

### MATERIALS FOR YOUR COURSE:

We have a generously stocked craft shop, which opens daily from 8.30am–2pm.

For any materials you need to purchase from the shop, we suggest you do so during the first morning of your course, after having discussed with your tutor.

### Materials included in the course fee:

The course fee includes the cost of providing a large selection of yarn [cotton and wool] in 4ply, DK and Aran weight in a variety of colours supplied by the tutor.

### Available from the tutor:

Publication *Crochet Inspiration* by Sasha Kagan  
Some crochet hooks

### Please bring any of the above, if you have them, and in addition:

A selection of crochet hooks sizes 2.75mm – 4mm  
Small balls of your favourite yarns, if you have any.

### HEALTH AND SAFETY:

The tutor instructs students in health and safety issues relevant to this course. There are no health and safety restrictions on access to this studio/teaching space in the absence of the tutor. All Personal Protection Equipment, apart from footwear, is provided by the College