

English Woollen Longdraw Technique – Virtual Workshop

with Amanda Hannaford

Date: 3 Sundays – 29 November, 6 - 13 December

Time: 10:30 – 11:30/12:00

Place: Three Virtual Sessions via Zoom

Mastering the English Woollen Longdraw. Learning to hand card neat and even rolags, and spin them using the English longdraw for a light and airy woollen yarn.



Description:

This workshop will be delivered over three virtual sessions – each lasting between 60-90 minutes a week apart. The first session will provide demonstrations of hand carding rolags, the wheel set-up and the actual spinning, with time for questions on anything that might not be clear. At the end of the first session you will have everything they need to go away and give it a try. The second session, the following weekend, would be for problem solving; depending on what questions come up, Amanda could demonstrate parts of the technique again as a refresher. Then you have a further week to practice more, and the final week will be showing Amanda your results and getting feedback on whether she thinks you have mastered the technique, or if not, what to concentrate on to improve.

You will get a hand-out, with a written description (and possibly simple line drawings), which will cover choice of fibre, hand carding, ideal wheel set-up and an outline of the longdraw technique. It will also have advice on how to use the technique once mastered. You will also get a fibre pack through the post with washed fleece, and some small examples of spun yarn showing what to aim for. After the first session, you will be given links to Amanda's YouTube video on hand carding, and also a private link to my new video on the Longdraw technique, these are to act as refreshers of Amanda's demonstrations. There may also be the option to record the sessions so you could replay them afterwards.

Number of participants: 6

Cost: £60 – Members; £75 – Non-Members, + £10 for fibre pack (not optional)