

Wool craft days

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Wool craft days can be organised by arrangement to enable you to learn skills of spinning or peg-loom weaving. They run from 10am till 4pm and will enable you to get hands on experience of working with fleece as well as other wools and fibres.

Each day costs £50 per person per day for 2 people. This includes use of all equipment, provision of wool and all materials required.

Spinning day.



The day starts by looking at a fleece for good and bad qualities and will enable you to judge fleeces for yourself.

We will go on to find out how to prepare a fleece for spinning including sorting and washing. This is followed by carding using both hand and drum carders.

We will then be ready to start spinning using Ashford traditional and traveller spinning wheels.

After lunch will be opportunities to work with coloured wool tops and to try colour mixing. Other fibres will also be available for you to try, such as alpaca and silk.

Rug making day



The day starts by looking at different types of fleece that could be used in making peg loom rugs. These materials include Ryeland fleece, dyed downland fleece and some spun fibres.

We will look at the simple peg loom and start by threading in the warp fibres.

The rug is started by weaving in spun Ryeland wool in order to give a strong edge.

We will prepare different fibres for use in the loom and you will be free to follow your own design ideas as you create your own small rug.

At the end we will make an attractive fringed edge to finish off the rug which is yours to take away.

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