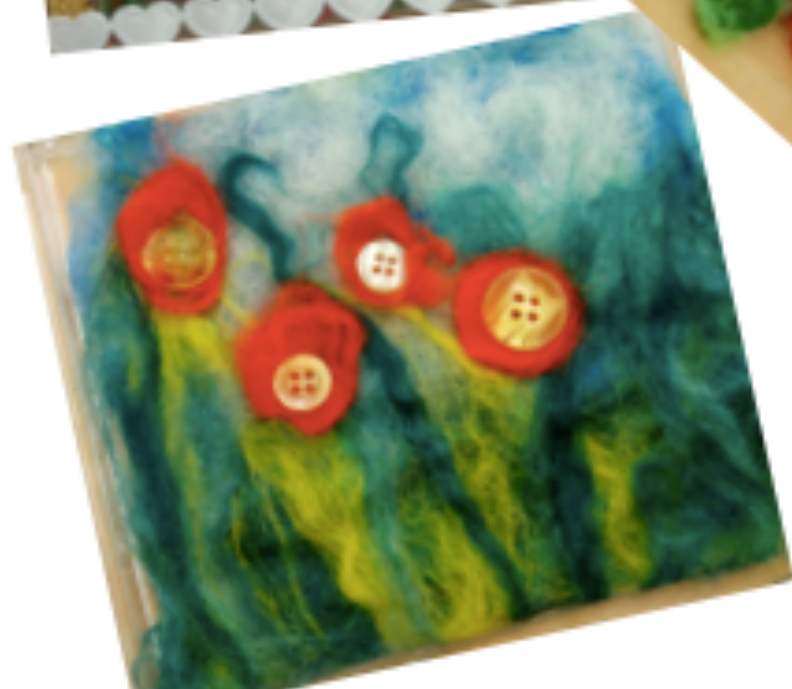
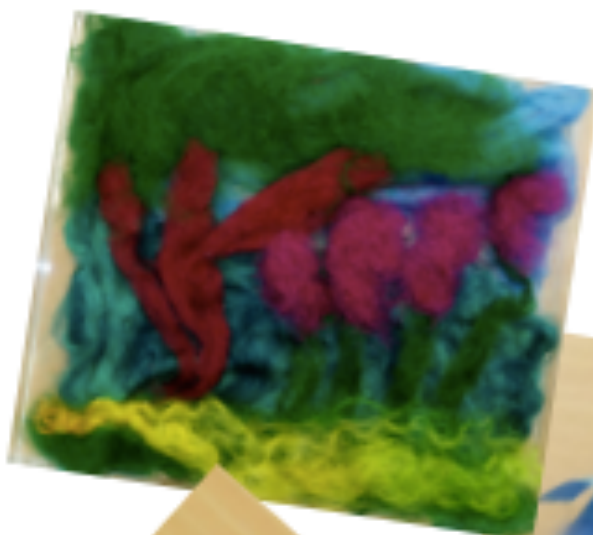




# WISH



Edition 26





HELLO  
Everyone!

Welcome to another edition of WISH!!!

Since the last edition we have had a WISH Get Together - with stitching, soap felting and felt pictures - plus leaving some of us 'in stitches' !!

In this edition we also have knitting, crochet work through to Upcycling Projects and Reduce, Re-use and Recycling ideas :-)

I hope you enjoy this edition and are not only impressed by the standard of our WISH members' work, but also inspired to get crafting! We even have freebies to mention in this edition!

With the Highland Summer being a bit of a 'wash out', there is no better excuse to get crafting!

With best wishes,

Rebecca

## Making a gift bag from an old pair of jeans by Susan

After a spring clean of our wardrobes, I suddenly ended up with 5 pairs of old jeans in my craft room - they'll come in useful one day I thought! One of my new year's resolutions is to use things up (all those half empty lotion and potion bottles are gradually reducing in the bathroom too), so this up-cycling project involved those discarded jeans.



**Step 1** - I removed the back patch pockets, and stamped out a little scene using an Archival black ink pad, and a range of Clarity Stamps using the embroidered lines on the pocket as features of the design.

**Step 2** - I then cut off the bottom of one of the legs, and made the bag shape by stitching the cut edge.

**Step 3** - cutting drawstring holes into the original hem of the jeans and threading through a ribbon, for handles.

**Step 4** - Finally I restitched the pockets onto one side of the bag - in retrospect I should have done that first before making the bag, but c'est la vie!

I tried to leave some frayed bits of denim sticking out of the seams in places, just to add a bit of character to the final bag, and I put a little sunburst stamp on the inner pocket peeping out - might go back and add a flock of birds above the houses too before I use it as a gift bag.

After I had finished it occurred to me that you could just use a fabric glue to stick on the pocket edges, which would make the project much quicker. Anyway the finished bag holds 3 bottles of beer perfectly, and will make a fab gift bag for a man in your life....

## Knitting by Rosie

Two items knitted last year for a friend's baby girl. Both items were knitted using double knitting patterns easy enough.



The cardigan was knitted totally in garter stitch all knit rows which make it ideal for a very beginner or someone like me not wanting too fussy a pattern which would require a lot of concentration!!

The other knitted garment is a waistcoat knitted in chunk tweed quick to knit but I didn't like having to knit up collar or arm holes. It is not as light as the picture more charcoal grey with multi-colour flecks of colour. I haven't attached the button yet as not sure about it now maybe look a bit drab what do you all think?



## Crochet Toys by Norma

I have been away a lot staying with my daughter and family. While I have been there I made a crochet elephant and crochet duck for my grandson and new baby grandchild who was due in May.



**We think they look  
lovely!  
Congratulations  
Granny Norma**

## Upcycling Project - Painting Fabric Chairs by Susan

Last year some of my cream Ikea tub chairs were looking a little stained and tired, and although I searched the internet for a pattern to make new covers there wasn't one to be found. They were too good to throw away though, so I had a go at making a pattern myself - what a disaster!

Undeterred I went back to the internet, and found a few articles and blogs about painting fabric chairs, and thought to myself "nothing ventured..." , and if it didn't work they would have to be replaced anyway.

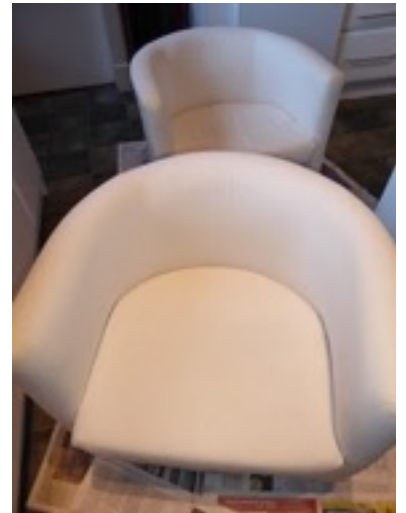


### Ingredients & Guide

- **Step 1** - I bought some emulsion paint to match the room I was decorating, something called fabric medium which the reference blogs told me would help with painting onto fabric.
- **Step 2** - I got out my paint brush and some newspaper.
- **Step 3** - The advice was to spray the fabric with water, mix some emulsion paint with water and fabric medium.
- **Step 4** - Give the chairs at least 2 coats of paint, allowing it to dry fully between coats

I used 1 pot of fabric medium and 1 pot of water to about 2 parts of emulsion for my mixture, and combined them all together in an old Whizz tub which had a wide top and screw on lid, so that I could keep the excess fresh until the next coat.

Well, after the first attempt the chairs looked fine, but were REALLY hard and scratchy on the surface - I think they would have taken off your skin like sandpaper if you had attempted to sit on them and rest your arms! I thought maybe waxing them would help, so I went back to the internet and ordered some wax that you use to re-proof wax jackets. With a bit of elbow grease and the help of a hot hairdryer the fabric was soft and smooth to touch again, and waterproofed which will help to prevent future staining! Don't worry if the first or second coats look a bit streaky and irregular!



Also, when you apply the wax, it will make the colour a shade darker - rub it on thinly in sections with an old dry cloth, then heat it with the hairdryer and buff it into the fabric well. My small tub of wax has coated 4 tub chairs, and still has about 1/3 of a pot remaining.



### **The final result....**



I wouldn't recommend this for an antique chair or family heirloom, but it's certainly given my tub chairs a new lease of life, for the cost of less than £20.00 - well worth the effort!



## WISH GET TOGETHER - by Rebecca

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June, some of us WISH folk had a Get Together at the 'Bike Shed' in Merkinch, Inverness. I, for one, had a fantastic day of nattering, crafting and getting messy – I hope the rest enjoyed the day as much as I did!!!



Janet assisted us with a Christmas Stitching Session in the morning. Some came away with fantastic pieces of work, we had the choice between a beautiful stitched Christmas Holly decoration – which you can attach Christmas cards to:



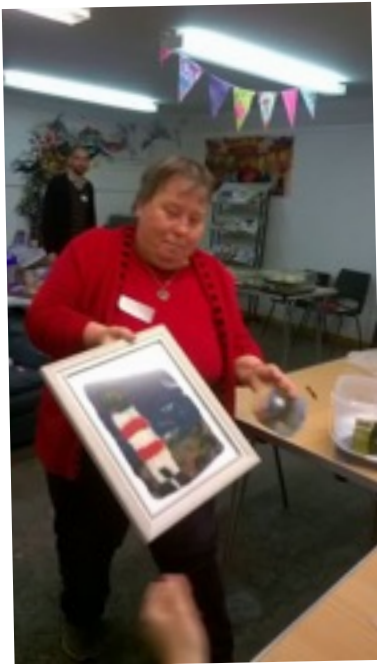
Or a lovely stitched Christmas Tree design. Isolde managed to complete her Christmas Tree on the day:





We had a lovely lunch put on for us, from Artysans and once we were completely full to bursting:

In the afternoon things got a bit messy! Soap felting with Ann:



Despite the mess, some beautiful felt pictures and creations came out of the afternoon, illustrated on the Front Cover of this edition.



May I pass on my thanks, as the WISH editor, to Ann and Janet for their time, materials and tutorials.

In addition, a big thank you to Alan, Sally and Alison for putting the day on for us crafters – I think I speak for those who attended by saying we had a lovely and very enjoyable time. I am already excited for the 'WISH Get Together 2017'!

Here are some images of Norma's work From the Get together, she brought them in to the office a few days afterwards and wanted to share with the group the progress she had made at home as she had taken them away and finished them off:



WISH GIVEAWAY



Susan kindly donated a selection of stamps & Aperture cards to giveaway free to members.



The stamps have a variety of different designs such as floral & butterfly. There are also 'invitation' & 'happy birthday' designs.

The Aperture cards are available in an array of sizes & colours including white. They come accompanied with envelopes.



For more information, or if you would like some, contact the office.

KEEP  
SHINING!!!!

Thank you again to our contributors for this issue - we hope you have enjoyed reading about their exciting and fabulous projects!!

Hoping this issue has given you some ideas to:

'KEEP ON CRAFTING!'

The deadline for the next issue of WISH is **1st November 2016**.  
Get your Christmas Craft ideas in to share with the other WISH Members

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