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SAVE OUR STITCHES

[CROCHET CLASSES]

Cosy Cables

➔ We're big fans of Craftsy's online class platform, which combines expert video lessons and instructor feedback with unlimited access to your class (once you've paid, there's no deadline by which you have to finish your course – it's always there for you). There's a great range of crochet classes available, including a new course in Aran Crochet by designer Melissa Leapman. It covers cables, travelling

stitches and braids and includes several gorgeous cabled panels to try out.

We also love Craftsy's Save Our Stitches from designer Andi Smith, which is ideal for anyone who's ever made a mistake in a project. This course looks at how to avoid making mistakes as well as which mistakes are worth fixing and how to go about it, perfect for beginner crocheters. www.craftsy.com

WE LOVE...

This fun bag from indie yarn company Rosie's Moments, screen printed on 100% cotton. Head to the *Inside Crochet* website for your chance to win a bag plus a skein of Rosie's gorgeous yarn.

www.rosiesmoments.etsy.com



[ART EXHIBITION]

All around the world

➔ New York art gallery Resobox is celebrating amigurumi from around the world with its "World Amigurumi Exhibition vol. 2: Crocheted Culture Celebration!" Running until 29 February, the exhibition includes submissions from artists all around the world, who were asked to create amigurumi to represent something special about their country. The result is an exhibition packed with colour and creativity, a joy for anyone who celebrates this adorable craft.

We particularly love the cowboy jellyfish from Texas-based artist Edafedd, the Independence Day popsicle from So Yarnstastic and the Polish doll in traditional dress by Cute and Kaboodle. If you're in New York, do pop by as entry is free, otherwise, head to the website for more information and a video of the opening event.

www.resobox.com



DIARY

* 19–21 FEBRUARY

UNRAVEL

Choose from workshops, yarn stalls and expert talks, plus Amanda Perkins' blanket exhibition, at this friendly festival held at Farnham Maltings, Surrey. Day tickets £7 in advance, £9 on the door. www.farnhammaltings.com

* UNTIL 28 FEBRUARY

LIBERTY IN FASHION

Head to the Fashion and Textile Museum, London, for this exhibition exploring Liberty's impact on the fashion world, celebrating the 140th anniversary of the company. More than 150 garments, textiles and objects demonstrate Liberty's relationships with designers since 1875, from Arthur Silver to collaborations with Jean Muir, Yves Saint Laurent and Vivienne Westwood.

www.ftmlondon.org

* 3–6 MARCH

SPRING KNITTING & STITCHING SHOW

With hundreds of workshops, demos and stalls to choose from, you won't want to miss this massive show held at the London Olympia. Look out for TOFT's Kerry Lord and her yarny wonderland where you can try out different natural fibres. Tickets £13 in advance.

www.theknittingandstitchingshow.com/spring

* 12–19 AUGUST

KNITTING & CROCHET IN THE FAROE ISLANDS

Join knit and crochet designer Carol Meldrum for seven nights in the stunning Faroe Islands. Trip includes workshops and visits to wool producers and famed Faroese knitting designers, Guðrun & Guðrun. From £1,899 per person.

www.arenatravel.com

WORKSHOPS

* WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY

MAKING A GRANNY SQUARE

This beginners' crochet class, held in Berkshire, works through the classic granny square and aims to leave you with the skills needed to tackle your first project. £35, 9.45am–4pm.

www.artesanoyarns.co.uk

* SATURDAY 9 APRIL

LILY POND BAG WORKSHOP

Join Jane Crowfoot in Cheshire for this class as you work through an exclusive colourful design. It covers joining in new shades and keeping an even tension plus bobbles, pinwheel and wave stitch combinations. £49.95, 10am–4pm.

www.blacksheepwools.com

