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## **NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS FROM BRITISH EXHIBITORS AT H + H COLOGNE – 2019**



**New exhibitor: CORINNE LAPIERRE**, designer of charming felt folk embroidery kits, TV personality and author, is eagerly anticipating the launch of the brand at h+h cologne. *“We are already distributed in France and Japan, but we want to make 2019 a year of international growth,”* says Corinne. *“We know that h+h cologne is the destination show of the industry in Europe.”* The kits are designed and made in Yorkshire and contain everything needed for the project, including soft wool-mix felt.

**[www.corinnelapierre.com](http://www.corinnelapierre.com)** (Hall 2.2 Stand A039)

**New exhibitor: HAWTHORN**

**HANDMADE** design and make craft kits for beginners and beyond. Owner Stephanie Carswell says: *“We’re very excited to be bringing our textile craft kits to h+h cologne. Our embroidery, needle felting and weaving kits are a fresh way to offer your customers new crafts and contemporary designs. We use the highest quality contents and are very proud of our detailed instructions included in every kit. New this year are our Go Stitch and Go Weave kits offering a brand new way to get crafty.”*

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**[www.hawthornhandmade.com](http://www.hawthornhandmade.com)**



(Hall 2.2 Stand A075)

**Returning exhibitor: YARNUNDYED**

**(A C Wood Speciality Fibres Ltd)** are

returning to h+h cologne with an expanded range of luxury natural fibre undyed yarns for hand dyers. General Manager, Catherine Harrison, says: *“We are excited to be showcasing our range of ethically-sourced, top-quality yarns at the show. Using our many years of experience in the textile industry, we have sourced the best fibres from around the world and personally*



*chosen spinners to bring out the best in these fibres. The result is a fantastic range of undyed yarns, specifically designed for hand dyers, both new and experienced. We provide excellent customer service with quick delivery and yarn advice to help our customers grow and develop their businesses.”*

**[www.yarnundyed.net](http://www.yarnundyed.net)**  
**(Hall 3.1 Stand A052)**



Credit: Jay Hooper of Dizzy and Creative

**Returning exhibitor: APPLETONS WOOL** supplies 100% British tapestry and embroidery wool in 421 different shades. 2019 sees the launch of the first Appletons kits by some of the most popular designers in the country with a theme of the British Isles.

**[www.appletons.org.uk](http://www.appletons.org.uk)**

**(Hall 2.2 F017a)**

**BAA RAM EWE:** Baa ram ewe’s masterplan is to make Yorkshire famous for wool production across the world once more, reconnecting it to its woolly heritage. They command worldwide appeal for their luxurious and authentic wools, all spun and made in Yorkshire. *“We’d love to introduce you to our yarns in person so please visit our stand for a warm Yorkshire welcome,”* says company founder, Verity Britton. *“Working with baa ram ewe means you are supporting a wider local industry that’s been central to the history and development of Yorkshire’s towns, cities, farms and fields.”*

**[www.baaramewe.co.uk](http://www.baaramewe.co.uk)**  
**(Hall 2.2 Stand A078)**



**BOTHY THREADS:** *Bebunni* hopped into the Bothy inspiring a range of 15 super cute new designs! “Our Spring Collection also has 4 brand new **Hannah Dale** tapestries worked in anchor tapestry wools on a 10hpi full colour printed canvas. **Love London** and **Love Paris** are retro style designs worked by combining colourful cross stitch and black work. Meanwhile in the forest, we have **Dragon Fae** and **Autumn Song**, magical designs worked on 16hpi full colour printed Aida.”  
[www.bothythreads.com](http://www.bothythreads.com) (Hall 2.1 Stand A080)



**CHESTER WOOL COMPANY:** MOHAIR AND NATURAL BAMBOO YARNS ARE THE FOCUS THIS YEAR AT CHESTER WOOL CO. ‘This year we are excited to be showcasing our new fluffy and textured bases, with an abundance of brushed mohair and baby Alpaca; we have everything a dyer needs for textured knitting and crochet,’ states Andy Robinson. ‘We have also moved away from processed bamboo and have replaced all the bamboo in our yarns with Natural Bamboo after successful trials with this fibre, reducing the synthetic fibres in our range without compromising quality and softness.’ Chester Wool Co. continue to fully stock support their range of over 170 natural bases. [www.chesterwool.com](http://www.chesterwool.com) (Hall 2.2 Stand E061)



**DANNELLS / NEEDCRAFT:** Recently nominated for Best British Brand at the prestigious Craft Business awards 2019, NEEDCRAFT is a range of creative furnishing kits that use fabrics to make professional interior products including lampshades, wall art, clocks

and bins. David Little, Director of Dannels, states: “We were thrilled to be nominated for this award, our kits have proved popular with retailers and tradespeople alike promoting skill, craft, and most importantly providing new revenue streams.” For more information about their products visit their stand E002 in Hall 2.1. Dannels / Needcraft have products for retailers, wholesalers, workshops and manufacturers.

[www.dannels.com](http://www.dannels.com)

(Hall 2.1 Stand E002)

**erika knight:** Erika says: "My ethos has always been to keep things simple: to support British manufacturing wherever possible, to promote sustainable, natural fibres and to celebrate traditional skills." With British wools, recycled linen and sustainable nettle, the



**erika knight yarn collection** promotes sustainable fibres alongside pattern support designed for the modern maker. New yarn '**Wool Local**' is produced from fleece to finished yarn in just 50 miles. Come and meet Erika and Arabella to learn more. [www.erikaknight.co.uk](http://www.erikaknight.co.uk) (Hall 3.2 Stand D020)

**JAMES C BRETT** manufacture and wholesale a wide variety of classical and fashion yarns, supplying yarn under either their house brand or customers' own brand labels. States Eddie McBrien, a partner in the business: "With over fifty years' experience in the hand knitting industry, we have achieved tremendous growth in recent years, through innovative yarns, modern design and prices that offer excellent profit margins for our customers."

[www.jamescbrett.co.uk](http://www.jamescbrett.co.uk)

(Hall 2.2 Stand F041)



**KING COLE** are excited to be exhibiting at h+h cologne again. This year they are launching 9 new adult, baby and fancy yarns for Autumn/Winter 19/20. "Come and see our new colours and textures from the finest luxury alpaca fibre to the softest and machine washable blends of wool, cotton and acrylic," states King Cole's Export Manager, Peter Sutcliffe. "We have a portfolio of patterns to support all the new yarns and colours too, including the launch of our new Chinese pattern book. h+h cologne is without doubt the most important launch pad for our brand new, fabulously gorgeous yarn range. This is where we get to show the world the ideas that we have been working on and developing for the last 12 months. We are very excited about it. Visitors are most warmly invited to visit us on the King Cole stand so they can touch, feel and see our beautiful yarns for themselves." [www.kingcole.com](http://www.kingcole.com) (Hall 2.2 Stand F041)

**New exhibitor: KORBOND:** Showcasing over 60 years of experience in creating, sourcing and supplying sewing and crafting accessories for retail. This family-run business offers a trusted portfolio of haberdashery, crafting tools and clothes care products, including the UK's No1 brand **Korbond Care and Repair**. Their offer also includes **Creations by Korbond**, an award winning range of design led sewing and hobby storage. Korbond sales advisors offer a flexible and innovative approach to product selection, merchandising, and retail support and are happy to discuss your needs to create a tailored range for your store.



**[www.korbond.co.uk](http://www.korbond.co.uk)**  
**(Hall 2.1 Stand D073)**



**LAXTONS:** All of Laxtons' yarns are produced in their new 'state of the art' manufacturing unit based in Yorkshire, England. In addition to offering a stock-supported range of undyed yarns for hand dyeing (spun predominantly from wool and other natural fibres) a large part of Laxtons' business is as a bespoke manufacturer of hand knitting yarns for private label / own brand. *"Offering a comprehensive service of concept through to finished product, our*

*flexibility and experience enables us to work with customers large or small, from new startups to established global brands"*.

**[www.laxtons.com](http://www.laxtons.com)**  
**(Hall 3.2 Stand D060)**

**ODDIES TEXTILES:** Now incorporating Rose & Hubble and John Louden, Oddies Textiles is family-run business that has been trading for nearly 100 years. Oddies Textiles have the biggest stock-supported range of fabrics in the UK with over 200 regular stock lines in multiple colourways, over 300 cotton print designs, plus polycotton print, antipil fleece print, viscose print, satin print all with matching plain fabric ranges.  
**[www.oddies-textiles.co.uk](http://www.oddies-textiles.co.uk)** (Hall 2.1 Stand E049)



**ROOSTER YARNS:** A wholesale natural fibre yarn company providing high quality undyed yarns to hand dyers, retailers and knitwear manufacturers worldwide. Rooster undyed yarns are handpicked using the finest natural fibres and perfect for hand dyers. *"We have a wide selection of yarns using fibres including merino, alpaca, cotton, silk, yak and cashmere in a range of weights from fine lace yarns to chunky yarns. We combine this with rapid*

*delivery times and excellent customer service to make us the supplier of choice."*  
**[www.roosteryarns.com](http://www.roosteryarns.com)**

**(Hall 3.2 Stand C060)**

**THE FIBRE CO.** is returning to h+h cologne for its fifth year to showcase its brands of luxury yarns and designer knitting patterns. Featuring on the stand will be the latest collection of knitwear designs including lightweight shawls and easy-to-wear cardigans perfect for any handmade wardrobe. In addition, The Fibre Co. will preview its Autumn 2019 collection of over 35 new yarn colours and 2 exciting design projects. Founder and creative director, Daphne Marinopoulos says, *“Preparing our new collections to present at h+h cologne is the highlight of our year here at The Fibre Co. It is the perfect place to catch up with and receive feedback from retailers, designers and industry influencers. We love Cologne!”*

[www.thefibreco.com](http://www.thefibreco.com)  
**(Hall 3.2 Stand D037)**



**TOFT UK** is home to Kerry Lord’s Edward’s Menagerie collection of crochet animals. These best-selling patterns and kits are now available in all the principal European languages. TOFT yarns are pure luxury wools made in the UK and are characterised by an all-natural colour palette.

[www.toftuk.com](http://www.toftuk.com)

**(Hall 2.2 Stand B036)**

**VISAGE TEXTILES:** The Craft Cotton Company are the UK’s leading supplier of fabric for craft, patchwork and quilting and are celebrating over 70 years in business. At h+h cologne you will be able to see the company’s latest quilt collections and ranges of fantastic new licensed designs, including the loveable bunny Miffy, Dumbo, Mary Poppins, 101 Dalmatians & The Natural History Museum. Visit their stand to see their extensive ranges of pre-cut fabrics. New distributors are welcome.

[www.visagetextiles.com](http://www.visagetextiles.com)  
 / [www.craftcotton.com](http://www.craftcotton.com)  
**(Hall 2.1 Stand D019)**




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**\*UKFT - the UK Fashion and Textile Association** - is the British fashion and textile sector’s trade association. The British group at h + h cologne 2019 is coordinated by UKFT, and supported by the Department for International Trade (DIT). **For further information**, please contact the UKFT, Tel +44 (0) 207 843 9460 Email: [textiles@ukft.org](mailto:textiles@ukft.org) or at the UKFT Information Point during the show **Hall 2.2 Stand F041**