Natty Needles Group Report 2026

Natty Needles started up just over a year ago, September 2025.

Our u3a has a Crochet group and, at the time, also a Patchwork and Sewing group (now Handicrafts). I felt there was potential for an easy-going craft group where any needlework skill could be brought to the meeting whilst engaging in social chat.

The name came about because it wasn't to be a Knit and Natter group, nor Crochet and Chat, nor Stitch and Bitch (apologies if anyone is offended by that word). So that's how Natty Needles was born.

I am amazed at the level of skill we have in the group, from knitting baby clothes and socks (beautiful colourful socks) sweaters, canula covers for babies, dolls clothes, etc, to some crochet and the most exquisite embroidery and patchwork items. All of the work produced is stunning. Quite surprising when you consider the animated chats and laughter going on at the same time. So we all try to bring something simple to work on or, as in my case, the work has to be "frogged"* at home LOL.

To enable inclusive chat, our group is limited to 14, but as not everyone can make every session, we often have between 7 and 10 ladies there, which makes for a lovely cosy chat environment. Our group originally decided 10 as the maximum number, but I find it very hard to turn people away..... so I wonder if we could start another group? Very little administration involved.... If anyone feels tempted?

* For those not familiar with knitting/crochet terms, frogging means ripping back your work, as in "ribit ribit"..... Don't blame me, I didn't coin the phrase! But everyone in the wool craft world understands it

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