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What are the chances of a cup of tea resulting in a vintage style designer dress?

Well, that's exactly what happened when Jan Tillett visited her friend Louise Selby.

Jan, who owns Jan Tillett Designs and Textiles based in Cullompton, Devon, recalls "We were having a chat and cup of tea one afternoon when Louise offered me a big bag of fleece from her angora goat, Miranda. I'd been experimenting with using wool from different types of sheep for textiles and fabrics and jumped at the chance to get creative. The fleece was in a totally raw and natural state - including grass, mud and lots of other unmentionable things, but I couldn't wait to get started".

The result is a beautiful light and airy vintage style mohair dress, made from a 1960's LeRoy pattern, which will be on display for the very first time at Craft 4 Crafters.

Louise, who runs Howden House Bed and Breakfast in nearby Tiverton, takes up the story "The fleece came from my angora goat, Miranda. She is shorn twice a year and provides lots of long silky fleece. I usually spin the fleece myself using a traditional hand spinning wheel but was delighted to share it with Jan. It's been such a thrill to see the process right the way through - from animal to dress. It just seems so natural, as if we're going back to the way things would have been".

You will have the opportunity to meet and chat to Jan and Louise at the Show. Jan will also be giving free motion embroidery demonstrations each day, which will be a real treat.

The dress will be on display at the event but, unfortunately, Miranda has a prior engagement. She is, however, enjoying her new found fame!

