

Classes at Common Threads Yarn Shop



March and April 2010

Since we have limited space all classes have a maximum class size of 8 so be sure to either call (889-8650) or drop into the shop to sign up. You will need to sign up to take the class. Be sure to call or drop by the shop if you have a class you would like to see us offer.

Open Knitting and Crochet Night

Join us every Thursday from 6 to 8 pm. for open knitting and crocheting. Bring along your works in progress and your finished projects to show and share.

Knitting classes

We have classes to improve your skills, KALs and project classes

Improve your Skills:

Beginning knitting

Saturday March 27

11 am to 12:30 pm

You are welcome to come if you've never knit a stitch--or if you've done some knitting in the past and just want to "hone your skills." However, you do need to let us know if you plan to come. We'll have 2 simple but fun projects--a garter stitch scarf in lovely Noro yarn, or a sampler scarf using 8 different stitch combinations. You can come to either class--and we will help you with whatever you want to learn. We anticipate that some students will want to do the garter stitch scarf, and some the sampler scarf. Date of second class will be scheduled at the class on the 19th. It will take 2 classes to complete your project and our classes usually last about 1 1/2 hours

Taught by Natalie.

Each class will be \$15 plus materials. .

Beginning socks/Sock workshops

Saturday April 3 , 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Tuesdays March 16 and April 13, 6:30 to 8:00 pm

This is your opportunity to finish your first sock or begin the second one. Sock workshops will be scheduled twice each month; with one held on Saturday and one held on Tuesday evening. We will also discuss/demonstrate different methods of sock construction. Class is open to those who have not knit socks and those with socks in progress.

If you have a question about the socks you are working on; do you need help with the gusset or short rows or Kitchener stitch this is the class for you. If you have not knit socks before you can come to get started on a basic sock. You can also come just to have some knitting time on a sock in progress.

Materials:

400 yards of sock weight yarn, markers, Size 2 needles (the type depends on the technique you are using, check with Judy if you have questions).

drjbateman98@gmail.com).

Or bring an unfinished sock.

Limited to 8 participants per session.

Workshop fee: \$15 per session.

Taught by Judy

Casting On & Binding Off

March 20, 11am - 12:30 pm

with additional classes scheduled if necessary

We had to cancel this class in January due to snow. We had so much interest that we are offering it again. Be sure to sign up even if you were signed up for the original class time.

If you are stuck in a long-tail rut, this is the class for you! Mandy will teach a variety of casting on and binding off techniques. You will be a better, more confident knitter after this intense lesson! Some techniques covered include Old Norwegian Cast On, Figure-8 Cast On, Stretchy Russian Bind Off, and 3-Needle Bind Off. If you have a cast on or bind off in mind that you would like to learn, please contact the instructor before the class by email (mandy@myzigzagstitch.com), and she will try to include it in the lesson!

Prerequisite: A general knowledge of knitting, and an adventurous spirit, is required for this class.

Materials:

Please bring a skein (about 100 yards is enough) of solid colored, worsted weight yarn ready to knit

Two sets of DPN's in size US 6 or 7, or any size suitable to knit worsted weight yarn

Cost: \$15

Taught by Mandy

Entralac Scarf

Saturday March 20

1 to 2:30 pm

Have you always wanted to learn entrelac? In this class you will make a scarf using the entrelac technique with Noro Chirimen or Noro Silk Garden DK or a yarn of your choice. You will learn to pick up stitches from both the knit and purl side and if you wish you can also learn how to knit backwards. The pattern is an adaptation of the Lady Eleanor stole from the book "Scarf Style". You can knit either the scarf or the stole.

Taught by Judy

Class fee: \$15

Limited to 8 participants

Knit one Below

Saturday April 24

1 to 2:30 pm

Learn this technique to make a lovely face cloth and if you wish in preparation for the knit one below vest. The technique is not difficult. However correcting mistakes requires a different method than "normal" knitting. Cast on requirements and stitch size and gauge will also be taught, as they are also different from "normal" knitting. This class is a prerequisite to the knit one below reversible vest (unless you have had a class on correcting mistakes in this stitch elsewhere). We will schedule times for the Knit one below reversible vest project at the end of this class. You will make a face cloth using cotton yarn and you will practice correcting mistakes

Taught by Judy

Class fee: \$15

Limited to 8 participants

Materials:

2 skeins of cotton yarn in contrasting colors

Size 6 or 7 needles

Cotton little gifts work shop

Saturday April 10

11 am – 3 pm

Come and see a variety of small knit and crocheted items that are perfect for gifts. You can learn techniques and patterns from all of our instructors. We will have more information on the projects and cost soon.

Join a Knit along:

Great American Afghan KAL (knit along)

Saturday, March 13, March 27, April 10 and April 24

9:00 to 10:30 am

We are completing 2 squares each month. However, you can progress at your own speed and even though the KAL has started *you are welcome to join at any time*. We will have two meetings each month to go over the square, techniques and questions. We will also have a Yahoo group for those who are knitting the afghan. Stop by the shop to see the yarn for this project in Cascade 220 superwash (you can machine wash the afghan in this yarn) or in Ultra Alpaca.

\$5 per session.

Taught/led by Judy.

Great American Aran Afghan KAL (knit along)

Begins March 20

9 am to 10:30 am

The class limit is 8 but if enough people are interested we will have 2 class sessions. The class will have a Yahoo group where class notes and files will be posted and where class members can interact with each other between classes. We will start with one square each month. The instruction book includes 4 pillows and we will start on the easiest pillow. If you want to "test" the class before you commit to the afghan you can knit this pillow. *You can progress at any rate you wish and you can join later in the knit along if you wish. We are taking about a year to complete each afghan. The course includes notes for each square with hints and information about the techniques used.*

Taught/led by Judy

Start a Project:

Olympic Reindeer hat

Saturday, March 6

1 to 2:30 pm

Note: class will be offered again on Tuesday evening March 23

Do you like the reindeer hat that our olympic team wore at the opening ceremony? The Ralph Lauren hat originally sold for \$65. It is now sold out and is going for hundreds of dollars on Ebay. The solution? Knit your own. The original pattern can be found on ravelry but makes a very tall hat (you can see pictures on Raverly too). Judy has reworked the reindeer portion of the chart so the length of the hat is about 2 inches shorter and so the hat looks more like the original Ralph Lauren hat. You will learn how to create a knit in hat band and stranded color work.

Materials:

16" circular needle in size US 5 and 6

DPNs size 6 or 32-40" circular needles for magic loop

1 skein each Red, White and Blue yarn (cascade 220, cascade superwash, Berroco

Ultra Alpaca

Class limited to 8 students

Taught by Judy

Cost: \$20

Crab parts and Olympic Reindeer hat

Tuesday, March 23

5 pm to 8 pm

Did that get your attention? Crab parts are part of the Great American Afghan. You could knit a nifty beach pillow using this square which includes waves, sand, fish, a crab and a shell. The Reindeer hat is a repeat of the class that met on Saturday March 6 but students from the March 6 are welcome to come and get some help and knit along with the other hat knitters. See the class description on March 6 for materials and additional information.

Crab parts: free
Olympic hat \$15
Taught by Judy

Let's Knit a Saroyan Shawl

Saturday, April 17
11 am - 12:30 pm

The Saroyan Shawl (named after a character on the TV show "Bones") is a perfect quick knit for Spring. The shawl can be knit using any weight of yarn you choose, but is perfect in a lightweight silk or bamboo blend. In this class, Mandy will help you choose a yarn and take a look at the shawl construction. If you are new to working from charts, the lace chart in this pattern is a perfect place to start! After class you'll be well on your way to making a perfect Spring accessory!

Materials: Yarn of your choice for shawl and appropriate needles. Please download and print the pattern before you come to class. The pattern is available at:

<http://feministy.com/blog/saroyan/>

Limited to 8 participants

Class fee: \$15

Taught by Mandy

Crochet classes

Open Crochet

Mondays 6:30 to 8:30 pm. If you crochet this is your night. Bring your project to work on and to share. Beginning crocheters are welcome.

Crochet for knitters/beginning crochet

Tuesday April 27
6:30 to 8:00 pm

Learn the basic crochet stitches and how to use them in your knitted projects. Crochet can be used to create quick and attractive edging for sweaters, vests, blankets, shawls and other knitted items. You will learn how to chain, slipstitch, and single crochet. If you already know how to crochet you can refresh your skills and learn the crab stitch or backwards crocheting which creates a lovely textured edge. The class will also discuss all basic stitches and where and how they are used. If enough people are interested a second class will be offered to teach half double and double crochet. Who knows you might even like crochet!

Materials

Size I crochet hook and a ball of Encore or worsted weight yarn from your stash.

Limited to 8 participants

Class fee: \$15 each session

Taught by Judy