



SHALL WE KNIT?

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Toronto Knitters Frolic is very quickly approaching - April 29th & 30th. Check out their website for information on classes and the Sunday Social as well as a map of the vendors.
<http://frolic.torontoknittersguild.ca/about/>

The **Knitters Frolic Marketplace** is a fabulous one-day fibre lovers extravaganza. About 50 vendors from across Canada offer yarn, fibre and related goodies and notions. Meet with other fibre enthusiasts and be inspired!

Adult admission on Saturday is \$7.00. Cash only. Exact change is appreciated. Children under 12 are Free.

Note that workshop registration does not include admission to Marketplace.

Frolic Café - The Knitters Frolic Cafe is located at the far end of Heritage Court on the main floor level. Food and beverage service includes coffee, tea, soft drinks, water, juices, sandwiches, desserts, and snacks.

Prize Draw - Enter the draw for prizes! Proceeds of the Prize Draw support the programming costs of the Toronto Knitters Guild and the annual Knitters Frolic. Prizes will be on display.

Door Prize - All attendees are given a Door Prize Ballot upon admission. Complete your ballot and place it in the Door Prize Ballot Box opposite the Admission Desk. The draw will be made at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. If the winner is not present, he/she will be notified by email.

Yarn winding service - Have your purchases wound while you Frolic! This service is offered by Frolic volunteers with all proceeds donated to the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre in Toronto.

Dr. Knit Sessions - Knitting ills and ailments diagnosed and cured! Rent Dr. Knit for 15 minutes and get her expert advice.

No questions too simple, no problems too large! Sit down with Dr. Knit and discuss your questions one-on-one.

Hours 9:00 – 12, 1:30 – 4:30

\$5 per session with all proceeds to the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre.

Tips to Make the Most of your Frolic

- Exact change for the entrance fee is appreciated and speeds up the line.
- Bring cash and your credit card. There is no ATM on site. Some vendors only accept cash.
- Wear comfortable shoes. You will be walking a fair bit to see everything and to decide on your purchases
- There will be a café on site serving coffee and light snacks; take a break and enjoy yourself.



We will be in our usual booth in Heritage Court right next to the staircase. Stop by and see some of the special treats we got in just in time for Frolic.

One of the most beautiful things is the custom colourway that String Theory has dyed for us in our much loved Caper Yarn. We will also have a limited quantity of the Custom designed wedge knitting bags by Zigzagstitches.

We have all been madly knitting up some new samples to tempt you too – just in case you don't have enough ideas as it is – we can add to your list.

And don't forget to get one of our new buttons! Free!!

If you don't feel like driving to Toronto and want to avoid the hassle of parking – how about taking the KW Knitters Guild bus? Imagine – knitting time coming and going and seeing all the gorgeous things the others have bought on the return trip. Just imagine a big knitters show & tell©

<https://www.kwknittersguild.ca/news/20/>



10th Anniversary news – Our 1st Knitting Retreat!! What is better than spending time with knitters than spending time away from home with knitters – no food to prepare, no dishes to do, take a class, eat some decadent food, laugh a lot and knit all you want. No one

will ask you to put your knitting down all weekend.

November 17th – 19th We will have special guest teacher Kate Atherley wowing us with all her knitting expertise.

We also have a couple of other treats that are still in the works.

The theme of the weekend will be HANDS and we will be celebrating the publication of Kate's newest book on Mittens! Information & Registration info will be posted on our website May 1st!

SUMMER SHOP HOURS

(starting May 2ND)

Tuesday & Wednesday 11:00 – 5:30

Thursday 11:00 – 8:00

Friday 11:00 – 9:00

Saturday 10:00 – 4:00

Sunday & Monday CLOSED



Classes, Clubs, Events...

WWKIP (World Wide Knit in Public) & Yard Sale

Join us on Saturday, June 10th from 10 - 3 for a Knit in Public event & yard sale. For \$5 you can book 1/2 of a table or space of 1/2 a table (all spaces rentals will be going to Learning for Humanity).

Once you've reserved your space - start stash diving and find those pretty fibre related things that you just aren't in love with anymore. Bring your yarn, needles, fibre, fabric and set your own prices. This is your yard sale - we are only providing the space - you need to look after your own cash box and sales.

A FEW RULES

- no knit items to be sold - there are copyright issues
- all items from the yard sale will stay outside of the shop, we will have someone manning a table for holding things bought outside if you want to pop into the shop.

Guided Project Class

Tuesdays 11:30 – 12:30

as we go into warmer weather we need registration by Sat. shop close

The popular guided project class is perfect when you need help but can't wait for a special class and you need more than we can help with over the counter. This is dedicated time when you can sign up ahead of time, come with whatever project you are working on, and get help. You can pick a single project and get help with it each week along the way, or you are welcome to bring a new problem to each class and get help with something new each time. Guided Project class is a book as you go - you pay \$10 for an hour of guided time.

How to Steek with Erin

Thursday, May 4th 6:30 – 8:30 \$25

Homework will be required before class

Steeking is a traditional technique, often used in fair isle knitting, which allows a knitter to work continuously in the round. Once the knitting is complete, openings are created by cutting along a centre column of stitches. Steeking is often used to make cardigan fronts, armscyes, neck openings, pockets, and more.

In this class we'll practice steeking on a small project – a coffee cup cozy. We'll learn how to reinforce steek stitches, cut our knitting (gasp!), and neatly tuck in and tack down the edges on the wrong side to create a tidy facing. Lastly, we'll learn how to pick up stitches along the steeked edge. You'll go home with a finished coffee cup cozy, a badge of honour for bravery, and the skills necessary to steek your next sweater!

Fixing Your Mistakes! A KnitHow Class with

Lynne Sosnowski Thurs, May 11th 6:30 - 8:30 \$25

Homework will be required before class

There's nothing under earth and sky that will keep us from making mistakes, it's just part of human nature. But when it comes to knitting, there are lots of things we can do to prevent mistakes in the first place and then other tricks we can use to keep small mistakes from becoming big disasters.

This KnitHow class starts with learning how to read your knit fabric - we first brush up on how stitches should look and line up so we can prevent a mistake as we're knitting. We then look at pattern reading and understanding, so we can know what we're meant to do before we do it. We have lots of strategies to explore to help us stay on pattern. We will practice counting stitches and rows, and get a working understanding of gauge. Once we've done some actual knitting (please see homework requirements below), we will look at diagnosing our mistake, and we will talk about cosmetic versus structural remedies. Then we will work our way through fixes for the most common mistakes including: dropped stitch, slipped stitch, twisted stitch, accidental hole, split yarn, purl instead of knit and vice-versa. We will continue with "disaster management", including learning how to unknit small amounts as well as when and how to rip out sections of a piece.

Soxpertise with Kate Atherley

Friday, May 12th 2:00 – 5:00 \$50

Ok, you've worked a few socks, now it's time to expand your skills a bit. In this class you'll learn how to tweak a sock for better fit, including adding a gusset to the toe-up sock and creating leg shaping. We'll address the tricky bits like how to avoid holes at the top of your heel, how to get a tidy gusset pick up, and special cast-ons and cast offs. We'll talk about both toe up and top down socks, and discuss different heel and toe constructions – and when to choose one over another. We'll talk about the best yarns for sock knitting, and we'll provide tips for ensuring your hand-knit socks last as long as possible.

Intro to Tech Editing with Kate Atherley

Friday, May 12th 6:00 – 9:00 \$50

Interested in what a technical editor does? Looking for ways to become a better pattern writer and teacher? The technical editor is a vital part of the pattern publication process, helping designers turn their notes and outlines into patterns ready for publication. Training in technical editing also enhances your understanding of how patterns work and how to read and write them – hugely valuable skills for knitting teachers and designers.

This introductory-level session gets you started down the path. We'll explain the role of the technical editor in the pattern development and publication process. We'll dive deep into the different types of reviews required: language, numbers and usability. And we'll explain the value of the pattern style sheet: what it includes, how to establish one, and how to edit a pattern to meet specific requirements.

We'll also talk about concrete ways to start your business and gain experience as an editor. **As a special tie-in with the class, anyone that takes this class can buy Kate's Guide to Writing Knitting Patterns at 20% off.

Continental Knitting with Kate Atherley

Saturday, May 13th 10:00 – 12:00 \$40

Skill level: advanced beginner and beyond

Want to knit faster? Are you ready to tackle colourwork?

Knitting continental style - with the yarn in your left hand rather than right - is the key to speed, and also helps you enormously with colourwork. Suitable for knitters who are confident with knit and purl stitch.

Fixing Lace Mistakes with Kate Atherley

Saturday, May 13th 1:00 – 3:00 \$40

For knitters who have successfully worked one or two lace patterns, this class focuses on building lace knitting confidence and skills with a focus on fixing mistakes. Through hands-on practice, we'll demonstrate how to deal with missing or misplaced yarnovers, incorrect or misplaced decreases, and messed up patterns. We'll also discuss mistake prevention: the use of the lifeline, how to keep track of your progress on your pattern, and tips for ensuring you stay on track.

Ravelry Roadmap with Janelle

DAYTIME Tuesday, May 16th 1:00 – 3:00 \$25

OR Thursday, May 25th 6:30 – 8:30 \$25

Suitable for anyone

New to Ravelry and wondering what all the fuss is about?

Have an account but not sure how to make the most of it?

Janelle will guide you on a tour of Ravelry, providing you with a "road map" through the features and benefits of this essential site. This workshop will introduce you to the main features of the site such as forums, groups, "friends," adding projects and stash, and using the advanced search features to figure out just what you can do with those leftovers or impulse purchases in your stash. Bring a laptop/tablet and digital photos of your stash (optional) for a hands-on experience.

Toe-up socks on 2 circulars with Lynne

Thursday, May 25th & June 8th 6:30 – 8:30 \$50

Skill Level: Advanced-Beginner/Intermediate

Learn how to make the most of your sock yarn by starting your socks at the toes, and knitting up until you run out of yarn! We will start with a seamless toe made with a Turkish cast-on. In the second class we will work through a wrap-and-turn heel and options for casting off a stretchy sock cuff. We'll discuss sizing socks and making adaptations for different fit issues.

This class is suitable for beginner sock knitters, provided they have some experience knitting in the round. The "two-circular method" will be used for our socks, but no previous experience with this method is necessary.

Students must be able to knit and purl confidently and without assistance, and should have some familiarity with basic increases and decreases.



Don't forget that as we are going into warmer temperatures we don't book as many classes. We know how hard it is to resist the pull of the outdoors on those lovely Spring days. So if you would like a class and don't see it on our schedule please let us know!

We have a few options :

- You can book a private class with most of our teachers at a time that works for both you and the teacher \$20/hr
- For some classes at normal class rates we have 3 students as a minimum – so how about finding a few friends and have a class just for you?
- We can add your name to a wait list for a particular class and when we get enough names we can book a class
- Don't forget Tuesday mornings 11:30 – 12:30 are project class. Register by Saturday 4:00 \$10/hr and everyone works on individual projects with a teacher to calm the knitting waters.

Closet Sale Dates

April 18th – 22nd

May 16th – 20th

June 20th – 23rd

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Workshops



Frollic Spring Social

- Yarn & Fibre Marketplace: Saturday, April 29 only
- Workshops: Saturday, April 29 & Sunday, April 30
- The Frollic Spring Social: Sunday, April 30 1pm-4pm

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