



SHALL WE KNIT?

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Well it certainly is a good winter for knitters! Either it's been crazy cold or else it's grey and raining but whatever it is doing outside there is always knitting. I have been bouncing

between a cowl in Blue Sky Woolstok knit doubled with Shibui Silk Cloud and then there is Kate Atherleys Noether shawl in Koigu lace with beads and then there is Bristol Ivys Sammen shawl that I started last year with her mystery KAL. I'm not usually a fan of mystery KALs but I'm always a fan of designs by Bristol Ivy so I signed up and will finally finish it this week. I'm also puttering away on Sally Melvilles Back Split vest in 5 shades of grey. But when I get a couple of these things done - whats next?? Nope I don't have an issue...do I??

We've been totally smitten with the Shibui samples we have. Shibui patterns are simple with a twist. I want to make so many of their designs and the best part is that there are so many options and combinations of their yarns to make a unique piece just for you.

We are getting very excited about the classes coming up around the shop and even plans for our next Retreat. Kate Atherley is coming back to teach the weekend of April 13th & 14th and she will be teaching 4 classes - take a look and see what we can tempt you with.

Lynne is starting another session of **Building Skills with Afghan Squares** on Feb. 14th. Lynne has taught this class to around 70 students and is ready to get the next group of students increasing their knitting skills. Each month a different stitch is taught as well as how to read patterns, fixing simple mistakes and how to read your knitting. At the end of the year you have enough squares to make a throw. And Lynne even teaches you how to seam them together. Is it time for you to join?

And if you are one of the many students that have taken the Squares class with Lynne, would you be interested in sending us a picture of your finished throw that we could add to our class page?



WINTER SALE 20% OFF ALL YARNS FEBRUARY 26TH - MARCH 1ST



We had such a great time at our Knitters Retreat at the Elmhurst in Ingersoll. We had a wonderful group of ladies and Lynne & Janelle taught some amazing classes. AND we are already planning our next Retreat.

Mark the weekend of September 27th – 29th on your calendar for a weekend of classes with Bristol Ivy.

All information will be posted soon

An assortment of modern, elegant silhouettes with unique detailing for garments of lasting style



We have been privileged to have a Shibui trunk show for our knitting retreat at the Elmhurst and we have the pieces a bit longer in the shop to share the beauty. Join us at the shop and see some of the beautiful patterns knit up in the luscious Shibui yarns. If you haven't experienced the pleasure of knitting with Shibui this will be a great chance to see and fondle how these yarns knit up.



Classes, workshops, help...

Guided Project Class with Erin

Every Tuesday 11:30 - 12:30 \$10 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.



Next Steps in Lace - a Mystery Shawl KAL with Janelle

1st Class Thurs, Jan. 17th 6:30 - 8:00 and once/mo
***it's not too late you can still join!

A new skills building club and a mystery shawl! Building on the lace knitting skills gained in the "Building with Lace" club, this new shawl (rectangular stole) introduces knitters to the beauty of Bavarian and Japanese lace patterns. Club members will meet each month and receive the next part of the shawl design, a week before it is available to online subscribers.

Meet once-a-month for seven months, from January to July. Each class builds on the lace skills learned in the previous month. By the end you'll have a stunning shawl to wear with pride. We work through skills including pattern reading, swatching, working with lace charts, knitting lace, Japanese stitches, Bavarian stitches, Kitchener stitch in pattern, and blocking. Additional techniques include cables, twisted stitches, raised stitches, knitting with beads, and an introduction to some advanced lace knitting techniques.

At only \$15 per session, plus a one-time purchase of the pattern at \$7.50, this is an affordable way to build your lace knitting chops. We do ask that you purchase your shawl yarn at Shall We Knit?

***if all classes are paid prior to first class you will receive a ball of Cascade Superwash to use for your class swatching.

SHOP HOURS

Tues. & Wed. 10:00 - 5:30

Thurs. 10:00 - 8:00

Fri. 10:00 - 9:00

Sat. 10:00 - 4:00

Sun. & Mon. CLOSED

Skill Building with Afghan Squares 2019 with Lynne

Starting Feb. 14th 6:30 - 8:30

\$15/month or pay in advance and get year for \$165 We've changed the name from our tongue-in-cheek "Square Dancing" but the content remains the same: this class is a once-a-month meeting for a year - once you're signed up you can attend as many or as few as you need. The class is a great way to improve your skills with only a small amount of knitting - a block - each month, and at the end of the year you have an afghan. We work through skills including pattern reading, swatching, basic charts, seaming, and blocking. And we learn how to do simple patterns of purls & knits as well as cables, slippedstitches, mock cables, increases & decreases and even lace! Another bonus of this class is that it is priced lower than our regular class cost. Only \$15 per session, plus a onetime purchase of a pattern book at \$21.50, it's a small investment in building your knitting repertoire. We do ask that you purchase your afghan yarn at Shall We Knit? Approximately 7 skeins of Cascade 220 or an equivalent are needed, and we will hold your yarn for you and allow you to purchase it as you use it. 2019 will be our seventh year offering this class - dozens of students have taken part already.

Beginner Brioche with Erin

Sat. Feb. 16th 10:00 - 12:00 \$30

The shawl pattern "Lemon Difficult" by Kate Atherley is included in the price of the class.

Level: Intermediate (you know how to cast on, knit, and purl comfortably)

Brioche knitting produces a beautiful lofty, cushy, double layer of fabric that is reversible. The stitch is surprisingly easy yet intriguing to knit - it's rhythmic, but with just enough going on to keep it interesting. In this class we'll learn how to work two colour brioche while making a shawl. We'll cover brioche knit ("bark") and brioche purl ("burp") stitches, how to read brioche patterns, and how to work with two colours. We'll also go over some important tips for keeping your knitting sorted out and on track.

Thrummed Mitts with Erin

Sat. Feb. 16th 1:00 - 3:00

Skills needed: comfortable knitting in the round
Thrummed mittens originate from Newfoundland and Labrador where they know what cold winters are! "Thrumming" is a technique in which bits of wool roving are knitted into the mitten to create an inner lining that, with wear and use, will felt into an insulating layer making the mitten more windproof. In this class we'll learn how to make thrums and how to knit them securely into mittens. Pattern included with class (women's size). Here's to toasty warm hands this winter!



An RMT is in the House with Joanne

Thurs. Feb. 21st 6:30 - 8:00 \$10 class fee will be donated to Learning for Humanity

We as knitters open ourselves up to

various shoulder, neck and arm issues. Even the best posture that we adopt along with the length of time we sit knitting does open us up to injury later down the road.

- Carpal Tunnel
- Tendinitis at the elbow
- Headaches
- Tingling into the hand or weak feeling grip

During this 1.5-hour class you will learn how to identify if you are having issues with your neck, shoulders and arms. If you are not having issues now, we will talk about what to watch for, so recovery time will be shortened when issues arise. We will talk about proper posture. I will teach you some simple self massage techniques and stretches for your forearms to help keep issues at bay. AND as always, I am available to answer any of your questions. Join us for a fun, informative class that could lengthen your knitting obsession.

Beginner Knitting with Kerry

Sat. Feb. 23rd. 1:00 - 3:00 \$40 includes materials

Want to learn to knit, but don't know where to start? This is the class for you! In this class, you'll learn the very basics of knitting: casting on, the knit stitch, the purl stitch, and binding off. No prior experience needed.

Beginner Knitting Part 2 with Kerry

Sat. Mar. 2nd 1:00 - 3:00 \$25 plus materials

Skill Level: Just past beginner

This class is for beginners with a bit of experience: I'll assume you know how to cast on, knit, purl, and bind off, but if you need a bit of practice that's fine - I'll review these at the start of class.

What I teach for the rest of the class depends on the interests of the students. Potential topics include increasing/decreasing, fixing mistakes, circular knitting, reading a pattern, finishing a project, etc. So bring your questions and any projects you're working on!

Toe-Up Socks with Lynne

Sat. Mar. 23rd & Apr. 6th 2:00 - 4:00

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-circulars 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.

CustomFit Basics with Lynne

Sat. Mar. 23rd 10:00 - 1:00 \$25

We've all had experience with buying garments that don't fit us perfectly, where something has to compromise. If your sweaters always have sleeves that are too long, you internalize the message that your arms are too short! Of course, the problem is that the sweater's arms are too long ... for you. In this class we begin with you, by taking several very detailed measurements (discreetly, we assure you). The sweaters we go on to make are individual, and customized to your very own shape. In our basic class we review the sometimes dreaded concept of gauge and how Custom Fit works with your own needles and fabric, without needing to match a pattern gauge! We'll talk about what Custom Fit can (and cannot) do, discuss yarn choices and fabric characteristics, how to swatch effectively, and the sort of style choices available with CF sweaters. Students will leave with information on selecting yarn and pattern, and what stage to work towards for that perfect sweater.

Pockets with Lynne

Sat. April 6th 10:00 - 12:30

More information coming soon but check out Lynne's new Portable Holes pattern on Ravelry

No-Pattern Custom Fit Hats with Kate Atherley

Sat. April 13th 9:30 - 12:30 \$50

Make a hat for any head, with any yarn in your stash. We'll teach you how to work a top-down hat to fit any head, without a swatch! We'll show you how to customize the style and fit - work to the length you want, make it slouchy or fitted, fold-over cuff or beanie-style, add custom ribbings and cuff patterns, work with different colours. Whether you want to make a quick gift or use up your stash, or free yourself from patterns, this class will make you a better and more powerful hat knitter.

Short Row Savvy with Kate Atherley

Sat. April 13th

1:30 - 3:30 \$50 skill level: advanced beginner/intermediate length Different methods: wrap & turn, German, Japanese, shadow, and yarnover. Discusses the pros and cons of each, and how to substitute one for the other.

Baby Surprise Jacket with Kate Atherley

Sun. April 14th 9:30 - 12:30 \$50 Elizabeth Zimmerman's Baby Surprise Jacket This legendary garment design is a highly unusual construction, made more challenging by the rather unconventional style of pattern instruction; this project builds many skills, including increasing, decreasing and picking up stitches, and provides an introduction to seaming

Introduction to Colourwork with Kate Atherley

Sun. April 14th 1:30 - 3:30 \$50

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner

Introduction to Colorwork: Stranded, Intarsia & Slip Stitch Through swatching, an exploration of different methods for working with more than one color. Also covers yarn choice and the importance of blocking.