



SHALL WE KNIT?

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Last weekend was the time change and it is so nice to be going home from work in sunshine! What a difference! Now if some of that ice on the paths will just melt Teddy and I can start venturing a little further in our walks.

Teddy loves the snow (it smells so wonderful he says) but we don't get very far in the cold weather cause I'm a real winter wimp. My rubber boots and umbrella are all set for what's coming soon though.

But while we are waiting for Spring to show up, we are starting to plan for the Toronto Knitters Frolic on Saturday, April 27th. Are you going? Our local guild usually has a bus going down. What a great way to travel - all those other knitters and no traffic to deal with as you knit away. And from what I hear, the return trip is a lot of show & tell.

But even before that we have Kate Atherley coming back to teach 4 classes. One class is already sold out and a couple more are close so don't procrastinate if you are pondering taking a class. And really why would you ponder?? Classes are always wonderful and Kate is wonderful so a class with Kate is amazing!!

Around the shop it's exciting as new Spring yarns are starting to show up. But how many things can I knit at once? Obviously I haven't found that number yet as I cast on more.



A Shall We Knit? Retreat with Bristol Ivy September 27th - 29th, 2019

**Registration and class information
will go live on the website March 16th**

Single room \$775 (+hst) **there are only a few single rooms
Double room \$600 each (+hst) (we can find you a friend if needed)

Pay the \$88.50(+hst) deposit to hold your spot. Deposit refundable until July 1st.

Balance must be paid by July 31st

There are only a few single rooms available!

Bristol Ivy is a knitting designer, teacher, and author from Portland, Maine. Her work has been published with PomPom Magazine, Quince & Co., Making Magazine, and her own eponymous pattern line. She has taught at such events as Squam Art Workshops, Edinburgh Yarn Festival, and Vogue Knitting Live, as well as yarn shops worldwide. Her recent book, Knitting Outside the Box with PomPom Press, explores her lifelong commitment to breaking rules and finding beauty in unexpected places. When not knitting, she's sewing, running, watching far too many British murder mysteries, and baking a mean loaf of oatmeal honey bread.

Find her online at bristolivy.com and on Instagram and Twitter as @bristolivy.

Join us for a fun weekend away, surrounded by fellow knitters who share the same joy in stitching, in a peaceful and luxurious environment. No cooking, no chores, no children - just a couple of days of stimulating classes, excellent meals, optional spa treatments, a pop-up shop filled with goodies (and exclusives!), and fun in good company.

<https://shallweknit.ca/the-store.php#!/2019-Retreat-with-Bristol-Ivy-Elmhurst-Inn-Ingessoll-Single-room/p/132965369/category=29057087>

Dates to mark on your calendar

Kate Atherley is in the shop - April 13th & 14th

April Sales Closet - April 16th - 20th

Toronto Knitters Frolic - Saturday, April 27th

LYS Day - Saturday, April 27th

Knit in Public & fibre yard sales - Saturday, June 8th

Shop closed for Holidays - July 30th - August 3rd



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

We now have the privilege to have 2 Shibui trunk shows for a short time on display in the shop. Pop into 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.

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.



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.



An RMT is in the House with Joanne

Thurs. March 28th 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.

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, slipped stitches, 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.

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.

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.

Thanks, it has pockets with Lynne

Sat. April 6th 10:00 - 12:30 \$40

Hand-knitting allows us so much choice in making sweaters - finding the just-right yarn, choosing the fit and style, and customizing the features and fittings to be just what we want. Ladies' ready-to-wear garments have been sorely lacking in pockets since the dawn of fabric, so this class for sweaters and accessories will present seven ways to work POCKETS with fashion and function in mind.

Students will see a presentation on the methods used and the pros and cons of each, and then will have an opportunity to work an afterthought pocket in class. In order to be able to participate, there is a small amount of homework involved prior to class.

And be sure to 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 FULL

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.

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