

# SHALL WE KNIT?

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It's sweater season (or almost) - are you a sweater knitter? Or are you one of the many people that we talk to regularly that are afraid of sweaters?

We do a lot of classes at the shop and a lot of them will help you to build a better sweater. The right sweater is a combination of many components - the right yarn, the right tension, the right size for the right pattern and then there is proper finishing.

This Fall is your time! Let us help you to make the perfect sweater. Starting October 9<sup>th</sup> Lynne is teaching a 3 part class on a transitional weather sweater. One of our newest classes is Plyground and in this class you can create your perfect yarn. Then maybe it's time to take the CustomFit class with Lynne. CustomFit is an amazing program designed by Amy Herzog. You create a swatch to a tension that YOU like - not that a yarn company or designer has decided that yarn should be. Then with your personal CustomFit measurements we help you create your own pattern to make YOUR perfect sweater. And Janelle is teaching a class on that final piece to make the perfect sweater - the edgings.

And if you are still afraid of that sweater the thing that makes us a braver knitter is to figure out how to fix our mistakes - and we have a class for that. So what is stopping you? Lets make ALL the sweaters this Fall!

AND don't forget to join on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Woodstock Fleece Festival.

<https://fleecefestival.com/>



## Koigu Road Trip and Dye class

Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> \$120 includes dye class and materials and catered lunch. (travel expenses will be separate)

Join us as we travel up to Chatsworth and the home of Koigu. Taiu is going to lead us through a dye class and share some of her wisdom and secrets of colours. And then you can shop the wonders of our favourite yarn. Want to see some of those amazing samples you've only seen online? Koigu has a full wall just of samples!!!!

**NEW!! We are trying a day time Knit & Chat - bring your knitting or crochet or spinning or...on Wednesdays in October 10:30 - 12:30**

## No-Pattern Custom Fit Hats with Kate Atherley

Saturday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30 - 12:30 \$60

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.

\*\*Suitable for knitters who have experience working in the round.

## Intro to Top Down Seamless Knitting with Kate

Saturday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 1:30 - 4:30 \$60

The top-down one-piece garment construction is very popular, particularly for babies' and kids' garments. This class takes you through the process of working a complete mini-sweater project, building all the skills and techniques you need to successfully work any such design, whether for kids or adults. A baby-sized sweater pattern is included in the class.

\*\*beginner: knitters need to be able to cast on, knit and bind off, no garment experience required; also suitable for more experienced knitters who have never tackled this type of pattern before.

## Next Steps in Brioche with Kate Atherley

Sunday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 9:30 - 12:30 \$60

skill level: intermediate

For knitters with a little **bit of experience** with Brioche knitting, this class will get you started on more complex patterns, starting with Kate's "Omnishambles" patterned brioche scarf.

The session focuses on building skills and confidence with the technique. We'll talk about working increase and decreases, tidy edges, and fixing mistakes. Along the way we'll share a few tips for making the process easier and more fun.

### Colourwork Christmas Ornaments with Kate

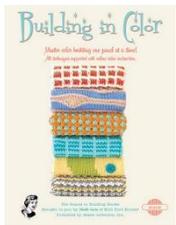
Sunday, Oct. 6th 1:30 - 4:30 \$60

Get ready for the holiday season and expand your knitting skills with this fun festive project. Quick-to-knit, these little decorations provide an excellent way to learn colourwork techniques, use up leftovers, and dip your toe into design. We'll provide patterns and also templates and ideas for designing your own. If you have a particular colorwork pattern you love, bring it to class and I'll show you how to adapt it and incorporate it into your one-of-a-kind design.  
**skill level:** knitters need to know how to work in the round, but colourwork experienced not required

### Guided Project Class with Erin

Every other 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.



### Building in Color with Erin

Starting Thursday, Sept. 12th 6:30-8:30 and every 2nd Thursday of the month until June

\$15 per session, plus a \$21.50 pattern book

\*\*\*if all classes are paid prior to first class you will get your book for free

Learn to expertly manage multiple colors while creating a gorgeous sampler afghan. If you loved Building Blocks, then this follow-up book is for you! Many of the designs are timeless favorites, some are original creations, and ALL of them are deliciously fun!

10 colorwork panels combine to make this blanket. We do ask that you purchase your afghan yarn at Shall We Knit? Approximately 4 skeins of 3 different colours of Cascade 220, Vintage or an equivalent are needed.

### Beginner Brioche with Erin

Thursday, Sept. 26th 6:30 - 8:30

\$35 The cowl pattern "Opportunity Straightforward" by Kate Atherley is included in the price of the class. Level: Advanced Beginner (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 cowl. 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.

### Basic Fingerless Mitts with Lynne

Saturday, Sept. 28th & October 5th 10:30 - 12:30

\$55 INCLUDES PATTERN

\*\*\*this class will be making the fingerless mitts Mitts are one of those great projects that knit up quickly enough to make great gifts out of a small amount of yarn. In this class we will knit a baby-sized mitten in worsted weight wool, to learn all the parts of mitten anatomy with less knitting than an adult mitten. (Students will also receive a pattern for ladies' mittens and are guided to make an adult mitten as homework.)

Techniques taught will include casting on and knitting in the round (using either dpns or two circulars), gusset shaping, picking up a thumb, and proper cast off.

Students must be able to knit and purl independently, to distinguish knit and purl stitches in their fabric, and should have some familiarity with basic knitting terms

### Toe-Up Socks with Lynne

Saturday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> & Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 1:30 - 3:30 \$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-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.

### Learn to Knit with Erin

Tuesday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> or Thursday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 11:30 - 12:30

\$40 class price includes materials

Skill Level: Beginner

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.

### Bag-Along with Beth & Erin

Wednesday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:30 - 12:30 \$25

Help reduce single use plastic at the grocery store and market by knitting or crocheting your own reusable produce bags. These bags are ultra-light weight, have handles for tying, and are stretchy enough to fit a surprisingly large amount of produce. Stitch up one or two, or a whole dozen - they make great gifts too!

This class will include a knit and a crochet version so you can stitch along on whichever craft you're comfortable with, or both if you're multi-crafty!

Requirements: Comfortable knitting OR crocheting in the round.

### Fixing Your Mistakes! A KnitHow Class with Lynne Sosnowski

Thursday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30 - 8:30 \$30

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 on website), 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.

### Transitional Weather Knit-A-Long!

#### A KnitHow Project with Lynne

Wednesday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> & Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> 1:30 - 3:30  
Cost for the KAL is \$65, includes 3 sessions and your pattern; class size is limited to 14 students.

Preference will be given to students who wish to register and pre-pay for the entire KAL; spaces may then be available to anyone who wants to take a single lesson at a cost of \$25 each. ([check](#) listing on class page online) If you haven't yet made a garment, or you want some guidance through any of the featured projects, this is a great plan to tackle a simple first wearable project. Our Transitional Weather KAL group will meet 3 Wednesdays at 1:30. We've pulled together a list of garments we recommend for this KAL, or you can choose to make a Custom Fit project if you have experience with CF.

#### Ravelry Roadmap with Janelle

Wed. Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 2:00 - 4:00

OR Thurs. Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30 - 8:30

OR Saturday, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:30 - 3:30  
suitable for anyone \$25

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.

#### Where does this end? with Janelle

Saturday, Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 1:30 - 3:30 \$25

You've knit the sweater pieces and sewn it together but now what? We have many different edge treatment options that allow us to customize our sweater. This class focuses on the edges of our sweater to finish them - edge treatments, sweater bands and collars. The presentation explains choices that need to be made during the planning of your sweater and those which can be delayed. Student will have the opportunity to practice picking up stitches and work several types of applied edgings. In order to be able to participate, there is a small amount of homework involved prior to class.

### The Plyground with Lynne

Wednesday, Oct. 23rd 6:30 - 8:30

\$20 with included light refreshment

Suitable for any level knitters

We're pleased to announce a new, regular offering coming to Shall We Knit? called "The Plyground", a series of events where stitchers get to enjoy yarn-tasting playtime. At each Plyground session you'll get to sample several yarns, and then explore the possibilities offered by those yarns held together. By using yarns held together, we get to borrow the properties of each strand, and build fabric that offers all the benefits of each yarn alone. These "additive" yarns also allow us to make a denser fabric, use a larger needle, and sometimes accomplish projects a bit faster than with fine yarns alone. In essence, you get the chance to build your own custom yarn.

There's no homework needed, and an easy skill-set: you need to be able to cast-on, and knit and purl comfortably. The Plyground is a great sociable event where we play and talk about that thing we all love: yarn.

The yarns featured at each event will be announced a week or so prior, and we'll have accessory and garment suggestions to offer as part of our Plytime. Attendees will also get a special 15% discount to be used the night of the event (some restrictions apply), and there will occasionally be prize draws or other yarn-y treats.

There will only be 8 spots at each event, so sign up soon!

### CustomFit Cardy class with Lynne

Thurs. Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

\$100 includes a CustomFit measurement and a CF pattern

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 first 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 the second class.

The second class follows soon after the first, covering pattern reading - including the mysteries of "keeping pattern correct" and "at the same time", the order of sweater construction, where and how to work increases and decreases, and an overview of shaping in pattern stitches. Students will leave armed with the information they need to knit their sweater pieces.

Class three comes many weeks later, allowing time for students to finish some or all of their sweater pieces. We'll look at blocking and "dressing" your knits, as well as the seaming methods used for shoulders, sleeves and side seams and darning in ends.

The last class looks at picking up stitches for bands and necklines, and addresses options in finishing treatments. We'll cover a couple of methods for working buttonholes, and will also discuss pockets, necklines and collars, and added-on edges.

You'll end with a completed, wardrobe staple Custom Fit sweater.

### COMING THIS FALL

**Woodstock Fleece Festival**  
**Sat, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Kate Atherley**  
**teaching 4 classes**  
**October 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>**

### **HOURS**

**Tuesday 10:00 - 5:30**  
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**Thursday 10:00 - 8:00**  
**Friday 10:00 - 9:00**  
**Saturday 10:00 - 4:00**  
**Sunday & Monday Closed**

