



SHALL WE KNIT?

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It's that time of year. We've changed our clocks back, the evenings are dark early and we've had our first snowfall, that means it's time to cast on all the warm woollies! People have been popping into the shop to get the materials to start hats, mitts, sweaters and even some dog sweaters. Maybe I should finish that sweater I started for Teddy last winter??

Do you knit yourself sweaters or just knit them for others? There is nothing like the sense of accomplishment you feel when you put on a sweater that you made yourself. And with the wonders of Ravelry we have access to so many different patterns. Did you know we have regular classes on using Ravelry? So many of us use such a small part of Ravelry but Janelle will show you so much more. She will be teaching a class on Saturday, November 2nd.

And if you want to make that perfect fitting sweater we have just the class for you - CustomFit Cardi 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.

Winter is coming with lots of dark evenings and cold weather - is it time to start a sweater?

NEW!! We are trying a day time Knit & Chat - bring your knitting or crochet or spinning or...on Wednesdays 10:30 - 12:30 - What could be better than hanging out with other fibre fanatics and ignoring chores.

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Rescue an Under-Appreciated Finished Object!

Despite all the resolutions, the admonishments, the I've-got-this-under-control's, many knitters still produce them - amazing Finished Objects that we just don't love. Instead of eyeing them ruefully as they pile up in the corners, we gather them up and put them up for sale to raise funds for Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region (<http://www.wcswr.org/>).

Starting Tuesday, November 19th and until Dec 21st, all the delightful objects (sweaters, cowls, scarves, socks and more) collected will be available to be appreciated and purchased at Shall We Knit? during regular shop hours. Bring your shopping buddies. Heck, if you decide it's a perfect Christmas present for someone on your list, we promise not to tell that it's not your own creation.

REGULAR HOURS

Tuesday 10:00 - 5:30

Wednesday 10:00 - 5:30

Thursday 10:00 - 8:00

Friday 10:00 - 9:00

Saturday 10:00 - 4:00

Sunday & Monday Closed



CHRISTMAS HOURS

CLOSED December 22nd - 26th
CLOSED Wednesday, January 1st

CustomFit Cardy class with Lynne

Thurs. Nov. 7th, Wed. Nov. 20th, Jan. 16th & 30th
\$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.

Ravelry Roadmap with Janelle

Saturday, Nov 9th 1:30 - 3:30 \$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.

Make or Break Garment Skills with Kate Atherley

Saturday, November 16th 9:30 - 12:30
\$60



Knitting patterns can be quite vague, sweater patterns most of all. This class is all about helping you manage some of the more challenging parts of garment knitting. We'll talk about the key decision to make before you begin: choosing which size to make. We'll review key finishing tasks: blocking, seaming, setting in sleeves, and picking up neckline stitches. And we'll share tips for dealing with vague and unclear instructions. There is homework for this class; in addition, please bring any garment patterns or projects you need help with.

Two Socks, Magic Loop, side by side With Kate Atherley

Saturday, November 16th 1:30 - 4:30 \$60

This class teaches how to knit two socks at the same time on magic loop. We'll discuss both top-down and top-up techniques. A nice addition to the sock-knitter's toolkit, this technique helps banish Second Sock Syndrome and ensures that your pair matches exactly. Students must have knitted at least one pair of socks but need not have experience working with circular needles for sock knitting

Stranded Colourwork for Beginners - Cherry Fizz Hat with Kate Atherley

Sunday, November 17th 10:00 - 12:00 \$60

This class will teach you everything you need to know to be a confident Fair Isle knitter, and get you well on your way to making this wonderful hat project. It looks gratifyingly complicated, but is remarkably simple: the patterning is designed specifically to be easy for even the newest color knitter. You'll master reading the patterns and charts, and working with multiple colours - both one-handed and two-handed methods, both in-the-round and flat.

We work through a mini hat, enabling the knitter to learn all the key skills: corrugated ribbing, reading the charts for and working the color pattern, and decreasing in the pattern.

Intro to Slip-Stitch Colourwork with Kate Atherley

Sunday, November 17th 1:00 - 3:00 \$60

lip-stitch colourwork is a less-known but amazingly easy method for working with multiple colours. If you want to dip your toe into colourwork, but aren't sure where to start, this is a great way to begin.

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.

Learn to Knit with Erin

Tuesday, November 26th 2:00 - 4:00
OR Saturday, January 11th 10:00 - 12:00
\$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.

Learn to Crochet with Erin

Saturday, January 11th 1:00 - 3:00
This class is for absolute beginners or those working on basic skills. We'll start at the very beginning (a very good place to start) and cover all the basics - from how to hold your hook and tension yarn, to making your very first crochet stitch. Crochet hook, yarn, and a simple washcloth pattern are included in the class.
Materials: please bring a pen or pencil to take notes

The Plyground with Lynne

Saturday, January 18th 1:00 - 3:00
\$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!