

SHALL WE KNIT?

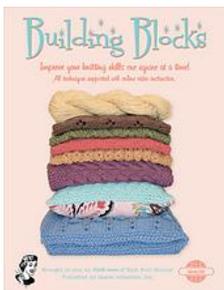
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It's that time of year again. Days are shorter, nights are longer, it's cold out there - which all points to KNITTING WEATHER!!! Well it's always knitting weather around here but doesn't this time of year just make you want to cast on all the warm things? Do you knit or crochet as gifts at Christmas? This year I limited myself so I wouldn't

be doing those crazy late night marathons - we have had a "few" of those over the years. I have one sweater on the needles and a couple of hats for the small grand-kids. The big grand-kids and their Moms have told me they have enough hats, mitts, cowls to warm a small army.

So having stress free (almost) knitting time is making me ponder all the New Year cast ons. After the holidays a few of us around here plan a totally selfish cast on - I haven't narrowed it down yet - but I'm also looking at some projects that have been in hibernation for a while. I still love them but just haven't had the time, maybe it's time for a reunion.



PICTURES NEEDED!

If you have previously attended the Skill Building with Afghan Squares class or the Square Dancing class with Lynne in previous years we need your help. If you are able to take a picture of your finished afghan we would love to be able to add

it to the class listing for the next session starting in January. Last week we graduated our 8th (or was it our 9th) group of students to finish their afghans. So that means there should be lots of pictures to share.

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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/>).

Running 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.

**REMINDER FOR LAST MINUTE SHOPPERS -
WE ARE CLOSED CHRISTMAS EVE DAY**

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

Pattern Sale
All instock single leaflet patterns
Buy 1 - Get 1 Free
December 12th - January 11th

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. As well as our usual Friday evening Knit & Chat from 7:00 - 9:00

Skill Building with Afghan Squares with Lynne

A NEW CLASS WILL BE STARTING January 23rd, 2020
6:30-8:30 pm for the first night.

All other classes will be 6:30 - 8:00

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 one-time 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. 2017 will be our fifth year offering this class - dozens of students have taken part already. Stop into the shop and have a look at some of the squares to see what you can also learn to do.

***if all classes are paid prior to first class you will get a discounted price - basically one class free

Learn to Knit with Erin

Saturday, January 11th 10:00 - 12:00

\$40 class price 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.

Learn to Crochet with Erin

Saturday, January 11th 1:00 - 3:00

\$35 incl. materials

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

Basic Mittens with Lynne

Saturday, January 11th & 25th 10:00 - 12:30

\$55 INCLUDES PATTERN

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 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. There will be homework to be completed between the classes.

Toe-up Socks on 2 Circulars with Lynne

Saturday, January 11th & 25th 1:30 - 3:30

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.

Intro to Ravelry Roadmap with Janelle

Thursday, January 16th 1:30 - 3:30 \$25

OR Thursday, January 30th 6:30 - 8:30 \$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.

*** you need to have an account set up before coming and know what your password is and you can bring a device if you want to "play along"

Starter Lace! A KnitHow Class with Lynne

Sat, January 18th & February 1st 10:00 - 12:00 \$50

Join us for a custom designed lace class with Lynne. This is a starter lace project using the building blocks of lace - knit, purl, decreases and yarn overs - chosen so that you can learn all the best practices of lace knitting.

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!

More Ravelry Roadmap with Janelle

Saturday, February 8th 1:30 - 3:30 \$25

Ravelry has become an integral part of knitter's and crocheter's lives. Whether you're an occasional user or a daily power user, there are many tools and tricks to enhance your use. This workshop will focus on using the advanced search tools, bundles, forums, and time for specific usage questions. Bring some photos of your stash and projects and lists of books/magazines you own, along with your laptop, for hands-on practice during the class.

Your class experience will be enhanced if you bring a device (laptop, tablet or phone) to connect to Ravelry. And you should know your password and log in.

***you do not need to be proficient in Ravelry to take this class but should understand the basics

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