



SHALL WE KNIT?

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Happy February! I know the snow keeps disappearing, but we aren't done with the snow yet (and that makes Teddy very happy - snow smells wonderful he says). There is still time to knock off a couple of bulky cowls, scarves, hats or mitts. And to help you we have put some bulky weight yarns on clearance. Well maybe to help us too, as some of the Spring yarns are already starting to show up and we need to make space.

We are getting very excited as we look at our calendar and see some of the things coming up. Classes! So many great classes with everything from a Ravelry class with Janelle this Saturday to 4 classes with the amazing Kate Atherley in March. Check out the class listings here as well as on the website.

The Blue Brick will be here this Saturday, February 8th for a trunk show. I'm not sure what she is bringing but I know that it will be beautiful. She dyes amazing yarns in tonals as well as ombres and makes jewellery and pottery and...it's all beautiful.

We are looking at our calendars for another road trip up to Chatsworth for a dye day at Koigu - we just want to wait until we can trust the weather to not interfere.

Minis!!! So many ideas dancing through our heads for all the different mini yarns we have. The gradient kits really kicked it off with the ones we have from Sweet Paprika, Sweet Georgia, String Theory - but what if you don't need that much? What if you only need small quantities? Well we have some options now. We have the wonderful Koigu KPPPM in their wonderful little 10 mt. mini skeins of hand painted fingering wool - we've even done up kits using them. Or if you need something heavier we have the Blue Sky Woolstok in mini hanks of 12 yds of worsted weight wool. But just in, we have Happy from Sirdar. These are 43 mts of Dk cotton in 50 different colours and they even have the cutest Amigurumi crochet patterns! And then there is the Teenie Weenie from KFI - these are 39mts of 75% superwash wool and 25% nylon in fingering weight. So many ideas - colourwork, mini creatures, edgings, toes, heels...What would you do with one of these minis? Or maybe just put them in vases around the house 'cause they are so darn cute!!!



The Blue Brick is coming!!

Saturday, February 8th 11-4
Come out check out the hand dyed yarns by the very talented Shireen of the Blue Brick. She might also be bringing some of her other hand made items

Join us for Knit & Chat.
We now have 2 Knit & Chats at the shop! A day time Knit & Chat - on Wednesdays 10:30 - 12:30 as well as our usual Friday evening Knit & Chat from 7:00 - 9:00. What could be better than hanging out with other fibre fanatics and ignoring chores.

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



Skill Building with Afghan Squares with Lynne

A NEW CLASS STARTED January 23rd, 2020 6:30 - 8:00

**if you would like to join talk to us about a catch up class

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.

Learn to Knit with Erin

Thursday, February 20th 6:30 - 8:30

\$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

Thursday, March 5th 6:30 - 8:30

\$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

The Plyground with Lynne

Thursday, March 12th 6:30 - 8:30 \$20

OR Saturday, May 2nd 10:00 - 12:00

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!

Learn To Knit Cables with Erin

Saturday, March 14th 1:00 - 3:00 \$40

Cables are featured in a variety of knitting styles and are beautiful works of art. In this St Patrick's Day-themed class we'll turn our focus on to the unique style of Aran knitting which originated from the Aran Islands off the west coast of Ireland. We'll learn how to work a few different types of cables as well as how to read cable patterns and charts. Of course, as in all things Irish, the tradition of Aran knitting comes with its own set of folktales which we'll discuss while we knit. Level: Intermediate (you know how to knit and purl comfortably)

Intro to Colourwork with Kate Atherley

Saturday, March 21st 9:30 - 12:30 \$60

Learn how to work with multiple colours in your knitting, in multiple ways. We'll start with stripes, then progress to Fair Isle, showing you how to read the patterns and charts, and to handle two yarns, whether you work English or Continental, one-handed or two. I'll demonstrate how (and why) to handle long floats, and how to make sure your fabric is tidy and even. We'll also tackle Intarsia and slipped stitch colourwork, demonstrating the key differences in techniques required for these other colourwork methods. Along the way, we'll cover chart reading, how to manage your yarns, and the importance of blocking - and how to do it.

Level: advanced beginner - knitters need to be proficient with knit, purl

Pattern Reading with Kate Atherley

Saturday, March 21st 1:30 - 3:30 \$60

For knitters who are confident with their needles, but less confident with pattern instructions: this session is all about how to read and fully understand knitting patterns. We'll explain all those abbreviations and terms you encounter, like WS and "even" and how to read instructions for repeats. We'll demystify terms and techniques, and provide a master glossary so you'll never be lost again.

We'll explain how to choose and substitute yarns, and how to check gauge to make sure that your piece comes out exactly the way the pattern promises. And we'll teach you how to understand pattern sizing and measurement information - including garment schematics -- with a focus on making sure you always choose the right size for garment patterns.

This session is all about helping you take the next step as a knitter, so you can take on larger and more complex projects, with complete confidence.

Level: beginners, suitable for knitters who are confident with the mechanics of knitting, and are looking to take on their first pattern-based project.

The Pi Shawl with Kate Atherley

Sunday, March 22nd 9:30 - 12:30 \$60

The circular Pi shawl is a fabulous and fascinating project, and it's a great way to expand your lace knitting skills. It's also very easy to customize, and works well with any weight of yarn. Use one of our patterns, or create your own one-of-a-kind lace piece. If you've got a favourite lace stitch pattern, bring it, and I'll show you how to use it in your own design. I'll demonstrate the magical circular beginning - and some easier alternatives, and demonstrate several clever and easy finishes, including the no-cast-off, blocking-friendly crochet edging.

Level: advanced beginner; knitters should be confident working in the round, increasing and decreasing; lace experience not necessary.

Short Row Savvy with Kate Atherley

Sunday, March 22nd 1:30 - 3:30 \$60

"Wrap & Turn" is not a dance move, it's a fabulous way to create shapes with your knitting. Short rows are used for sock heels, they're common in shawls to create, and to create ruffles. In

this class we'll discuss four or five common methods of working short rows (and hiding them, just as important!): wrap, German, Yarnover, Shadow, Japanese. We'll discuss their use in bust shaping to custom fit a garment and how they can make shoulder seaming easier.

skill level: intermediate suitable for knitters just starting with short rows



Starter Lace! A KnitHow Class with Lynne

Saturday, March 21st & April 4th 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.

Fixing your Mistakes! with Lynne

Saturday, March 21st 1:00 - 3:00 \$30

(homework prior to class)

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 requirements below), 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.

Happy Endings! A KnitHow class with Lynne

Saturday, April 4th 1:00 - 3:00 \$25

(Homework prior to class)

Are you one of those knitters who has a basket full of knit pieces just waiting to be seamed together or finished in some way? Come to this class where we'll cover the things you need to know to put your project together and end up with a smile on your face.

This KnitHow class starts with seaming - including shoulder seams, side seams, all the parts of sleeve seams, and working two kinds of fabric texture together. We'll also work on picking up stitches to make your edge treatments, sewing in ends securely, and washing & blocking.

We'll talk about how different cast-ons and bind-offs can affect your finished project, and we'll take up a list of questions from students in the class about finishing and point you to answers. Students are welcome to bring projects in progress as samples or to ask specific questions.

Toe-up Socks on 2 Circulars with Lynne

Thursday, April 9th & 23rd 6:30 - 8:30 \$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.

Knit in Public Yard Sale

Join us on Saturday, June 13th from 10 - 3 for our Annual Knit in Public event & yard sale. For \$5 you can book 1/2 of a table or space of 1/2 a table - all spaces rentals will be going to Learning for Humanity

*** Limit of 1 six foot table or 2 three foot tables per person

Once you've reserved your space - start stash diving and find those pretty fibre related things that you just aren't in love with anymore. Bring your yarn, needles, fibre, fabric and set your own prices. This is your yard sale - we are only providing the space - you need to look after your own cash box and sales.

A FEW RULES

- no knit/finished items to be sold - there are copyright issues

- all items from the yard sale will stay outside of the shop, we will have someone manning a table for holding things bought outside if you want to pop into the shop.

Transitional Weather Knit-A-Long!

A KnitHow Project with Lynne

Dates coming soon - \$65, includes 3 sessions and your pattern.

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 times this Spring. We're pulling together a list of garments we recommend for this KAL, featuring either colour fades or interesting techniques.

*** tell us if you would prefer a week day, a week evening or a Saturday

Project Class with Erin

Tuesdays 11:30 - 12:30 \$10

The guided project class is gaining in popularity. It is perfect when you need help but can't wait for a special class or if it's more involved 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.

BULKY YARN SALE

Misti Alpaca \$15

Paco \$15

Hudson \$8

Atlantis \$20

Mila Color \$8

Ario \$7

Malou Luxe \$10

Glowworm \$8

Plus more...

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