

# SHALL WE KNIT?

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The tree is down, the stockings are put away, all the extra stuff is packed up and most things are back to normal. Well at the shop anyways. At home I haven't gotten around to it because I am NOT putting stuff away until those bins get tidied up and a whole lot of stuff is donated. I say I am going to do it every year but it is time! And I'm hoping this kicks off a routine of sorting and organizing drawers and stash and... not my favourite thing and I get so easily distracted but that's what I'm hoping to do over the next few weeks and months.

I don't do New Years resolutions - they never last - but I do look at what I would like to focus on in the coming year. This year it's the declutter at home and in my knitting I want to up my colourwork ability. Colourwork is not my favourite thing but I just did the Catdigan cardigan for the oldest Grand-daughter and except for the fact that my colour knitting is slow - the finished piece was pretty cool. Even the steeking - Terrifying but very cool!! So this year I plan on a few colourwork projects - lets see how that goes.

It was lovely to have time off with family and friends but it is so hard to figure out what day it is! We are back to regular hours at the shop and getting the next batch of classes organized.

Have you taken the Afghan Squares with Lynne yet? The next year long session starts January 23<sup>rd</sup> - go and check out the class page on our website to see a couple of the finished ones from previous years.

Every month you learn a different stitch and at the end of the year you have enough squares to put together a beautiful throw - and you are even taught how to do the seams and finishing.

Winter is here for a while so maybe you need to master socks or mittens? What is better than a pair of hand knit mitts or socks? Don't wait to register - those classes start January 11<sup>th</sup>.

**It's the beginning of a new year so we thought we would explain a few things and how they work around here.**

**Shall We Knit? Customer cards** - every time you spend over \$10 before taxes on regular priced yarns, needle or accessories we put 10% on a card that you can spend next day you're in or you can keep adding them up and spend it on something major. We don't stamp for books, patterns, classes, sale items but you can spend what is on your card on anything!

**Closet** - we have a room on the second floor that we call the Closet. It's our sale room and is only open the third week of every month. This is end of lines, discontinued yarns or sometimes it is still a current yarn but we need room on the shelves so something gets the boot upstairs. It is ONLY open that 3<sup>rd</sup> week so if you buy something and run out than you can't get more until the following month.

**Bag Draw** - every time you buy something and don't need a plastic bag you get a draw slip for our monthly draw. The winner every month gets their choice of a gift card for a few different downtown indie businesses like Wordsworth books or Sabultine bakery - sharing some of the addictions.

**Ball winder** - we have a shop swift and ball winder that you are welcome to use. If you bought the yarn at our shop you can use it anytime and if you bought the yarn somewhere else you are still welcome to use it but we ask for a donation to help with the upkeep of the ball winder and swift. If you haven't used our ball winder please just ask and we will give you a quick tutorial on using it.

**Parking** - our parking lot confuses people regularly. We share a parking lot with 9 Willow Street so you actually come in their driveway and there is parking behind both buildings and beside us. Coming in 9 Willow also means the parking spots are all lined up correctly for pulling into. If our lot is full or if you have a larger vehicle you might want to try the City lot just around the corner over the tracks. There is always free 2 hour parking available there with good signage to make sure you park in the right spots. There is a gravel lot 2 doors down from us that has signs that say permit parking only - that is for weekdays 9:00 - 5:00. The lot is free parking evenings and weekends as is the city lot around the corner.

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

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## **Rescue an Under-Appreciated Finished Object!**

Thank you to everyone that came out to buy from our fundraiser and to everyone that donated to it.

Together we raised \$2100 to donate to Women's Crisis Centre of Waterloo Region. THANK YOU!!

And a huge thank you to Sue Frost and Janelle Martin who are the brains and the force behind this event.

We are only the location - they do all the work, so we owe them a huge Thank you as well.

We'll be back next November with more treasures!

**NEW!! 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.**

Kate Atherley is back  
March 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

Watch for class listings coming soon

## **Starter Lace! A KnitHow Class with Lynne**

DATE TBA \$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.

## **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.

## **Learn to Knit with Erin**

Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 9:30 - 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 16<sup>th</sup> 1:30 - 3:30 \$25

OR Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> 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"

## The Plyground with Lynne

Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 1:00 - 3:00

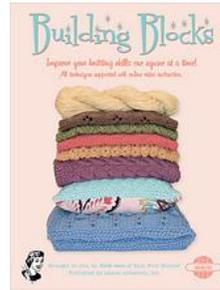
\$20 with included light refreshment

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!



## Skill Building with Afghan Squares with Lynne

A NEW CLASS WILL BE STARTING

January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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

## More Ravelry Roadmap with Janelle

Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> 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

## **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**