

September 2019 Class Schedule

Basic Knit Hat: The second step after learning the very basics in knitting is knitting in the round. Learn to work in the round with both circular and double pointed needles, simple pattern reading and basic decreases while making this versatile hat. This unisex beanie is sized from child to adult.

- Tuesdays, September 3-10 from 3-5 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. with Susan
- \$60 plus supplies

Beginning Knitting: Knitting is now more popular than ever, and you can learn too! In this 2-part class, students will learn how to cast on, the knit & purl stitch, knit and purl combination stitches in the same row, and how to read a pattern. During the second class, you will learn how to shop for and start your first project, the Wheat Scarf by Tin Can Knits.

- Mondays, September 9 & 16 from 3-5 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. with Terri
- \$60 plus supplies

Beginning Knit Socks: There is nothing cozier than wearing hand knit socks. In this three-week class, you will learn all the techniques needed to knit top down socks, including knitting in the round on double pointed needles, working a heel flap, short rows, picking up stitches and the Kitchener (grafting) stitch. To ensure you learn each essential parts of a sock, you will work a baby sock in class and while making an adult sock on your own in between sessions.

- Mondays, September 16, 23 & 30 from 3-5 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. with Susan
- \$90 plus supplies

Carol's Woven Cowl: Carol Danvers' iconic uniform has been instantly recognizable to Marvel fans for decades. Most recently, a new audience met Carol in the MCU's movie, Captain Marvel. Carol's self-designed uniform & helmet inspired this cowl/snood perfect for any Captain Marvel fan or those who want a visual reminder never to make themselves smaller than the marvel they are!

This adventurous beginner class covers the warping and weaving plan for this cowl, reviews hemstitching, introduces the concept of a weft-faced woven fabric, alternate ways to secure woven fabric, and how to wet finish.

- Wednesdays, September 11 & 18 from 6-8 p.m. with Donita
- \$60 plus supplies

Crochet Fair Isle Hat: The Fair Isle colorwork technique helps you to create crocheted projects with wonderful designs in them. In crochet, these patterns are often done entirely with single crochet stitches, so you get a lot of visual impact for your work. This class introduces the crocheted Fair Isle technique with this simple hat pattern that uses a snowflake design. The pattern calls for two colors of yarn, but if you want to get crazy you can do the border patterns in one color and the snowflakes in another, with a third color for the background! We'll discuss color selection and color values, changing colors, managing your yarn floats, and managing multiple strands of yarn at once so that by the end you'll have all you need to do amazing crocheted Fair Isle projects.

- Saturdays, September 28 & October 5 from 2-4 p.m. with Donita
- \$60 plus supplies

Crochet Socks: Why should knitters have all the fun? Yes, it **IS** possible to make crocheted socks! This class focuses on the way to make flexible, forgiving crocheted fabric that still holds up to years of wear. You'll learn how to customize the provided sock pattern to fit any foot and provide a truly luxurious 'bespoke' sock experience. Other skills developed in this class are toe-up socks, crochet in the round, working on both sides of the foundation chain, making ribbed/cabled crocheted fabric, turning the heel with a gusseted heel flap, and making a ribbed or rolled cuff.

- Saturdays, September 7 & 14 from 2-4 p.m. with Jessica
- \$60 plus supplies

Flashpoint Hat: Ready to take the next step in brioche knitting? In this class learn easy brioche increases and decreases while making this two-color brioche hat with brim to crown construction. Your color choices will have a big impact to the design, choose highly contrasting yarns for the greatest effect.

- Saturday, September 7 from 10 a.m.- 12 noon with Susan
- \$30 plus supplies

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Get to know your Spinning Wheel: Do you have a new or new-to-you wheel? Have you started spinning on your own, but aren't sure about the vocabulary? Have you done some spinning, but had a difficulty you couldn't resolve? Spinning wheels are simple, ingenious inventions, but that doesn't mean they are always intuitive! The best way to start spinning on a wheel is to get to know your equipment first. Once you are comfortable with your equipment, troubleshooting is a breeze and you are on your way to tear-free spinning! In this workshop, we will get to know your equipment, including adjustment cleaning & maintenance.

- Saturday, September 7 from 10 a.m.- 12 noon with Donita
- \$30 plus \$5 materials fee due to instructor at class

Get Started on your Spinning Wheel: This class builds on "Get to Know Your Wheel". Once you understand how your wheel works and what the parts are called, you are ready to start spinning fiber into yarn! We will attach leaders to your bobbins, how to set up your wheel for each new spin, how to ready your fibers for spinning, how to coordinate your feet and your hands, and SPIN! We will discuss how to choose a good seat to spin from and ergonomics to keep you spinning for years to come. We will also cover what fibers are best to start spinning with!

- Saturday, September 7 from 1-3 p.m. with Donita
- \$30 plus \$5 materials fee due to instructor at class

Intro to Crochet: Crochet is hotter than ever! Whether you have never picked up a hook or are a knitter looking to expand your skill set, this class is for you. Learn the basics, in this two-part class, such as the slip knot cast on, chain stitch, and single crochet; different hook styles and which will work best for you; the slip stitch, half-double crochet, and double crochet. You will also learn how to read a crochet pattern by getting to know stitch abbreviations and following a pattern, you will make a granny square.

- Mondays, September 23 & 30 from 3-5 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. with Terri
- \$60 plus supplies

Intro to Sashiko Embroidery: Slow down ... while you discover the repetitive beauty of creating Japanese Sashiko embroidery patterns formed with the simplest of all handwork stitches. Sashiko embroidery utilizes only the 'stab' or 'running' stitch to form simple to complex geometric designs with handwork. In this class, students will explore a variety of traditional Sashiko patterns, experimenting with different fabric backgrounds and thread types. You will leave this class having completed one or more small Sashiko samplers that can be incorporated into a project such as garment patch, a needle roll, pincushion or used as a personal reference as you continue to develop slow stitch handwork skills.

- Wednesday, September 4 from 5-8 p.m. or Tuesday, September 10 from 2-5 p.m. with Melissa
- \$45 plus supplies including a \$10 kit due to instructor at the time of class.

My First Sweater: Learn to knit a simple and classic first sweater for a little one. Then transfer the skills learned, to make one for yourself! In this class we will knit the 0-6mos size top-down raglan sleeved sweater while learning how to make simple increases, picking up stitches and more.

- Wednesdays, September 11, 18 & 25 from 3-5 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. with Susan
- \$90 plus supplies

Ombre Colorwork Hat: Learn stranded colorwork with a color in each hand while creating this sweet ombre hat. This is the perfect gateway to those beautiful fair isle yoke sweaters that are so hot right now.

- Saturday, September 14 from 10 a.m.- 12 noon with Susan
- \$30 plus supplies

Slow Stitch Primer: Slow down...for Slow Stitch! Explore simple handwork and embroidery stitches that form the basis for mending, patching, upcycling or embellishing hand knits, clothing and accessories. Students will learn basic stitches, experiment with different types of threads and learn the importance of needle selection in producing specific stitches. You will leave this class having completed your own stitch sampler - a personal reference as you continue to develop your Slow Stitch skills.

Seven basic stitches will be taught in this class: Whip Stitch, Running Stitch, Back Stitch, Seed Stitch, French Knot, Pistil Stitch and the Drizzle Stitch.

- Tuesday, September 17 from 2-5 p.m. with Melissa
- \$45 plus \$5 for kit

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Tincture Hat: Mosaic knitting is a great introduction to colorwork, without having to worry so much about carrying multiple colors at a time, or even tension with your floats. Learn this fun and popular technique while making this sweet hat.

- Tuesday, September 24 from 3-5 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. with Susan
- \$30 plus supplies

What to do with Handspun/ Mystery Yarn: Everyone has unknown yarns in their stash: yarns that have lost their labels, yarns that were gifts with no detail attached, precious handspun that you aren't sure what to do with... Learn how to sleuth out details about mystery yarn that will help you transform it from unidentified stash into beautiful finished objects!

In this class, we will discuss ways to determine the construction, weight and yardage of your yarn, clues to fiber content, how to pair handspun or mystery yarn with a known commercial yarn, how to choose an appropriate craft for your yarn, and how to best utilize Ravelry to choose a project that will maximize your yardage without playing a round of dreaded yarn chicken!

Please bring a skein of handspun or mystery yarn from your stash, pen/pencil and paper, your notions bag or tool kit (scissors will be helpful!). If you have them, bring a WPI tool or ruler, kitchen scale (measuring in grams), niddy nody, and a tablet or iPad if you are tech savvy or a Ravelry user. I will have a computer there for reference as well!

- Wednesday, September 25 from 6-8 p.m. with Donita
- \$30

Sweater Lab: Many of you recently have asked about fitting and customizing a sweater. For some of you it might be your first adult sweater, for others you're wanting answers to get the correct fit. The silhouettes for sweaters are so interesting these days. We have oversized comfy pullovers and fitted cropped ones. I'm finally seeing the sizes expand to many body types, being more inclusive to the multitudes.

So, to help you get your sweater groove on, I have decided to start a **Sweater Lab**. This will be an informal meeting during Friday night Open Stitch to discuss all the in's and out's of making a garment that you will love! Join me on Friday nights from 5-8pm, during the summer, to get the answers you are looking for to complete a sweater in time for fall. We'll be starting this on Friday, June 7th, so search for patterns in your Ravelry queue that you've always wanted to but wasn't sure you had the chutzpah to work up.

Wait...what? I didn't mention the price? That's right, because there isn't one! This will be a drop-in format where I will lead the discussion about yarn selection, sizing, gauge, fit, customization of your sweater and so much more. All this at no cost to you. If you find you need more, I will be more than happy to schedule you for a private lesson.

Class pricing and policies

Classes are \$15 per hour plus supplies unless specified; length of class is dependent upon the complexity of the subject. All classes are two hours and up. You can purchase classes individually or apply package credit. The price and length each class will be clearly defined in the class description.

Packages of class hours are available at \$150 per 10 hours, which includes 10 hours of instruction plus one 10% off coupon for supplies and one voucher for a one-hour Knit/Crochet/Spin Doctor session.

Classes have a minimum of 3 students and maximum of 6 to 12 students, depending on the complexity of the subject. **Cancellations must be 48 in advance to receive a credit for your class.** We understand emergencies happen and we certainly don't want you to come in when you are ill, but please let us know as soon as possible.

The Knit/Crochet Doctor sessions are \$15 per half hour and are available several times during the month; times are on the calendar. Get the help you need with a tricky stitch sequence, an unclear pattern, a runaway dropped stitch, or any other knitting, crocheting or spinning challenge. Call to schedule a session.

Private tutoring sessions are \$25 per hour.