

## November 2019 Class Schedule

**All the Spinning Accoutrements:** Some start spinning with some fluff and a dowel rod or stick; others, a beautiful spindle; still others, with a wheel and bobbins. After a short time spinning, however, we learn there are lots of other tools for spinners! LOTS of things we may read or hear that we NEED.

In this class, we'll take a look at the most common tools: diz, WPI tools, niddy noddys, skein winders and more. We'll cover what these tools are, what they do and if you really need them.

A great class to build a gift wish list for upcoming birthdays or holidays!

- Saturday, November 9 from 1-3 p.m. with Donita
- \$30

**Basic Knit Mittens:** Keep your hands cozy in these snazzy mittens! Perfect for a beginner wanting to take the next step after knitting a hat, you will learn how to work in the round on double pointed needles and basic increasing while shaping the thumb gusset.

- Tuesdays, November 19 & 26 from 6-8 p.m. with Andrea
- \$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.

- Tuesdays, November 5 & 12 from 6-8 p.m. with Andrea
- \$60 plus supplies

**Easier Fingerless Mitts from a Tube:** Keep your hands warm while working or reading with these cozy mitts that are knit from a tube. These take a fraction of the time knitting from scratch does! In this class, you'll learn how to do afterthought thumbs and cuffs. The rest will already be knit. The hardest part will be deciding whether to give them as gifts or keep them for yourself!

- Sunday, November 10 from 1-3 p.m. with Donita
- \$40.00, includes discounted fee for cranking the sock tube. Additional sock tubes may be requested before, or after class, for just \$15 each

**Easier Socks from a Tube:** Winter is coming... and we all know that there's nothing cozier than a hand-knit pair of socks. But, could you even imagine knitting a pair of socks in a day or two? It can be done when you start with a sock tube! In this mind-blowing class, you'll learn how to do afterthought everything; heels, toes, and cuffs. The rest will already be knit! This is a fabulous way to dive into your deep stash and knit all those socks you've been dreaming of! (Please note: You must register one week prior to ensure enough time to crank your yarn into a tube!)

- Monday, November 18 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. with Terri
- \$55 plus supplies, additional tubes may be purchased for \$15

**Electric Spinners:** Electric spinners have become a staple in the spinning world. From their small footprint, their portability and their accessibility, they have many pros to consider if you are thinking of buying a spinning device. In this class, we will cover basic concepts of how an e-spinner compares to a treadle wheel, how to compare different brands/models and how to know which e-spinner is a good fit for you! Different options will be available to try!

- Wednesday, November 20 from 3-5 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. with Donita
- \$30 plus \$5 materials fee if you need fiber to spin

**Finishing Touches for Weavers:** There are so many options to finish your weaving - don't settle for just knots! In this class, we will cover many ways to secure your warp and weft including functional and decorative knots, twisted fringe, two options of hand stitching, hemming, encased or enclosed hems and braids!

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**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.

- Tuesdays, November 12 & 19 from 2-4 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. with Terri
- \$60 plus supplies

**Plain Weave Cowl:** A perfect cooler weather accessory, this woven cowl is stylish and can be made with just one skein of worsted weight yarn! In this class, we will review how to direct-warp and create plain weave fabric on a rigid heddle loom, as well finishing techniques for hand-sewing this cowl and knotting and trimming fringe.

- Saturday, November 23 from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. with Donita
- \$90 plus supplies

**Plying:** After you've learned the ins and outs of your wheel and how to spin a continuous single, the next step is to ply your yarn. Multi-ply yarn is more stable and balanced yarn, as well as longer wearing. In this class, we will cover how to make a traditional 2-ply yarn, traditional and chain-plyed 3-ply yarns and more. We will also talk about how to best prepare your singles for plying, why you need a lazy kate, how to construct your own lazy kate on the cheap, and what to do if you \*gasp\* ply your yarn in the wrong direction.

- Wednesday, November 6 from 3-5 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. with Donita
- \$30 plus a \$25 material fee

**Puff Stitch Crocheted Hat:** This hat is a quick and fun project that makes great gifts! It's the perfect hat for those who know the basics and want to increase their crochet repertoire. You'll learn new stitches, how to read a pattern, and basic hat construction. Because I've crocheted this hat many times, I'll share tips and tricks for success that you won't find in the pattern!

- Monday, November 4 from 2-4 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. with Terri
- \$30 plus supplies

**Two New Ways to Warp:** Rigid heddle looms are so versatile and one of those areas of versatility is warping methods! When you first learned to weave on your rigid heddle loom, you probably learned the direct warping method: a method of warping your loom where you walked each loop from your back beam to your warping peg, back and forth. This is a great method to warp your RH loom, but it's not the only one! In this class, we will cover indirect warping (using a warping board - OR pegs to go with your Ashford rigid heddle loom!), and hybrid warping (a hybrid of direct and indirect - without all the walking, but with a warp that's ready to wind on and finish threading!).

- Monday, November 11 from 3-5 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. with Donita
- \$30 plus supplies

**Tunisian Dragon Tail:** Perfect for beginners, this versatile, Tunisian Crochet Dragon Tail can be used as a shawl, a wrap or a scarf. In this one-week class, you'll learn the basics of Tunisian Crochet along with a modified stitch that prevents curling as well as increases and bind off. This fun pattern is a repeat of just 10 rows! The original pattern, designed by your teacher, is included in class but it's easily memorized, and you'll be Dragon Tailing without it in no time!

- Tuesday, November 5 from 2-4 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. with Terri
- \$30 plus supplies

**Weaving Math:** Getting started on a weaving project of your own imagination can be intimidating, especially if you aren't a "math person"!

In this class, Donita will take you step-by-step through the very easy math to planning yarn requirements for your design. We will talk about the common aspects of your design that can 'detour' your project, and how to plan ahead. A few minutes of basic math - with a calculator - and we'll make sure you don't have to play 'yarn chicken' with your weaving! The class also includes blank worksheet for your use at home.

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- \$30 plus \$5 material fee due to instructor

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**Wet Finishing your Handspun Projects:** If you've spent any time around spinners or weavers, you have likely heard one say, "It's not finished until it's WET FINISHED."

What is wet finishing? Why is it important? Is that another word for felting? How does one do it? We will answer all those questions and more in this class!

- Monday, November 25 from 3-5 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. with Donita
- \$30 plus \$5 due to instructor at the time of class

**What to do with Handspun or 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 noddy, and a tablet or iPad if you are tech savvy or a Ravelry user. I will have a computer there for reference as well!

- Saturday, November 9 from 10 a.m. – 12 noon with Donita
- \$30

### **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.