

Knits-n-Knacks Knews

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Design Your Own Class

We try to offer a variety of fun and interesting classes on different days and at different times, but we know that sometimes it just doesn't work out for you. Maybe you have your heart set on a particular class but the timing isn't right. Maybe you want to learn a special technique that isn't being offered at this time. We have the perfect solution to the problem: design your own class!

We will teach you how to knit what you want to learn to knit but at a time that works for both of us. Just call or come in to set up a time. You can use this as a one-on-one private lesson or get together a group of your friends or co-workers to knit with you too! We've had several groups of people take advantage of this option and they've liked it so much they just keep on coming up with ideas for new things they would like to learn to do. Get together a bunch of friends and come have some creative fun!

We can even arrange evening classes for groups of five or more if that fits your schedule better.

Open Knitting (or crocheting, or...)

If you've happened to come into the store on a Wednesday afternoon, you probably heard a lot of chatter coming from the tables in the back. That would be our knitters having fun and making all that racket!

Anyone who would like to is welcome to come sit-n-knit with us. Don't be shy. It won't be long until you know everyone there. You'll fit right in! (Being a bit unraveled helps too!) Just bring whatever project you're working on and come join us for a cup of coffee and some good old-fashioned fun.

Wednesdays from 2:00 -6:00 is when most people show up, but if that doesn't work for you, get together a group of friends and come in whenever you would like. You're always welcome here at Knits-n-Knacks.

We'll look forward to seeing you. It's fun to make new friends or get to know some old ones better!

New Classes!

Finally, our new class schedule is out! We have loaded it up with lots of small projects that are great to knit in the summer and great for gifts for... .

There are both basic classes and more advanced classes. Whatever your skill level, there are classes that will suit you.

Try out one of our light summer-weight tops or cardigans. How about making some lace or maybe a new twist on socks?

I know the weather is getting warm and you want to get outside, but you have to take a break from gardening sometime! These small projects are just the thing to relax with in the evening, or on the boat on a lazy summer afternoon.

With everyone being hit in the face with our economy, it's not too early to start thinking about making your Christmas gifts. Our knitted market bags would make great gifts! They are quick and easy to make so you could make some for yourself and some for gifts as well.

Call or come in to sign up now! We are looking forward to seeing you.

Spring/Summer Schedule

We've done our schedule a little differently this time. Please note that this schedule is for both Spring and Summer.

We will also be purging our mailing list soon. If you would like to continue to receive our newsletter or if you have an email address we could use instead, please let us know. We are trying to conserve both paper and postage!

Clearance Hall

Have you checked out our Clearance Hall yet? Our back hallway has lots of goodies marked down considerably in price. There are gift items, older issues of knitting and crocheting magazines and different kinds of yarns.

When I'm in the mood, I toss some more cool stuff back there. I never know what might be next! I'll even be adding some scrapbooking materials I just came across in our back room. Come check it out!

Class Schedule

Beginning Knitting I **Friday, April 30, May 7, 14** **10:00-12:00**
Saturday, May 1, 8, 15 **10:00-12:00**
Tuesday, May 4, 11, 18 **1:00-3:00**

In this class we learn to use yarn and those pointy sticks to make cool stuff! It's easy and fun! No previous experience is required. This class meets for three sessions at a cost of \$30.00 + materials.

Beginning Knitting II **Thursday, May 21, 28, June 4** **10:00-12:00**
Saturday, May 22, 28, June 5 **10:00-12:00**
Tuesday, June 1, 8, 15 **1:00-3:00**

This is a great introduction to knitting sweaters! In this class you will make a baby sweater and learn to make button holes, set-in sleeves and seams. When you are done, you will be able to transfer your new skills to making adult garments. Knowledge of basic knitting is required. This is a three session class at a cost of \$30.00 + materials.

Intermediate Knitting **Friday, June 11, 18, 25** **10:00-12:00**
Saturday, June 12, 19, 26 **10:00-12:00**
Tuesday, July 6, 13, 20 **1:00-3:00**

Make a sampler scarf and learn to make different types of lace, read charts, cables, ribbing and more. 3 classes \$30.00 + materials.

Socks **Wednesday, May 5, 12, 19** **10:00-12:00**
Saturday, June 5, 12, 19 **1:00-3:00**
Thursday, July 8, 15, 22 **1:00-3:00**

Knitting socks is all the rage these days with all the cool self-patterning and hand dyed yarns available. Come learn to knit socks with us. You will learn to use double pointed needles in this class but some previous knitting experience is required. This class meets for three sessions at a cost of \$30.00 + materials.

Frost Flowers & Leaves Lace Socks **Tues., June 1, 8, 15** **10:00-12:00**
August 5, 12, 19 **1:00-3:00**

These socks are gorgeous lace knitted in a leaf & flower pattern. Not your ordinary socks! If you're looking for a challenge, these are for you! Previous sock knitting experience is required. 3 sessions \$30.00 + materials.

Fancy Knee Socks **Wednesday, July 7, 14, 21** **10:00-12:00**
Tuesday, August 3, 10, 17 **1:00-3:00**

A diagonal stitch pattern spirals around the leg of these pretty knee socks with a small lace border around the top. They would make great socks for boots or Burks! Previous sock knitting experience is required. 3 sessions \$30.00 + materials.

Sampler Cable Afghan **Tuesday, May 4, 11, 18, 25** **10:00-12:00**

This is a great spring and summer project for fall and winter snuggles! This afghan is knitted in squares and then put together like patchwork. That way, you are only knitting one small square at a time. The blocks incorporate 4 different cable patterns and are beautiful. Cabling is really much easier than it looks! 4 sessions \$40.00 + materials.

Star Dishcloth, Placemat, Baby Blanket... **Thurs. June 2, 9** **10:00-12:00**
Mon. Aug. 9, 16 **1:00-3:00**

This is a great project for using up that stash yarn that's calling your name! It is knitted in a star shape from the center out, so you can make a dishcloth or continue on and make a placemat or a baby blanket or an afghan! 2 sessions \$20.00 + materials.

Enchanted Lace Stole **Thursday, June 3, 10, 17** **1:00-3:00**

Two traditional lace patterns are incorporated into this drapery capelet. It is gorgeous! 3 sessions \$30.00 + materials.

Peruvian Knitting **Thursday, June 24** **1:00-3:00**

Learn to knit the way they do in Peru and cause less stress on your hands! 1 session \$15.00.

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday
9:30-5:00
Wednesday
9:30-6:00
Saturday
10:00-4:00
Closed Sunday

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knacks.com

Store Policies

- Space for classes is limited. Please register as soon as possible. Out of consideration for our teachers, your non-refundable payment is due when you register. You can register at the store or by phone.
- Class fees do not include supplies. Supplies are available through Knits-n-Knacks. While you are welcome to bring your own tools (needles, hooks, etc.) we do ask that you purchase the yarn required for your class at Knits-n-Knacks. Please arrive before the scheduled class time if planning to purchase materials at that time.
- If there are not enough students registered prior to the first day of class, the class will be cancelled and a full refund will be given.
- Homework is required for all classes. If you do not do your homework or miss a scheduled class, it will be up to the teacher as to whether or not a make-up class will be scheduled.
- If additional class sessions are required to complete the project, an additional \$10.00 per session will be charged.
- A 50% nonrefundable deposit will be required for special orders.
- Needles may be exchanged for needles only, if in the original package, with receipt, and within one week of purchase
- All yarn returns must be accompanied by a receipt and returned within 3 months of purchase. As you know, dye lots change and as a result, we've been ending up with a lot of odd balls (yarn, I mean). No cat hair or cigarette smoke, please! Allergies, you know.
- Due to the rising costs of yarns, needles, shipping, etc. we have discontinued our punch cards in order to keep our prices as low as possible. We will still honor any **FULL** punch cards that you may have or that we are keeping on file for you here at the store.
- We regret that such a long list of policies has become necessary, but we hope you will bear with us and come knit up some fun!