

Artisan Knitworks Spring & Summer Classes

Sat 6/6

Saturdays with Sarah, First of Three: Entrelac and Intarsia

Entrelac (AM, 9-12): Take some tilty squares and triangles, add a fancy French name, and you get a totally addicting stitch pattern! Whether they lean to the right or to the left, whether they're right side up or upside down, you'll learn all of the building blocks you need to make any Entrelac pattern. Without more, in fact, you can make a cool scarf or shawl. Bonus skill: knitting backwards! Materials: Two solid color yarns, worsted or DK; or one variegated yarn, same weights, appropriate needles. For more information and homework, see website.

Intarsia (PM, 2-5) Intarsia knitting (not the same as Fair Isle) creates a single layer of multi-colored fabric, as in a Christmas stocking with a jolly Santa motif or a vertically striped sweater. Learn a variety of tricks to keep your intarsia knitting on track and (mostly) tangle free, including preparing your materials, reading a chart, weaving in ends, and mastering duplicate stitch. Materials and homework: See our website.

\$60 for either class/\$110 both. Sarah Peasley
(East Lansing, MI)

Note -- If These Workshops Fill, Sarah Will Return With Four More In July and August!!

Fri 6/12 and 6/19 6:30-8:30P

Spit n Polish

This workshop was a big hit at the Third Coast Fiber Arts Festival. It covers finishing techniques for knitters and crocheters. Why not have professional-looking work? Too many people think that seaming, blocking, edging, and other final processes are either optional or hard work. Wrong. It's not only important, but it's FUN. You will also learn how to make last-minute SNIPS in the fabric to correct errors or introduce slash pockets.

Spit n Polish Homework: With DK or worsted-weight animal-fiber yarn or pure cotton if allergic to animal fibers (not acrylic) and appropriate needles (suggest size 8 or 9), knit four 4-inch squares in stockinette stitch, ending with WS row. Bind off two and break yarn, place the other two on holders with yarn still attached. Make 2 additional squares in garter stitch (K all rows) and bind off. Materials: Bring homework plus matching and contrasting yarns in the same weight, and appropriate knitting needles. Also bring a crochet hook and tapestry needle or darning needle (metal). Scissors and measuring tape. Handout will include a list of good finishing books. **\$35 Sandra**

Tues 6/16, 6/23 and 6/30 6:30-8:30P

Crochet-Along: Stockholm Crocheted Vest

A number of people have asked Sandra to write up the pattern for the yellow-y half-double-crochet cardigan vest hanging in the shop – so that's an excuse for a CAL. She will write up the pattern at 3 stitches to the inch, so choose a yarn that will achieve that gauge and have it in hand before we start (please buy yarn at Artisan Knitworks). In addition to learning a few things about how to customize crocheted garments, you will learn how to do knitted I-cords. Homework: Gauge swatch in chosen yarn. Think variegated or semi-solid yarn, animal based, about 900 yards for size medium.

\$45 Sandra

Fri. 5/29, 6/5, 6/12, and 6/19 6:30-8:30P

Socks Any Way You Like!

Hand-knitted socks are wonderful to wear and fun to make. They are easy to carry along because they are small and don't take up much room. Ellen will teach you the Magic Loop method, but if you prefer to do your socks with double-pointed needles, the same techniques are used. You will learn how to do either a tubular cast on or a provisional cast on, how to turn a heel, how to pick up the gusset and how to close the toe using the Kitchener stitch. For the class you will need sock yarn (fingering weight), a 32" or a 40" size 1 circular needle, a tape measure, scissors, scrap yarn the same weight as your sock yarn but a different color and the appropriate size crochet hook. You must know how to knit and purl for this class. Please use Artisan Knitworks yarn. Pattern will be supplied. **\$55 Ellen**

Fri. 7/10, 7/17, 7/24 and 7/30 6:30-8:30P

Daybreak Shawl

Daybreak is a semicircular shawl featuring clear, graphic stripes that echo a rising sun. The generous wingspan allows the fabric to drape comfortably around your shoulders and neck. There is plenty of room to play with color in the three sections of this arched shawl.

Size: Small [Medium, Large]

Yarn: Fingering weight, animal fiber (we can help)

Yardage: Color A: 135 [240, 325] yds, Color B: 200 [270, 440] yds

Needles: 32 inch US 4 / 3.5mm circular

Notions: 8 stitch markers, tapestry needle

Gauge: 23 sts = 4 inches / 10cm in stockinette stitch

Measurements: 15 [17, 20]" / 38 [43, 51]cm from cast on, along center stitch, to bind off. 52 [60, 72]" / 132 [152, 183]cm wingspan, along edge stitches. Measurements taken after blocking.

\$55 Ellen

Tues 8/4 and 8/11 6:30-8:30P

Wild and Wonderful Embellished Squares

This amazing variation of log-cabin knitting, associated with Jennie Dowd and Valentina Devine, uses up huge quantities of mismatched leftovers and leads to gorgeous shawls, shrugs, ponchos, jackets, coats, kid's popovers – on and on. Advanced beginners do just fine. All you need to know is the knit stitch and how to pick up stitches (in knitting). We have examples in the shop.

MATERIALS: As many as a dozen balls of yarn, roughly the same weight (DK or worsted weight are best, though fingering can be doubled), in an array of colors and textures. You might not get them all back. We will have lots more leftovers so that you can add to your mixture. If you have many different colors, bring a basic smooth yarn (black is recommended). Appropriate needles (you won't want to knit too tightly), yarn needle, crochet hook same mm size as needles, tape measure. Homework: None. **\$35 Sandra**

Tues 8/18 and 8/25 6:30-8:30P

Swirl-Knit, Free-Form Beret

For advanced beginners and beyond
See model in studio. Free pattern with workshop.
Swirl knitting can be used for a wide range of gorgeous objects – tees, bags, blankets, shawls, scarves, hats – on and on. You will learn about all of these applications and create a multi-yarn swirl for the crown of a beret, then knit down (in the round). Pattern is free. You can leave the colorful crown plain, or decorate it with crochet or embroidery, beading, etc. If you're an advanced beginner, you will get some experience with knitting in the round. You can do the entire hat without any purls!!! But you should know how to do a simple KFB increase, and how to bind off.

Materials: Multiple balls of yarn from your stash, or from ours, of roughly the same gauge (we recommend DK or worsted weight). One main yarn, preferably in DK or worsted weight smooth wool. Include some novelty yarns. Appropriate 16-inch circular needles (sizes 7-10); one size smaller circ. needle or double-pointed needles in two sizes. Yarn needle. Size H-J crochet hook (optional). Scissors and tape measure.

Homework: None. **\$35 Sandra**

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