



Knitting and Crochet Classes 2015

Basic Beginners Crochet

This comprehensive class is designed to teach students with no knowledge of crochet how to make a start in this wonderful and 'on trend' craft. Techniques covered will include the basics of crochet - terminology, tools, yarns and crochet stitches. After making samples to practice the basics we will move on to the forever popular - the granny square. Supported by extensive photo annotated take home course notes. This class is suitable for complete beginners and those wishing to refresh their knowledge of the basics of crochet.

Date: 6:15-9:15pm on Wednesday 25th March 2015

Level: Beginner

Skills required: No prior skills

Cost: \$60

Please bring to class: 2 balls of 12ply yarn (2 different colours). 6.0mm crochet hook (not plastic), scissors, pen

Toe-Up Socks

Over **two**, three hour sessions learn the steps involved in knitting socks from the toe up including: sock anatomy, measurement and fit, choosing yarns, heel types, toe up cast ons, stretchy cast offs, sock knitting styles (double pointed needles, magic loop, 2 circulars, 1 small circular).

Class Project: Participants will create a half sized sock using DK yarn and double pointed needles (It's easier to see what's going on and will give us time to cover all aspects of knitting a sock.) You will also get the chance to try a variety of sock knitting styles (DPN, magic loop, 2 circulars, one short circular using a variety of different sock yarns)

Date: 6:15-9:15pm on Wednesday 1st April 2015 and Wednesday 15th April 2015 – note the two week break over Easter

Level: Advanced beginner

Skills required: Skills required: Knit and purl, increasing and decreasing, reading a pattern

Cost: \$120

Please bring to class: 50g Light coloured DK yarn, set of 4 or 5 double pointed 4.00 or 3.5mm needles

Knitting Tips and Tricks

This comprehensive class contains the 'why, how and when' of various knit 'as you go' techniques. Using a combination of discussion and hands on work, we will cover swatching, yarn substitution, correcting errors (including dropped stitches, holes in finished projects and the wrong stitch in the wrong place) and picking up stitches along a straight edge, around a neckline and around an armhole. We will learn a few different methods of increasing and decreasing and when best to use them. Along the way we will discuss how and where to join in a new ball of yarn and what to do with those pesky yarn ends. This class contains quite a lot of material and, therefore, requires some small knitted pieces to be prepared before attending the class, instructions for these will be provided after you book your place. Supported by extensive photo annotated take home course notes.

Date: 6:15-9:15pm on Wednesday 22nd April 2015

Level: Advanced Beginner

Skills required: Ability to knit and purl, cast on and off

Cost: \$60

Please bring to class: 2 balls of 12ply yarn, 6.0mm knitting needles, one set of 3.0mm double pointed needles, 3.0mm crochet hook, tape measure or small plastic ruler or knitter's gauge, knitters darning or tapestry needle, stitch holders, scissors, pen. Prepared swatches, instructions for these will be provided after you book your place.



Textured Knitting

In this 3 hour session, learn how basic stitches can be used to create texture and pattern in your knitting and move beyond basic stocking stitch fabric. We'll look at knit/purl, cables, lace, twisted and slipped stitches and discuss traditional styles (eg. Aran, Gansey and Bavarian). Supported by detailed photo tutorial take home course notes.

Class Project: Participants will create a small sampler incorporating techniques learnt in class.

Date: 6:15-9:15pm on Wednesday 29th April 2015

Level: Intermediate

Skills required: Casting on and off, knit and purl, increasing and decreasing

Cost: \$60

Please bring to class: 100g Light coloured DK yarn, 4mm needle and a cable needle

Finishing Your Knits

This comprehensive class contains the 'why, how and when' of various knitting techniques involved in the finishing of a project. Using a combination of discussion and hands on work we will cover how to prepare our knitting with finishing in mind, selvedge stitches, weaving in ends, grafting and three needle bind off, blocking techniques for a professional finish, various seaming methods, hemming and bands, sewing on buttons and using zippers. This class contains quite a lot of material and, therefore, requires some small knitted pieces to be prepared before attending the class, instructions for these will be provided after you book your place. Supported by extensive photo annotated take home course notes.

Date: 6:15-9:15pm on Wednesday 6th May 2015

Level: Advanced Beginner

Skills required: Ability to knit and purl, cast on and off

Cost: \$60

Please bring to class: 2 balls of 12ply yarn, 6.0mm knitting needles, one set of 3.0mm double pointed needles, tape measure or small plastic ruler or knitter's gauge, knitters darning or tapestry needle, stitch holders, scissors, pen. Prepared swatches, instructions for these will be provided after you book your place.

Double Knitting

Double knitting is a form of knitting in which two fabrics are knitted simultaneously on one pair of needles. It is a technique that allows you to produce a double layer of knitted fabric with mirror image colourwork on each side while knitting both layers at the same time. This class will teach you how to cast on with one and two colours, how to knit flat pieces, how to double knit in the round and how to follow a graph to produce a two coloured pattern.

Class Project: Use your yarn to start a double knitted cowl - the original pattern is included as part of this course. Supported by extensive photo annotated take home course notes.

Date: 6:15-9:15pm on Wednesday 13th May 2015

Level: Advanced Beginner

Skills required: Casting on and off, knit and purl

Cost: \$60

Please bring to class: TBA



Stranded Colourwork

In this 3 hour session, learn the skills you need to knit stranded colour patterns. Techniques include: reading charts, working in the round, holding yarns, carrying unused yarns, colour dominance, speed swatching and blocking. We will also take a brief look at traditional styles of colourwork, discuss basics of colour theory and tips on how to choose colours. Supported by detailed photo tutorial take home course notes.

Class Project: Participants will work on a colourwork hat

Date: 6:15-9:15pm on Wednesday 20th May 2015

Level: Intermediate

Skills required: Casting on and off, knit and purl, increasing and decreasing, reading a pattern, experience knitting in the round will be helpful but not essential

Cost: \$60

Please bring to class: 8ply yarn in two or more colours, a 60cm 4.00mm and 4.50mm circular needles or your preference for knitting small circumferences in the round

Steeking

In this 3 hour session we will learn how to safely cut your knitting using steeks. We'll look at how steeks are used in traditional types of knitting such as Fair Isle and Scandinavian, how they can be used on armholes and necklines, and how they can be used to convert garments (eg turn a jumper into a cardigan). We will also look at different types of steeks, how to manage different types of yarns when steeking and how steeks are wonderful if you love to knit but aren't a fan of purling! Supported by detailed photo tutorial take home course notes.

Class Project: Participants will create two different steeks, learn how to secure the steek once cut and how to add a knitted band to the steeked edge.

Date: 6:15-9:15pm on Wednesday 27th May 2015

Level: Intermediate

Skills required: Casting on and off, knit and purl, increasing and decreasing, reading a pattern, experience reading colourwork charts helpful, but not essential

Cost: \$60

Please bring to class: 2 completed swatches, instructions for these will be provided after you book your place, 80cm circular needle and a crochet hook (both two sizes smaller than those used for the swatch), pair of small, sharp scissors

Next Step Beginners Crochet

Following on from the Basic Beginners class, in this comprehensive class we will learn the remaining basic crochet stitches, how to increase and decrease, how to crochet row by row, stitch name abbreviations and how to read instructions for a stitch pattern. Try one or two different stitch patterns for practice. Learn how to change colours in the middle and at the end of a row. It is not necessary to have taken the Basic Beginners class, however, this class assumes students can confidently do slip stitch, chain and treble stitches. Supported by extensive photo annotated take home course notes.

Date: 6:15-9:15pm on Wednesday 3rd June 2015

Level: Beginner

Skills required: How to hold yarn and hook, chain stitch, treble stitch

Cost: \$60

Please bring to class: 2 balls of 12ply yarn (2 different colours). 6.0mm crochet hook (not plastic), scissors, pen



Introduction to Lace

In this 3 hour session, learn the basics of lace knitting, reading charts, reading patterns, keeping track of where you are in your pattern, choosing yarns, types of needles, casting on and off, life lines, fixing mistakes and blocking. Supported by detailed photo tutorial take home course notes.

Class Project: Participants will create a small sampler incorporating techniques learnt in class

Date: 6:15-9:15pm on Wednesday 10th June 2015

Level: Intermediate

Skills required: Casting on and off, knit and purl

Cost: \$60

Please bring to class: 4ply/sock weight non-synthetic yarn and 3.50-4.00mm needles

Lace Traditions

In this 3 hour session learn about the history, construction, tools, materials and techniques of different styles of lace including: Shetland, Estonian, Orenburg and Icelandic. Supported by detailed photo tutorial take home course notes.

Class Project: Participants will create a small sampler incorporating techniques learnt in class

Date: 6:15-9:15pm on Wednesday 17th June 2015

Level: Intermediate

Skills required: Casting on and off, knit and purl, increasing and decreasing, basic lace knitting skills

Cost: \$60

Please bring to class: 4ply/sock weight non-synthetic yarn and 3.5-4.00mm needles