



Saturday
January 21, 2012
Snow date: Saturday, January 28, 2012
Brookside Country Club
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Pre-Registration Required

9:30AM – 10:30AM	
<p>Beginner Crochet – Wendy Lord</p> <p>Class Description: Get hands on practice learning basic crochet skills. No previous knowledge needed!</p> <p>Skill level required: Beginner</p> <p>Supplies needed: One size “H” or “I” crochet hook is recommended for learning. Please bring scissors. Worsted weight yarn will be provided.</p> <p>Homework prior to class: None</p>	<p>Cable Needle Freedom – Marjorie Bell</p> <p>Class Description: Learn how to make cables without a cable needle. Simple, faster, and no more “Now where did I put that cable needle?”</p> <p>Skill level required: Advanced Beginner. MUST already know how to cable!</p> <p>Supplies needed: Smooth light colored wool in DK or worsted weight and appropriate size needles with sharp tips preferred.</p> <p>Homework prior to class: Cast on 34 stitches. Knit 3 rows (garter stitch). Row 4 (RS): Knit 3, purl 3, place marker, knit 4, place marker, purl 3, place marker, knit 8, place marker, purl 3, place marker, knit 4, place marker, purl 3, knit 3. Row 5 (WS): Keep the first and last stitches in garter (ALL ROWS!). For remaining stitches, knit the knits and purl the purls. Repeat Rows 4 and 5 once, slipping markers to the right hand needle when you come to them. Leave stitches live on the needles. Do not break yarn.</p>
<p>Introduction to Lace – Marilyn Gural</p> <p>Class Description: Enter the magical world of lace knitting by learning its basic elements. In this workshop, you will: learn the standard lace increase, discuss common cast on techniques, learn how to read a lace chart, discuss the importance of blocking lace projects, and begin an easy lace pattern.</p> <p>Skill level required: Beginner – MUST know how to knit, purl, and cast on.</p> <p>Supplies needed: US Size #7 straight needles, one skein of smooth DK weight yarn of your choice.</p> <p>Homework prior to class: Cast on 22 stitches and knit two rows.</p>	<p>Magic Loop – Jan Watson</p> <p>Class Description: Learn an invaluable technique for knitting small in-the-round projects on one long circular needle. This is a great technique that can be used for socks, mittens, and other items. Instructions will also be provided for casting on TWO projects (e.g. two socks) on the same needle so that you can finish both items at the same time.</p> <p>Skill level required: Must know how to cast on and knit in the round.</p> <p>Supplies needed: US Size #6, #7, #8, or #9 circular needle, 40 inches or longer, with flexible cable. (Note: I suggest the knitpicks.com circular needles – reasonably priced and very flexible). Worsted weight yarn is available for your use or you can bring your own yarn.</p> <p>Homework prior to class: None</p>

Magic Mitered Squares – Diane Kozak

Class Description:

Knitting a mitered square is surprisingly simple. These versatile squares work up fast and can be used to create garments, handbags, sweaters, rugs, and more. In this class, we will learn the technique for a basic mitered square, look at sample mitered square projects, and learn a pattern to create a spectacular mitered square afghan from leftover bits of yarn.

Skill level required:

Must know how to cast on and knit. Skills we will be working on involve decreases (SSK, PSSO), picking up stitches, and casting on extra stitches to create the mitered blocks of the afghan.

Supplies needed:

Bring worsted weight yarn and US Size #7 or #8 needles (straight, circular, or DPNs).

Homework prior to class:

None

Extreme Seams – Beth Daniels

Class Description:

“Extreme” because your garments will exceed the ordinary when seamed properly. In this beginner-level seaming class, you will learn some basic seams including the mattress stitch seam (stockinette stitch seam) and the three-needle bind off.

Skill level required:

Beginner

Supplies needed:

Four knitted homework pieces, two US Size #7 needles, one US Size #6 or #7 needle, tapestry needle, and two yards of the yarn you used for the homework.

Homework:

Make four swatches. Work two swatches with worsted weight yarn: cast on 30 stitches, knit in stockinette stitch (knit one row, purl one row) for 4 inches, cast off. Work two additional swatches as previously described, but do not cast off (leave stitches on the needles).

10:30AM – 11:30AM

Beaded Purses – Uyvonne Bigham

Class Description:

Accessories are the perfect carry along project and these beaded bags are addictive. Make one for yourself and then make some for friends and family. Like a good book, once you start, you will not be able to put it down until it is finished.

Skill level required:

Beginner. You only need to know how to do the knit stitch. I will teach you the rest.

Supplies needed:

Approximately 25 grams of sport or DK weight yarn (5.5 to 6 stitches per inch). US Size #2 or #3 needles. One tapestry needle for sewing.

Homework prior to class:

You can pick up your materials prior to class and begin to thread your beads onto the yarn. This is a little time consuming, so it would be good to get a head start.

Materials Fee:

\$20 – this will include yarn, a purse frame, beads, bead threader, and pattern to make the purse.

I-Cord and How to Use It – Suzanna Rauscher and Peggy Moser

Class Description:

The I-Cord Queens are at it again! This year we will show you how to do attached I-cord.

Skill level required:

Beginner – must know how to cast on, bind off, knit, and purl.

Supplies needed:

Size #10 straight and double pointed needles, extra yarn to knit the I-cord onto the swatch, basic notions (scissors, tapestry needle, etc.).

Homework prior to class:

Work a swatch in stockinette stitch: CO 25 stitches with Size #10 needles and work stockinette stitch (knit one row, purl one row) for about 9 inches, bind off.

Increases and Decreases – Betsy Manning

Class Description:

Maybe you have made scarves, blankets, and potholders, but what's next? How do you go beyond straight, flat knitting and produce beautifully shaped garments and projects? The answer: Increases and Decreases! This class will help you to get to the next level in knitting. You will learn a few basic ways to add more stitches and take them away. We will look at the abbreviations commonly associated with those stitches and take the fear out of seeing them on charts and in patterns.

Skill level required:

Must be able to cast on, knit and purl.

Supplies needed:

One set of needles in any size that is most comfortable for you. Worsted weight yarn to be provided

Homework prior to class:

Look for information and videos on Increases and Decreases. Find a stitch that has you stumped or you would like to share.

Needle Felting – Julie Tonnessen

Class Description:

Needle felting is an amazing versatile dry felting technique. We will work with wool roving and a sharp felting needle to create embellishments that can be used on clothing and accessories or even turned into jewelry. Love to make felted purses? We will explore decorating felted items with wool yarn and fiber. The instructor will provide all supplies except for the felting needle.

Skill level required:

No previous experience necessary.

Supplies needed:

Felting needle – any gauge. Single needle preferred over multi-needle tool.

Homework prior to class:

None

Reading Charts – Marie Haigh

Class Description:

Learn how to decipher and to easily follow the weird dots and shapes used in knitting charts.

Skill level with required:

Advanced Beginner.

Supplies needed:

None

Homework prior to class:

Bring in a pattern using charts that you would like to knit.

Seams! Seams! Seams! - Pat Shorten

Class Description:

Learn how to effectively sew your garments together. This course teaches seaming edges of stockinette stitch and garter stitch fabrics as well as how to weave in yarn tails. Now all your knitted garments will be expertly finished.

Skill level required:

Beginners welcome!

Supplies needed:

Light, solid-colored worsted weight yarn, appropriate sized knitting needles, yarn darning needle, crochet hook approximately one needle size smaller than the needle that you use to knit the swatches.

Homework prior to class:

- Knit two strips in Stockinette Stitch (knit on the right side, purl on the wrong side). Make them 10 stitches wide and 5" long. Knit both pieces AT THE SAME TIME so that they are EXACTLY the same length with the same number of rows. Please mark the bound off edge, either using a safety pin or tie a scrap of contrasting yarn to your strips.
- Knit two strips in Garter Stitch (knit every row). Make them 10 stitches wide and 5" long. Knit both pieces AT THE SAME TIME so that they are EXACTLY the same length with the same number of rows. Please mark the bound off edge, either using a safety pin or tie a scrap of contrasting yarn to your strips.

Note: Please leave long tails as we will learn both to use them in our seams and how to finish in the tail.

11:30AM – 12:30PM

Do The Continental! – Karen Karwoski

Class Description:

Did you know that there are different methods of knitting? Many people use the English method where the yarn is held in the right hand. Continental knitting is a method where you hold the yarn in your left hand. Some believe that it is a faster method and also that it is less stressful on the wrists. It is also good for left-handers. See what you think as you “do the Continental!”

Skill level required:

Any level, including beginners.

Supplies needed:

US Size #7 straight needles. Worsted weight yarn will be provided.

Homework prior to class:

None

Intro to Entrelac – Natalie Bischof

Class Description:

Learn how to pick up stitches and use short rows to create beautiful woven-look fabric of entrelac.

Skill level required:

Must already know how to cast on, bind off, knit, purl, and read a pattern.

Supplies needed:

A pattern for a basic entrelac scarf will be provided. If you would like to create the scarf, you will need 525 yards of aran weight yarn and US Size #9 knitting needles. Yarns with long color repeats (like Noro) work really well for this project. The pattern calls for three hanks of Noro Kochoran. If you would just like to learn the technique, please bring yarn and needles to create a fabric of a suitable gauge.

Homework prior to class:

None

Introduction to Interlocking Crochet – Sandy Snyder

Class Description:

Would you like to crochet a project that has people wondering how you got two unique, attractive looks in the same item? Learn the basics of Interlocking Crochet. During the class, you will learn the basic concepts and stitches to complete your first project. Samples and first projects will be discussed and presented during the class.

Skill level required:

Must know how to crochet the basic crochet stitches: chain, single crochet, double crochet, slip stitch. Must have completed a crocheted piece.

Supplies needed:

A crochet hook from US Size G to I. Worsted yarn will be provided for the class.

Homework prior to class:

None

Mitered Squares – Debbie Bicker

Class Description:

Learn a simple method for knitting mitered squares. Also learn how to add on squares without sewing to make multiple square designs. The squares can be used in endless ways: scarves, tote bags, and vests, to name a few. Variegated yarns and alternating yarn colors work particularly well with mitered squares.

Skill level required:

Beginner – Need to know how to cast on, bind off, knit, and knit two together.

Supplies needed:

Any size straight needles and yarn. Variegated yarn, different yarn colors and stitch markers is a plus but not required.

Homework prior to class:

None

Needle Felted Buttons – Nancy Ketner

Class Description:

Learn a fun and easy way to add color to your finished projects with needle-felted buttons. Techniques and alternate button ideas will be discussed.

Skill level required:

None – anyone can learn!

Supplies needed:

None

Homework prior to class:

None

Materials Fee:

\$5 – all the materials are provided in the class (needles, roving, foam, etc.)

Shetland Lace Sampler – Karen Walter

Class Description:

We will swatch some stitch patterns used in the beautiful lace shawls of the Shetland Islands and talk about shawl construction techniques and blocking.

Skill level required:

Should be comfortable increasing and decreasing.

Supplies needed:

Fingering weight yarn (leftover sock yarn is great!) in a solid or near-solid color and appropriate needles – at least two sizes larger than you would normally use for socks with this yarn. A US Size #5 is appropriate for most knitters. Stitch markers will also come in handy!

Homework prior to class:

None

12:30PM – 1:30PM

Knitting with Beads – Marjorie Bell

Class Description:

Learn 4 different techniques for getting beads on to your knitting while making a bracelet or bookmark.

Skill level required:

Intermediate. Must be able to follow a simple chart.

Supplies needed:

US Size #3 needles, DPNs are preferred but not necessary. If you are an extremely tight knitter, bring a US Size #4.

Homework prior to class:

None

Materials Fee:

\$5 includes yarn, beads, and all supplies necessary except for the knitting needles.

Beginner Cables – Jan Watson

Class Description:

Ever wonder how those cables get their twist? Well, spend a few minutes with me, and I'll help you to demystify the Cable – how to read both the written description and how to decipher the charts. You will learn two basic cables – the Four Stitch Twist Cable and the Six Stitch Right Twist Cable.

Skill level required:

You should know how to do basic knitting and purling.

Supplies needed:

Bring US Size #7 or #8 needles and worsted weight yarn. Bring a cable needle set – they usually come in sets of three. There are three different kinds – it does not matter which kind. We will go over each kind.

Homework prior to class:

With a plain (not variegated) worsted weight yarn and US Size #7 or #8 needle, cast on 26 stitches.

Row 1: K1, P1 to end.

Row 2: P1, K1 to end.

Row 3: K all stitches.

Row 4: P all stitches.

Repeat Rows 3 and 4 for 2 inches.

Leave on needles or put on a stitch holder. Do not cut yarn.

Entrelac Scarf – Diane Kozak

Class Description:

My entrelac scarf is my favorite scarf! Every fall I look forward to the weather getting cool enough so that I can take it out of the closet and wear it again! In this class, you will learn the basic entrelac knitting technique used to create a textured diamond pattern scarf that resembles basket woven strips of fabric.

Skill level required:

Knitting entrelac requires the knit and purl stitches, an ability to “k2tog” and “p2tog” (knit or purl two stitches together) and to pick up stitches.

Supplies needed:

The pattern calls for 4 balls of Noro Silk Garden (440 yards of worsted weight yarn) to knit a scarf 61 inches long and 6.5 inches wide (unblocked). You can substitute a similar yarn with long color runs or opt for a tweed or solid color. US Size #8 needles (straight or circular).

Homework prior to class:

None

Fair Isle Hat – Susan Mueller

Class Description:

Stay warm this winter with your very own Fair Isle Bordered Hat. Learn Fair Isle (stranded) circular knitting technique while knitting the border of this hat in the class. Finish off the hat on your own.

Skill level required:

You should already be able to knit in the round with circular or double point needles.

Supplies needed:

US Size #6 (or size needed to obtain gauge) – 16” circular needles, 3 skeins (50 grams, approximately 100 yards) of worsted weight wool – each skein should be a different color.
Gauge: 22 sts and 26 rows = 4” in plain stockinette stitch.

Homework prior to class:

Cast on 112 stitches with main color. Place marker to mark the beginning of round and join. [Knit 1 round, Purl 1 round] 4 times. Knit 2 more rounds. You should have a total of 10 rows completed.

Mosaic Knitting – Janet Kakareka

Class Description:

Do you know how to knit a stitch, purl a stitch, and slip a stitch? That is all you need to know to learn Barbara Walker's color knitting technique called Mosaic Knitting. Unlike Fair Isle Knitting which requires using two colors at a time, you will be using one color at a time, changing colors every two rows. You will learn to work the color designs by using a graphic chart.

Skill level required:

Advanced Beginner – must know how to cast on, knit and purl, slip a stitch.

Supplies needed:

Two worsted (medium-weight yarns, one a light color and one a dark color (a sharp color contrast is best), US Size #8 or #9 straight needles.

Homework prior to class:

With darker colored yarn, cast on 27 stitches and knit one row. Leave on the needle and bring to class.

Short Row Scarf – Marilyn Rittenhouse

Class Description:

Learn to do short rows and begin an interesting scarf out of worsted weight yarn. Also learn some other uses for short rows.

Skill level required:

Must know how to cast on, knit, purl, and do a make 1 (m1) stitch.

Supplies needed:

Approximately 300 yards of worsted weight yarn. US Size #5 needles.

Homework prior to class:

Using US Size #5 needles, cast on 3 stitches.
Row 1: Knit.
Row 2: K1, m1, K to end of row.
Repeat Row 2 until there are 19 stitches. Leave stitches on the needles.