

14th Annual
Pottstown
Knit Out
Benefits the American Cancer Society



Class List

Saturday
January 20, 2018
10am - 4pm Snow or Shine

Brookside Country Club
Adams & Prospect Streets
850 North Adams Street
Pottstown, PA 19464

Pre-Registration Required

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10:30

Continental Knitting – Betsy Manning

Class Description: Are you a thrower or a picker? The Continental Method of knitting can be faster than the English style (aka 'throwing') as it requires less hand movement. The tip of the working needle is used to "pick" the yarn and bring it forward into the loop to form the stitch. Purling is easy with Continental Knitting. This is the preferred method used by speed knitters and this skill is essential for Fair Isle knitting when carrying more than one strand of yarn. Like all new skills, it may feel awkward at first, but practice it a bit and you'll be picking with the best of them!

Skill Level: Beginner. Must know how to cast on, knit and purl in your current style of knitting.

Supplies Needed: One pair US needles size range #8 to #11, any style. Worsted weight yarn.

Homework: None, but you could look up videos and information about Continental Knitting and bring questions to class.

Estonian Stitches – Marjorie Bell

Class Description: Intrigued by texture and ready for a bit more of a challenge? Learn to make the famous "Nupp" stitch and, if time allows, a few more of the stitches Estonia is famous for.

Skill Level: Students should be comfortable knitting from charts and know basic stitches used for lace: yo, k2tog, ssk.

Supplies Needed: Smooth, light colored yarn (preferably wool) in either lace, fingering, sport or dk weight. Needles should be very sharp-tipped! This means no blunt bamboo needles. Addi Lace, Knit Picks or Knitter's Pride would all be appropriate. Straights or circulars can be used. Size should be appropriate for the weight of the yarn (i.e., size 2 for lace weight up to size 6 for DK weight yarn.)

Homework: None

Modular Knitting – Uyvonne Bigham

Class Description: Learn to make a scalloped shawl using my modular knitting technique. Each module is knit on 50 stitches and you learn to build a shawl using easy techniques.

Skill Level: Intermediate.

Supplies Needed: Size 7 or 8 needles (approx. 16 inches), yarn needle, pencil and paper.

Materials fee: \$20 for shawl kit which includes yarn and pattern.

Homework: None

Mosaic Knitting – Janet Kakareka

Class Description: Learn a surprisingly easy technique for two color knitting. Mosaic knitting can be achieved by following a chart or the written instructions. Both methods will be explored in this class. Your practice swatch from class may be used for a coaster. A blanket pattern is available free on Ravelry using this Barbara Walker mosaic stitch you will practice in class.

Skill Level Required: adventurous beginner: must know how to cast on, knit and purl.

Supplies Needed: Two solid colors of plain (not a novelty) medium worsted weight yarn, one very light (color A) and one very dark (color B). A sharp color contrast is best. US size 7 or 8 straight or circular needles.

Homework: Cast on 27 stitches with Color A, the light color, and knit one row for the setup row. Leave on the needles and bring to class.

Fixing Mistakes – Joy Jannotti

Class Description: How do you fix that twisted stitch, pick up a dropped stitch, or rip back without having to go all the way? Learn these techniques and more as we explore ways to fix and avoid mistakes.

Skill Level: Beginner. Must know how to knit and purl.

Supplies Needed: US size 8 needles, and a matching crochet hook. Worsted weight yarn, smooth and light colored. A tapestry needle.

Homework: Cast on 20 sts. Work in Stockinette st (knit one row, purl one row) for three inches. Leave sts live on the needles.

Helical Stripes – Sandi Gill

Class Description: Knit a striped, roll brim baby hat with continuous, non-jogging stripes. Use this skill later for striped wrist warmers, fingerless gloves, or any round thing with stripes!

Skill Level: Intermediate: You must be able to cast on, knit, and work in the round on double-pointed needles or Magic Loop.

Supplies Needed: Two contrasting solid colors (A,B) of worsted weight yarn, a stitch marker, Magic Loop or double-pointed needles of appropriate size (whatever you are comfortable with).

Homework: Cast on 40 stitches in Color A. Distribute stitches evenly on your needles. Join in the round without twisting. Mark the beginning of the round. Knit two rows in stockinette stitch.

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Magic Loop – Jan Watson

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 many different projects where you would normally use double pointed needles or two circular needles (like socks and mittens).

Skill Level Required: Advanced beginner: must know how to cast on and knit in the round.

Supplies Needed: Worsted weight yarn and appropriate sized needle (US size 6, 7, 8, or 9) with a LONG (40 inches or longer) flexible cable. (I recommend the Knitpicks.com circular needles – reasonably priced, and very flexible).

Homework: None

Intro to Lace – Linda Rendina

Class Description: This class will introduce you to the beautiful world of lace knitting. Every student will learn how to increase and decrease while creating a beautiful lace stripe scarf. You will also learn to read a simple lace chart, as well as the importance of blocking lace projects.

Skill Level Required: Beginner: Must know how to cast on, knit and purl.

Supplies Needed: 750 yards of fingering yarn or 4 balls of Red Heart & Sole Yarn, Size 5 knitting needles, Stitch markers, Yarn needle

Homework: Cast on 80 stitches and work 4 rows of seed stitch (Rows 1 & 3: *knit 1, purl 1*. Rows 2 & 4: *purl 1, knit 1*).

Remarkable Ravelry – Marjorie Bell

Class Description: Learn how to make the most out of the best tool there is for knitters and crocheters. Find out what everyone is talking about! A few of the things this free web site can do for you: avoid problem patterns & ill-fitting garments, find thousands of free patterns, get inspired, make friends, get advice, never feel alone again!

Skill Level Required: Anyone with internet access!

Supplies Needed: Please bring an iPad, tablet or laptop to class if you can. We will have free Wifi, so we will be exploring away!

Homework: If you don't already have a Ravelry account, please join ahead of time (www.ravelry.com) and make sure you know your username and password.

Mattress Stitch for Invisible Seaming

– Janet Kakareka

Class Description: Learn how to make invisible seams for stockinette stitch, garter stitch, and shoulder joining.

Skill Level Required: Beginner: Must know how to cast on, knit and purl, and bind off.

Supplies Needed: For Homework swatches: use a solid color, plain (no novelty) medium worsted weight yarn on size 7 or 8 needles. For class: yarn needle (tapestry needle) for worsted weight yarn (preferably a bent tip one), scrap worsted weight yarn in a contrasting color to use for seams, scissors.

Homework: You will make six swatches that will be used for the hands on practice in class. Please steam press them so they are easier to work with. Cast on 20 sts and knit in stockinette stitch (knit one row, purl one row) for 3 inches. Bind off. Make four of these. Cast on 20 sts and knit every row (garter stitch) for 3 inches. Bind off. Make two of these.

Mitered Squares/Modular Knitting

– Debbie Bicker

Class Description: Learn a simple method for making mitered squares. Squares can be used to create scarves, afghans, pillows, tote bags and more. Use them singularly or pick up and knit many. Variegated and striping yarns work particularly well with mitered squares.

Skill Level Required: Beginner: must know how to cast on, bind off, and knit two together. Knowing how to pick up and knit is helpful but not essential.

Supplies Needed: Worsted weight yarn and US size 6 or 7 straight needles suggested, but any size/weight will work. Optional: 1 stitch marker and 1 safety pin or stitch clip.

Homework: None

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Intro to Cables – *Colleen Kelly*

Class Description: Insert beautiful textures into your knitting projects with cables. Learn a few of the basic cable stitches as well as some twists and turns of more complicated designs.

Skill Level Required: Beginner: must know how to knit, purl and cast on

Supplies Needed: size 10 knitting needles, cable needle, smooth light-colored worsted weight yarn

Homework: cast on 40 stitches and knit 3 rows.

Short Row Scarf – *Marilyn Rittenhouse*

Class Description: Learn one method of making short rows and begin an interesting scarf. Also learn some other uses for short rows.

Skill Level Required: any

Supplies Needed: 300 yards worsted weight yarn, US size 5 needles.

Homework: Using size 5 needle, cast on 3 sts. Row 1: Knit. Row 2: K1, m1, K to end of row. Repeat Row 2 until there are 19 sts. Leave sts live on the needles.

Basic Brioche – *Karen Karwoski*

Class Description: Learn a new stitch to enhance your knitting knowledge! Brioche knitting produces a fabric with depth and texture by combining a yarn over knitted together with a slipped stitch. It can be worked in one or multiple colors of yarn and produces a reversible pattern. We will start on a scarf to keep you warm this winter!

Skill Level Required: Advanced Beginner

Supplies Needed: At least 400 yards of worsted weight yarn and US size 7 needles. A variegated yarn looks great in a brioche pattern. If you prefer a different weight of yarn, just bring enough yardage for a scarf and appropriate needles.

Homework: Cast on 29 stitches (or an odd number of stitches to make the desired width of your scarf). Work in Stockinette Stitch (knit 1 row, purl 1 row) for about one inch, ending with a knit row.

I-Cord Bling – *Marie Haigh*

Class Description: I-cords are a lot like jewelry; they can spruce up any project or outfit. Come be inspired by the millions of ways you can use an i-cord. We will quickly review how to make an i-cord and then delve into the many ways they can be attached.

Skill Level Required: Beginner.

Supplies Needed: 2 double pointed needles in any size from 8-15 and scrap yarn

Homework: None

Knitting Backwards – *Natalie Bischof*

Class Description: Learn how to purl without turning your work. Great skill for short rows & entrelac!

Skill Level Required: Advanced beginner. Must be able to cast on, knit, purl, read a pattern.

Supplies Needed: A smooth yarn in a color which allows you to see your stitches. Appropriately sized needles for the yarn you choose.

Homework: Cast on 10 to 20 sts.

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Tunisian Crochet – Sandy Snyder

Class Description: Tunisian crochet is also called the Afghan stitch. You will learn the basic stitches which you can use to complete your first project. Projects such as a scarf or pillow cover will be discussed.

Skill Level Required: Must know the basic crochet stitches: chain, single crochet, double crochet, slip stitch.

Supplies Needed: Tunisian crochet hook (may be single or double headed). Worsted weight yarn, smooth and in a light color.

Homework: None

Cozy Cable Cowl – Betsy Manning 1:30

Class Description: Purl Soho's Cozy Cable Cowl is easy to make and knits up in a snap. It's a great project when you need to make something warm and beautiful in a hurry. Ideal for the winter months.

Skill Level Required: Advanced Beginner: Must know how to cast on, knit, purl, decrease, and be comfortable knitting in the round. I will demonstrate cables in the class for anyone who needs to see it done.

Supplies Needed: 300 yards of Super Bulky Weight Yarn such as Lion Brand WoolEase Thick and Quick (108 yards per skein), a US 15, 24-inch circular needle, a large cable stitch holder, a jumbo stitch marker

Homework: Look up videos and information on any technique you may need: cables, any stretchy cast on, knitting in the round. **IMPORTANT:** Print & bring the pattern from this page: www.purlsoho.com/create/2016/01/04/cozy-cable-cowl/

Easy Garter Stitch Shawl – Uyvonne Bigham

Class Description: This shawl is knit in garter stitch, making it an easy first shawl for any beginner, but fashionable enough for a more advanced knitter.

Skill Level Required: Beginner: must know how to cast on and knit.

Supplies Needed: size 9, 10, 10.5 or 11 circular needles (approx. 32 inches long), pencil and paper.

Material fee: \$20 which includes yarn and pattern for shawl.

Homework: none.

Exploring Intarsia – Donna Guthrie 1:30

Class Description: Learn what is intarsia and how it is different from stranded knitting. We will prepare bobbins, knit from an easy chart, learning how to interlock yarn color changes. Instructor will demonstrate how to close any gaps and weave in ends. Handouts of notes and extra charts for more practice.

Skill Level Required: Confident Beginner: must know how to cast on, knit and purl

Supplies Needed: Worsted weight yarn: 6 yards each of 4 colors (medium to dark), and 10 yards of Main Color (Light); straight or circular size 7 needles, scissors, tapestry or seaming needle, red pen, small ruler to mark graphs

Homework: Cast on 30 sts with Main color. Knit one row. Purl one row.

Latvian Braid – Joy Jannotti

Class Description: Learn how to knit this pretty braid that is often used on mitten and hat cuffs.

Skill Level Required: Advanced (must know how to work stranded knitting in the round)

Supplies Needed: US size 7 double pointed needles, smooth worsted weight yarn in two highly contrasting colors

Homework: Using one of your two colors, cast on 30 stitches. Divide sts evenly over the needles. Join without twisting. Work one round of k1, p1 rib.