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Knitting Bee Buzz



Happy New Year! By the time you're reading this, hopefully all the weather craziness dubbed ARCTIC BLAST 2008 will be but a memory. The holidays are hectic enough, without the addition of snow, ice and a week of questionable school closures! Personally, I blame the entire storm on a woman who visited the shop in mid-December looking for a quick knit for gift giving. When I suggested she make a hat, she looked at me like I was crazy. "Nobody wears hats here. It's not cold enough." Declaring hats unnecessary at a knitting shop? Hmmmm. Somewhere off in the distance, I imagined the knitting goddesses hitting the send button on a quick text message to Mother Nature: Let it snow!

Of course, anybody who's truly devoted to wool and needles absolutely loves snowy weather. We relish the opportunity to go to the closet, pull out every handknit item we can find, and pile everything on at once. Socks, sweaters, mittens, scarves, and hats. Head-to-toe handknit goodness ... what could be better?! After a quick trip down the snowy catwalk, it's back indoors for a cup of hot cocoa and a few hours of guilt-free knitting time. Pure bliss!

Of course, when the snow day turned to a snow week, all of the excitement started to lose a little of its sparkle and shine. We'd get these panicked phone calls at the shop: "Are you open? I was worried you wouldn't be open!" or "I've dropped a stitch, how late will you be there?" or "I really have to have more Malabrigo ... today." Thanks to my crew of dedicated honeybees, the shop was mostly open during ARCTIC BLAST 2008. And I'd like to extend a special thanks to each and everyone of you for supporting your local, neighborhood yarn shop every day of the year!

Looking forward to seeing you soon,
Jami

Happy New Year Coupon!

30% off any one item

Thanks for supporting Knitting Bee,
your neighborhood yarn shop

Limit one coupon per person. Coupon expires 1/31/09.

Excludes umbrella swifits, ball winders and interchangeable needle sets.

Discount limited to stock on hand.

Making a Difference, One Stitch at a Time

Knitting Bee's Charity Stitching Circle continues to amaze! In mid-December we delivered nearly a dozen afghans to the Baby Love Blanket Drive benefiting Outside/In and Yolanda House, an additional 15 blankies (many with matching sweaters and caps) to Emanuel Hospital's neonatal unit, at least a dozen kid's caps to Hillsboro Headstart and more than 50 warm hats and scarves to the homeless at Transition Projects in Old Town. Charity Stitching Circle meets the first Wednesday of every month from 10:30am to noon. Everyone is welcome to contribute handknit or crocheted items, even if you can't make the meeting. Help us make a difference in our community!



Just a small sampling of lovely knit and crocheted baby blankets delivered to local area charities last month.

Save 15% on our Yarn of the Month

Our January yarn of the Month is shop favorite **Berroco Ultra Alpaca**. This wonderful 50/50 blend of alpaca and Peruvian wool comes in a big palette of heathered and solid colors and is perfect for cozy sweaters, wraps and even afghans. At 215 yds to 100 grams, **Ultra Alpaca** is always a great value. At 15% off, you can't go wrong!

Super Bowl Sunday SALE

Mark your calendars, clear your schedules, save the date!!! Our biggest sale of the year is Sunday, February 1st. Doors open at 11:00am, so you'll have plenty of time to get home for the game. Expect to find extra deep discounts and fabulous bargains. Don't miss this famous annual event.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Feb. 1st - Super Bowl Sunday Sale, 11:00am-4:00pm

Every Wednesday - Knit Night, 6:00pm-8:30pm

First Wednesdays - Charity Circle, 10:30am-Noon

Second Fridays - Sock Club, 6:00pm-8:00pm



Winter Classes

Lovers of addi Turbo needles rejoice! The much-anticipated **addi Click** interchangeable needle sets have arrived, and they are fabulous! Ten pairs of speedy Turbo needle tips, famously pliable cords, an incredibly smooth join and an ingenious keyless locking mechanism make this the instant gold standard of needle sets. They don't come cheap, but they're worth every penny! We sold out of our first shipment before Christmas, but more are coming. Reserve yours now!

From our friends at *Curious Creek Fibers* in California, **Omo** is a luxurious blend of merino wool and silk in a yummy fingering weight for socks, lace or fine colorwork. Each handpainted skein is a mini work of art! For all you sockaholics out there, we also received a new batch of wild and wooly **Fair Isle Footies** kits. Good things do come in small packages!

While we're on the subject of socks, several great new books recently hit the shelves. From the folks at Interweave, *Knitting Socks with Handpainted Yarns* features 20 designs that make the most of these much-loved fibers. The book offers lots of great advice on avoiding pooling and splotching,

combining handpaints with solids, and designing your own projects. If you love socks but hate Kitchener stitch, you'll want to check out the newly revised *Toe-up Techniques for Hand-Knit Socks*. This little book features easy methods for knitting socks from the toe-up, allowing you to try them on as you go.

By the time you're reading this, we should have received our shipment of *Jojoland Melody Superwash*, a lovely laceweight wool with extra long color repeats. If you've seen the gorgeous "Swirl Shawl" in advertisements or on Ravelry, here's your chance to make your own!

Brilliantly colored **Therapi** flew in under the radar not too long ago, but it deserves a little special attention.

That's because it's actually made with Jade. Yup. What will those crazy people at *SWTC* think of next? Said to have healing properties, the Jadeite fiber is combined with wool and silk in a super soft worsted weight yarn with excellent stitch definition. Give it a try!

We received our first shipments from *Fleece Artist* and *Handmaiden* in early December, including the amazingly gorgeous **Sea Silk** and sumptuous **4-ply Cashmere**. Don't miss these Canadian beauties!

**New
and
Notable**

Knitting Bee has knitting, crochet and spinning classes for all levels of experience. Call soon to reserve your spot.

Student Discounts: Students receive a non-transferable 10% storewide discount upon registering for class. Discount is valid on all purchases through the last day of class; please remind cashier of your class enrollment. Sorry, discount can not be combined with Busy Bee reward certificates; no additional discounts on sale items or class fees.

Registration: Class fees must be paid in full at sign-up to reserve your space. You can register at the shop or by phone at (503)439-3316 with a credit card.

Class Size & Etiquette: Maximum class size is 8 students. Classes with fewer than 3 students may be cancelled and a refund will be issued. Please purchase class materials prior to the start of class.

Cancellations: You may cancel up to one week before your class for a full refund. If you cancel later, we can't issue a refund unless we are able to fill your spot from a waiting list.

Private Lessons & Custom Classes: Private instruction is available on an hourly basis for individuals or groups interested in a particular topic. Ask for details.

Attention new knitters! Classes marked with the checked box symbol are designed to accommodate new knitters. If you know how to knit and purl, take your knitting to the next level and come join the fun in one of these easy classes!



GET STARTED

Learn to Knit with Elaine Bueffel

Want to get knitting in a hurry? Our one session knitting crash course is for you! Using chunky yarn and big needles, we'll show you how to cast on and knit to create a fun and fashionable garter stitch scarf. Class fee: \$20.00 + materials

Tuesday 1/13, 6:00pm – 8:00pm -OR- Wednesday 2/11, 4:30pm – 6:30pm
-OR- Tuesday 3/3, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

The Purl Stitch with Tess Mattos

If you've already learned the knit stitch, this is the answer to "What comes next?" Tess will teach you how to purl, then we'll explore how to combine the two stitches to create stockinette stitch, ribbing, seed stitch and more. Class fee: \$25.00 + materials

Saturday 1/24, 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Learn to Crochet: Eco-Friendly Crochet String Bag with Darla J. Fanton

Learn to crochet and help the environment at the same time! This stretchy and durable string bag is super handy for the grocery store, farmer's market or any time you need to tote stuff. Created mainly from chains and single crochet, the string bag is a perfect project for the first-time crocheter. If you already know the basic crochet stitches, Darla's tips on pattern reading, ways to improve your technique, and unique method of creating a sturdy double-thick handle will build your skills. Class fee: \$35.00 + materials

Saturdays, 1/17 & 1/31, 10:30am – 12:30pm



NEW YEAR, NEW SKILLS

Finishing Workshop with Nancy Hinsch

In this comprehensive workshop, blue-ribbon winner Nancy Hinsch will demonstrate a variety of blocking techniques, show you how to shape and join a short row shoulder, teach you how to make invisible seams, & more. Please bring homework swatches. Class fee: \$25.00

Friday 1/30, 4:00pm – 6:30pm

Knitting 911 with Tess Mattos

Back by popular demand! Learn what to do when good stitches go bad. This class will help you recognize mistakes and give you the confidence to unknit, pick up dropped stitches, and rip out with control. Please bring homework swatches. Class fee: \$25.00

Thursday 2/12, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Continental Knitting with Tess Mattos

Learn to knit and purl while carrying the yarn in your left hand. Also known as “picking,” this method is arguably more efficient, faster, and easier on your hands and arms. Basic knitting skills required. Class fee: \$25.00

Thursday 2/26, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Drop Spindle Basics with Anita Osterhaug

Who needs a wheel? With a drop spindle you can spin anywhere, anytime. Anita will show you how to draft fiber, control twist and spin like a pro using a top whorl drop spindle.

Warning: spindle spinning is addictive! Class fee: \$30.00, includes fiber.

Sunday 3/1, 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Numbers for Knitters with Tanya Patterson

Increase your knitting IQ! Tanya will show you how to read your gauge swatches, correct any gauge discrepancies, and demystify why gauge matters so much. We’ll also learn how to estimate yardage for a project, convert meters to yards, determine the yardage left on a partial ball of yarn, and understand US vs. metric needle sizes. Class fee: \$25.00

Sunday 3/22, 3:30pm – 5:30pm



MAKE THAT SWEATER!

Gansey Workshop with Stephanie Engle

Is making a Gansey on your list of knitting must-do’s? Originally worn by 19th-century fishermen, the simple shape of this sweater provides the perfect canvas for showcasing richly textured knit and purl pattern blocks. Stephanie will lead you through all of the traditional Gansey design features including the Channel Island cast-on, welts, underarm and neck gussets and more while you make a mini sweater from the book *Knitting Ganseys*.

Class fee: \$50.00 + materials

Tuesdays, 1/20, 1/27 & 2/3, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

February Lady Sweater with Stephanie Engle

Make the sweater that’s taken the online knitting world by storm! This swiny lace cardigan is based on Elizabeth Zimmermann’s classic “Baby Sweater on Two Needles.” It’s knit all in one piece from the top down with a garter stitch yoke and easy to memorize gull lace pattern on the body. If you can confidently knit and purl, you can make this sweater!

Class fee: \$50.00 + materials

Sundays, 1/25, 2/8 & 2/22, 1:30pm – 3:30pm



PLENTY O’ PROJECTS

Multiple Choice Hat with Tanya Patterson

Pull out your stash and whip up some hats! In this incredibly informative class Tanya will share her formula for working up a basic hat in any weight of yarn, custom fit to any size head. It doesn’t matter if you’ve never made a hat before, this class will give you all the skills you need and then some. Ask for a homework handout.

Class fee: \$35.00 + materials

Thursdays, 1/15 & 1/22, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

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Saturdays, 1/17 & 1/31, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Tunisian Crochet: Knit and Purl with a Crochet Hook with Darla J. Fanton

Yes, you can use your crochet hook to create a fabric that looks like it was knit! Whether you’re struggling to master ‘two sticks and a string’ or are just looking for something new to try, Tunisian Crochet is tons of fun. We’ll learn the basic stitches on a small swatch then move on to a cozy scarf using either a heart or diamond motif. No previous knitting or crochet experience required, although knowing how to crochet a chain is a plus.

Class fee: \$25.00 + materials

Saturday 1/24, 10:30am – 1:00pm

Drifting Pleats Scarf with Melissa Chakmakian

Lovely pleats seem to “drift” across the surface of this gorgeous scarf. Another absolutely amazing design from *Knitting New Scarves*, billed as “probably the most challenging pattern in the book.” Have no fear ... Melissa is here! She’ll help you make sense of the unconventional setup and show you how to juggle all those double pointed needles. After you work the pleat setup and knit a few rows, it gets easier! Class fee: \$35.00 + materials

Thursdays, 1/29 & 2/5, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Embellish! with Christina Peters

Dress up your knits with a little crafty embellishment! Using yarn and a darning needle, you’ll learn how to work lazy daisies, satin stitch, chain stitch and how to applique flowers or butterflies on a recycled wool swatch. We’ll also practice a couple of edging techniques, including blanket stitch. Ability to knit is not required. Class fee: \$25.00 + materials fee

Saturday 2/7, 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Star Crossed Slouchy Beret with Tanya Patterson

Looking for a first cables project? How about a cute and slouchy hat? In this one session class you’ll learn how to work two basic cables, right and left-crossing. You’ll also learn how to read charted patterns. This hat is so cute, someone shoplifted our model! Please come to class with the band of the hat completed and on the needles. Class fee: \$25.00 + materials

Tuesday 2/10, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Midnight Sun or Autumn Tam with Charlene Sabin

Create a one-of-a-kind Fair Isle masterpiece using traditional *Jamieson's Shetland Spindrift* yarn. We adore these wonderful tam patterns, and Charlene will give you the guidance you need to make yours absolutely fabulous. Of course, if you prefer to make a ski cap style hat, this class can accommodate that, too. We'll review two handed stranding, maintaining proper tension, catching long floats, creating corrugated ribbing, combining different charted motifs and picking colors that pop. Class fee: \$35.00 + materials

Saturdays, 2/14 & 2/28, 10:30am – 1:00 first session, 10:30am – 12:30pm second session

Reversible Cable Scarf with Tanya Patterson

Learn how to create cables on both sides of your work at the same time. The shop sample in *Misti Baby Alpaca Chunky* is irresistible! Tanya will show you how it's done in this one evening class. Ability to confidently knit and purl required. Class fee: \$25.00 + materials

Thursday 2/19, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Tapestry Crochet Bowl (To Felt Or Not) with Darla J. Fanton

Use your crochet hook to create a colorful, sturdy fabric that has the look of woven tapestry and can be felted or not, your choice. Darla will teach you how to work the basic tapestry crochet stitches in the round, how to change colors and add shaping to create a container with flair. Ability to confidently single crochet required.

Class fee: \$25.00 + materials

Saturday 2/28, 1:30pm – 4:30pm

Go Green Market Bag with Trish Mitberg

Paper or plastic? How about recycled cotton?! This mesh market bag is perfect for a quick trip to the grocery store or a day at the beach. Made out of *2nd Time Cotton*, a recycled cotton from *K1C2*, it's super strong and durable. You'll learn how to knit a lacy mesh stitch using yarnovers and decreases. This is a great introduction to fancy stitchwork! Class fee: \$35.00 + materials

Thursdays, 3/5 & 3/12, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Felted Basket with Moebius Handle with Tess Mattos

This adorable basket is the perfect size for chocolate eggs, or use it all year as a catch-all for small odds and ends. The basket's twisted handle and rim are knit moebius-style in one continuous loop, without beginning or end. If you like puzzles, you'll love this fun and unusual technique – it's a real mind bender! Experience with circular knitting recommended.

Class fee: \$35.00 + materials

Saturdays, 3/7 & 3/14, 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Needle Felted Easter Eggs with Christina Peters

Have you admired the colorful eggs that dangle from our shop "tree" in spring? Make your own in this fun needle felting workshop, no knitting required! You'll learn basic needle felting techniques using wool roving, felting needles and egg forms. Hang them from a branch, nestle them in a basket ... each one is a one-of-a-kind treasure.

Class fee: \$25.00 + materials fee

Saturday 3/21, 10:30am – 12:30pm



HANG TEN

Two-at-a-time Socks with Melissa Chakmakian

Double your pleasure, double your fun! Avoid the dreaded "second sock syndrome" by learning how to knit two socks at the same time using two circular needles. If you've already knit your first sock, you're ready to learn this impressive and satisfying technique.

Class fee: \$50.00 + materials.

Sundays, 2/15, 3/1 & 3/15, 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Saartje's Bootees with Melissa Chakmakian

These garter stitch baby bootees are made absolutely adorable by the addition of sassy criss-crossed Mary Jane straps and buttons. Melissa will show you how to knit them flat and seam them into shape. You'll learn several different increase and decrease stitches, plus how to work mattress stitch. Newbies, this is a great class to expand your knitting skills!

Class fee: \$25.00 + materials.

Sunday, 3/8, 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Arch-Shaped Socks for the Adventurous Sock Knitter with Christina Peters

Looking for something a little different? These socks start in a traditional manner, from the cuff down, but get super interesting when you reach the foot. Fluid stitches swirl out from the gusset shaping, hugging your arches and coming together in a point above your toes. If you're addicted to socks, you'll love learning this unusual construction method!

Class fee: \$50.00 + materials.

Tuesdays, 3/10, 3/17 & 3/24, 6:00pm – 8:00pm



TAKE COVER

Mitered Squares Afghan Technique with Trish Mitberg

This gorgeous afghan project is a great way to use up bits of worsted weight yarn, and the technique can also be applied to scarves and bags. It's worked one square at a time, each square building off the last, so there isn't any pesky seaming involved. You'll learn a variety of cast-on methods, how to work a mitered square, and how to pick up stitches. If you like to play with color, you'll love this project! Class fee: \$25.00 + materials

Saturday 1/17, 2:00pm – 4:30pm

Lizard Ridge with Trish Mitberg

If you've admired Trish's absolutely awesome afghan at the shop, why not make your own? Based on Barbara Walker's short-row striped square and worked one block at a time, this fun and easy project takes full advantage of the long color runs in *Noro Kureyon*. If you love playing with color, you'll adore Lizard Ridge! Class fee: \$25.00 + materials

Saturday 2/7, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Hemlock Ring Blanket with Christina Peters

A thoroughly modern reworking of a vintage doily design, this beautiful lap blanket is knit in the round with chunky wool and big needles. Lace doesn't have to be prissy! Christina will help you make sense of the charts, encourage you to read your knitting and show you how to correct mistakes. Ability to work yarnovers, increases and decreases recommended.

Class fee: \$35.00 + materials

Tuesdays, 2/17 & 2/24, 6:00pm – 8:00pm



BEADED & BEAUTIFUL

Crochet with Wire: Beads & Chips Necklace with Darla J. Fanton

Don't miss this great class! If you know how to crochet a chain, you can make this sparkling necklace out of jewelry wire, beads, and glass or gemstone chips in a single afternoon. Darla will share tips and techniques for working with wire, and you'll love the results!

Class fee: \$25.00 + necklace kit

Saturday 1/31, 1:30pm – 4:30pm

Twist & Shout Crocheted Necklace with Darla J. Fanton

Learn how to incorporate larger beads into crocheted jewelry, even if the hole is too small or the bead too long to accommodate a crochet hook. Darla will show you how to alternate crocheted loops of seed beads with larger beads that float free on the thread. The class kits feature large and shimmery twisted glass beads, but this technique will work with any beads. Even if you've never crocheted before, you can make this beautiful necklace.

Class fee: \$25.00 + necklace kit

Saturday 2/21, 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Seaside Scallops Beaded Scarf with Sharon Stewart

The perfect spring accessory! This beautiful lace scarf combines a lovely scalloped shell pattern with a delicate splash of beads. A great opportunity to expand your lace skills while learning how to incorporate beads into your knitting. Prior experience with yarnovers and decreases recommended. Class fee: \$35.00 + materials

Saturdays, 3/7 & 3/14, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Knitting with Wire: Bijouterie Earrings with Nancy Hinsch

These elegant chandelier-style earrings from *knitty.com* are knit with silver wire and freshwater pearls. Knitting with wire isn't hard, and the results are so impressive. You should be able to wear your earrings home from class – talk about instant gratification!

Class fee: \$25.00 + earring kit

Saturday 3/21, 2:00pm – 4:00pm



ON-GOING GROUPS

Drop-in Knitting Clinic with Nancy Hinsch

Need help seaming a sweater, navigating a pattern or learning a new technique? Come in for an informal tutorial session. Fee is \$15.00 for 2 hours or \$8.00 for 1 hour (2:00-3:00 only, please). Maximum 5 students; please call in advance to reserve your spot.

Every Tuesday, 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Charity Stitching Circle with Tanya Patterson and Darla J. Fanton

Put your needles and hooks together for a good cause at our charity stitching group. We've identified several local organizations looking for handknit and crocheted items, and each month we stitch for a different group. Free.

First Wednesday of every month: 1/7, 2/4 & 3/4, 10:30am – 12:00pm

Friday Night Sock Club Knitalong with Stephanie Engle & Christina Peters

Join the fun at Sock Club, our knitalong dedicated to all things socks. Work at your own pace (you don't have to start a new sock each month). Check our website for details. Free, we just ask that you purchase your materials at the shop. Sock knitters unite!

Second Friday of every month: 1/9, 2/13 & 3/13, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Free Pattern!

Moguls & Mohair Self Fringing Scarf

This indulgent scarf is knit lengthwise in a loose garter stitch, alternating a super lumpy bumpy handpainted wool with a fuzzy mohair.

You leave long tails at the beginning and end of each row – these tails become your fringe when you are finished!

Materials:

1 skein *Mountain Colors Moguls* (100g/65 yds)

1 ball *Nashua Handknits Creative Focus Kid Mohair* (50g/98 yds)

US size #15 circular needle, 32" length or longer

Directions:

Starting with the *Kid Mohair* and leaving a 6" tail, loosely cast on 150 sts.
(Backward loop or "e" cast-on is a good method.)

Once sts are cast on, leave a 6" tail and cut yarn.

* Switch to *Moguls*. Leave a 6" tail, knit all sts. Leave a 6" tail, cut yarn. *

Switch to *Kid Mohair* and repeat from * to *.

Continue to work one row *Moguls*, one row *Kid Mohair*, leaving 6" tails on each end until the *Moguls* runs out (approx. 12-13x total).

Bind off very loosely with the *Kid Mohair*.

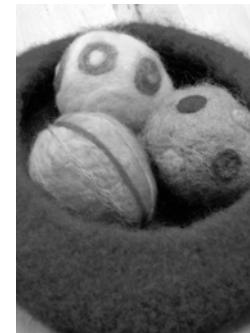
Knot tails to make fringe and trim to even lengths with scissors.

Designed by Tanya Patterson.

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