

# Artisan Knitworks LLC

## Class Schedule, Fall-Winter, 2019

Unless otherwise noted, please use Artisan Knitworks yarns. Bring a basic knit and crochet kit (scissors, tapestry needle, tape measure, markers, needle sizer, medium crochet hook) and needles one size up and down from the size you think you will need. Note that yarns and tools for the class are 10% off. During the class, all full-price merchandise in the shop is 10% off.

### Important notes:

- Space must be reserved in advance with full payment. If you cancel less than one week before the class, we can transfer the tuition to another workshop, but we cannot issue a refund.
- With the exception of Knitting 101, 102, and 103 and Crochet 101, 102 and 103, we require a minimum of three students to hold classes. We will notify of cancellation with refund in money or shop goods, your choice.
- All classes are taught by Sandra unless otherwise indicated.

### Other information:

Larry Hart, an expert photographer, is available for tutorials in professional photography of handmade items for posting on social media or Etsy or Ravelry. Inquire at the shop.

We host FREE Slow-Down Periods on Thursday evenings at 5:30 until 8:00-8:30, and again on Sundays at 1:00 until closing. Bring projects and work away! Note that these are not a substitute for classes – though we can provide minor help as needed.

### CLASS SCHEDULE

**Orkney Vest Knit-Along: Fun with Right-Angle Triangles!** Wed., Oct. 2, 9, 16. 6:00-8:00. -- \$45

**Crocheted Lace Doodles: Make a Neckpiece, Hat, Shawl, or Ruana** Friday, Sept. 21, 5-7:30 -- \$25

**Basic Tunisian Crochet: Make a Hat or Scarf or Big Fuzzy Shawl!** Sat., Nov. 2, 3:00 - 5:30 -- \$35

**Make a Sweater that Really Fits!** Sat., 31, Sept. 7 & 14 – 1:30-4:30 -- \$45

**Spit 'n Polish – Finishing Your Hand-Crafted Garments.** Sat., September 21 – 1:00-5:00 – \$35

**The Mad Hatter: Make a Bucket Hat, All Weights, Unique Fabrics!** Sat., Nov. 30, 3:30-5:30 -- \$25.

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### FOR BEGINNERS:

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**Learn to Knit 101, 102, 103** - \$20. each (for men, women, and children older than 11-12)

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### LEARN TO KNIT SCHEDULE

Knitting 101: Wed., Aug. 28, 5:30-7:30

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Knitting 103: Wed., Sept. 11, 5:30-7:30

Knitting 101: Wed., Oct. 16, 5:30-7:30

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## Class Descriptions - Fall-Winter, 2019

### Orkney Vest Knit-Along: Fun with Right-Angle Triangles

Wed., Oct. 2, 9, 16. 6:00-8:00. - \$45.

Make Sandra's popular vest design from worsted-weight, chunky, or super-chunky variegated yarn, or 3-4 different colors for color-blocking, or other variations that we will discuss -- preferably animal fiber or animal-fiber blends. Yarn should be purchased prior to class; we supply the pattern. We'll get the vest well underway and be there to help you complete the garment and select buttons after classes end. We will help with blocking and other finishing concerns. In addition, we'll talk about other possible uses for triangles. Materials: Variegated yarn in weight (or you could choose to color-block the vest or create dark ribs with colored 'valleys'); suitable needles, preferably 24-inch circular. Homework: Using proposed garment yarn and appropriate needle, cast on 10, 14, 18 sts (for 2.5, 3.5, or 4.5 sts per inch). Work 4 inches in garter ridge stitch (K3 rows, purl 1 row). Keep on needle for evaluation. If possible, bring larger and smaller needles.

### Crocheted Lace Doodles: Make a Neckpiece, Hat, Shawl, or Ruana

Fri., Sept. 21, 5-7:30 - \$25.

Grab your crochet hook and cut loose! Using this technique, you can make small or large pieces of gorgeous crocheted lace with only a handful of stitches from small or large quantities of yarn. So bring your knowledge of stitches, 50-100 grams of DK or worsted (or fingering) weight wool or wool-blend (or, if you have wool allergies, plant-based yarn) and an appropriate hook. If you expand a neckpiece to shawl size, you'll need 400-500 grams. Along the way, you can learn some new crochet stitches if you wish. When done, we'll block your work. Skill level: Must know how to chain and work basic crochet stitches (SC, DC). We can't teach basic crochet during this class, so if you need help, come in before the class for a tutorial (\$10/hour). Homework: None. Bring leftover yarns, if you wish, or specially purchased yarns for larger items.

### Basic Tunisian Crochet: Make a Hat or Scarf or Big Fuzzy Shawl!

Sat., Nov. 2, 3:00 - 5:30 - \$35.

Tunisian is a hybrid of knitting and crochet with many variations and possibilities. Here, we will learn the foundation row (a way to start in any crochet project that curls less than a chain) and basic Simple stitch. As time permits, we'll explore a number of other stitch patterns. If you like, you can make a chunky hat on a huge plastic hook (100 grams of chunky wool yarn) or a scarf (200 grams of worsted or DK weight wool, sizes I or J Tunisian hook), or (most fun of all) a frothy mohair shawl on a ginormous hook. Tools available at the shop. For the class, we suggest a size I or J hook (to learn basic techniques) and 100 grams DK or worsted weight wool or wool blend.

### Make a Sweater that Really Fits!

Three sessions:

Sat., 31, Sept. 7 & 14 - 1:30-4:30 -- \$45

Never made a sweater? Or made one that didn't fit? Have a pattern you like almost entirely but want to change something? Here, you learn the fundamentals of sweater drafting for a basic drop-sleeve (or modified drop-sleeve) pullover. If it's for you, we'll do precise measurements. Then we'll talk about how to refine it (or how to alter your commercial pattern) -- by length, neck treatment, sleeve treatment (including set-in), edging, yarn (or yarn mixtures), and stitch patterns. We'll also discuss how to make a cardigan and how to think about men's sweaters (not the same as women's). When done, you will have a pattern that will fit YOU (or someone else you will measure) and will be able to complete it. After the end of formal classes, we'll continue to help until you're done. We will start with a 4-inch swatch in stockinette stitch; if possible, make it in advance, and work at it until you have a supple fabric (not rigid, not floppy). **Note: This class can be adapted to crochet.** Materials: DK or worsted weight yarn for intended size (e.g., size 40 at 4.5 sts/inch might be 1000-1200 yards). Needles appropriate to the yarn. ¼ inch graph paper (free on line). Pencil or erasable pen. Tape measure.

### Spit 'n Polish - Finishing Your Hand-Crafted Garments

Sat. Sept. 21 -- 1:00-5:00 - \$35.

Few things matter more than careful finishing. It can be both fun and satisfying! Knowing what to do with raw pieces can turn homemade into handmade. We'll talk about blocking choices (steam, washing, etc.) -- for purposes of this class, we'll use the steam equipment in the shop basement -- and then learn how to create neat, properly sized edgings, buttonholes, pockets, seams, collars, three-needle bind-off strengths and limits, and much more. We'll explore how to set in a sleeve, how to make sure the pieces are knitted to size, and how to anticipate finishing needs while knitting (or crocheting). As time permits, we'll talk about how to add last-minute details (e.g. pockets). Materials: Make 4 stockinette swatches (4 inches square) from DK or worsted weight yarn (animal fiber) using appropriate needles (DK, e.g., could be 5-7; worsted weight could be 7-9). Then make (and bind off) 2 garter stitch swatches. Bind off three of the stockinette swatches; leave the fourth on holders with yarn still attached. Bring contrast-color yarns in same weights. If you have a sweater completed and it is NOT knitted from the top down, bring it for evaluation and help, once we're done with the basic class. Note, however, that this is not a course designed to focus on anyone's particular sweater until we're near class completion.

## **The Mad Hatter: Make a Bucket Hat, All Weights, Unique Fabrics!**

**Sat. Nov. 30, -- 3:30-5:30 - \$25.**

Making and embellishing a cloche (bucket) hat from a single strand of beautiful wool yarn is wonderful. But it's even more fun to create one-of-a-kind hats from multiple strands of yarn – new, leftover, you decide. We give you our Mad Hatter pattern and show you how to use it – so bring an array of needles, from, say, 8 through 13, and we'll use Sandra's leftovers to supplement your own stray skeins of yarn (bring as many as you wish in fingering, DK or worsted weight, metallics, smooth, textured – again, it's up to you. But you might not get them all back!). We won't mix vegetable and animal yarns; we'll talk about why not. But synthetics work just fine. We'll also talk about how to mix colors and weights confidently. In the end, you'll need a 16-inch circular needle in a size appropriate to your yarns and some DP needles to close the hat. Or you could use a set of Flex-Flips (ask us!). Finally, we'll explore varieties of trims and toppers – pom poms, I-cords, crocheted fringe, blossoms.

## **Stash Buster: Free-Form Linear Squares!**

**Two sessions:**

**Wed., Dec. 4 & 11, 6:00-8:30, - \$35.**

Knit a pillow, a fabulous cardigan, a baby sweater, a tote bag – and cut loose in the process. These squares resemble log-cabin quilt squares, but they're irregular and knitted. DK and worsted weight yarns are best, but fingering can be doubled, and Aran or chunky yarns can be used in small quantities. We'll talk about basic techniques and rules (there are a few!) and then cut loose. You will need one basic yarn; it will appear in every square and, if you are making a garment or pillow, will be the main yarn for edging and other solid parts. If you like, you can do surface embellishment. Materials: For small pieces, 200 grams of a smooth, solid animal-fiber yarn in DK or worsted weight, and an assortment of similarly sized, not matchy-matchy yarns (solid, variegated, metallic, fuzzy, and so on). You also will have access to Sandra's stray balls. Needles appropriate to the main yarn. (Knitting is flat, not circular). Crochet hook in same MM size as needles (for connecting and edging – we can teach you).

## **Four Corners: Design a Scarf, Baby Blanket, Afghan, or Rectangular Shawl**

**Sat., Oct. 5, 3:00-6:00 - \$25.**

Often, you don't need to buy a pattern to knit (or crochet) a lovely rectangular or square object. Let us show you how to make good use of stitch dictionaries and basic templates to make beautiful (and warm) objects! You will learn how to conceptualize the

object in its entirety, select appropriate stitch patterns and edgings, and launch the design using simple, lovely yarns in any weight of yarn. Materials: If you like, you can see us in advance for yarn selection. But it might be better to make selections in light of some of the early discussion in the workshop. You will need circular needles in either 24 or 32/36 inch lengths. Bring what you have or wait until we can talk.

## **Fair-Isle Knit-Along: Make the Gorgeous Navelli Top by Caitlyn Hunter (on Ravelry)!**

**Sat., Nov. 9, 16, & Dec. 7 -- 1:00-3:30 - \$45.**

Learn traditional and two-handed Fair-Isle Knitting and create a lovely and comfortable top! We will be stocking several choices in Sweet Georgia hand-dyed yarn (4 skeins of fingering weight wool) for advance purchase, with instructions on how to download the pattern. Look it up at Ravelry.com! But we also can put together other combinations if you prefer, also in advance of the workshop. Homework: If you have the yarn and have wound at least two skeins of yarn, make a gauge swatch on appropriate needles. Bring to class. (available for viewing in September)

## **Knit-Along: The beautiful Cederberg Shawl**

**Thur. Oct. 17, 24, Nov. 7 5:30-8:30 - \$45.**

Instructor: Sharon McKenna. Create your first lacy shawl with a celebrated design using gradient yarns! Gather some new skills! Or add to your shawl collection! This was a celebrated design at Sweet Georgia Yarns in British Columbia – one of their most successful Knit-Alongs. The design requires three skeins of coordinated fingering-weight yarn. Purchase a pre-organized set or organize your own from our holdings. Sharon or Sandra will aid in the selection of yarn and tools before class starts. We'll also help you complete the shawl informally at our Slow-Down periods, once classes end. Homework: Make a gauge swatch – we supply the link for purchase of the pattern on Ravelry. Bring swatch to class.

## **Beginning Socks – on four sticks, then on two circular needles**

**Sun., Dec. 1 & 8 -- 1:30-4:30 - \$35.**

This class is designed for knitters who have never made socks before. We begin with classic top-down socks made on double-pointed needles OR two circular needles. During the two sessions of scheduled classes, either Sandra or another staff member will guide you through the initial steps – casting on, determining size and length, turning the heel, and so on. We may decide to continue the sessions thereafter, or you can find help at the Slow-Down periods on Thursday (5:30) and Sunday (1:00). We will recommend the purchase of one of two particularly good books.

## Artisán Knitworks Classes For Beginners:

In addition to the offerings listed below, we will schedule one-hour tutorials on all topics within our competence, including “Learn to Knit” and “Learn to Crochet” at ten dollars an hour. Call or drop by to make an appointment.

### Crash Course in Yarns, Fibers, Tools, Gauge, and other Mysteries

Saturday, September 28, 3:00-6:00 - \$35.

This class is mostly for beginners, knitters and crocheters, though others are welcome. It conveys in one long session many of the things that you otherwise would learn in dribs and drabs. We'll talk about varieties of yarn – the fibers and how they are alike and different (beginning with the plants and animals)– how they behave – differences in spinning -- weights of yarn – how to make yarn substitutions – why smooth and hairy yarns are not equal – what “superwash” means -- ball bands and what they tell you (and when to doubt them) – how tools are alike and different – how to choose an accurate pattern – how to read patterns and their abbreviations—why you need to make gauge swatches – which technical books are worth owning -- and so on. Materials: As a precaution, bring some needles or hooks. Sandra will do a lot of talking, but you might want to test-drive some fibers. We supply yarn.

### Learn to Knit 101, 102, 103 - \$20. each (for men, women, and children older than 11-12)

Materials for the series: 100 grams worsted-weight yarn, animal or animal blend; size 8 straight or circular needles. Please buy supplies in advance of class.

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The series classes will resume after the New Year

**In Knitting 101**, you will learn to cast on in several ways. Then we will explore the knit stitch in two styles – English and Continental. You will practice until you are comfortable with one or the other.

**In Knitting 102**, you will learn to purl in two styles – English and Continental – and cast off. You will practice until you are comfortable with one or the other style. If time permits, we'll explore hybrid techniques (mixtures of the two styles).

**In Knitting 103**, you will learn a variety of stitch patterns (basic) and shaping technique, as well as how to fix common mistakes. When done, and with the exception of finishing techniques, you will be prepared to make a sweater.

### Learn to Crochet 101, 102, and 103 -- \$20. per session

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For these classes, buy in advance 100 grams of DK or worsted-weight animal or animal-blend yarn with an appropriate hook. We recommend Plymouth Encore, Sugar Bush Bold, Shepherd's Wool, or Cascade 220.

**Crochet 101:** In the first of three classes, you will learn basic crochet moves – e.g., chain, single/half-double/double crochet/treble crochet. You will practice until you are comfortable with the basics.

**Crochet 102:** Here, you will build on the basics – e.g., foundation rows, fancy stitch patterns, shaping, etc. You will practice until comfortable.

**Crochet 103:** Part 3 emphasizes crocheted motifs – granny squares and other shapes, including crocheted flowers, that can be assembled in a myriad of ways.