

# Artisan Knitworks LLC Class Schedule Winter – Spring 2020

## Learn to Knit or Crochet

Learn the basics in three 2 to 4-hour sessions. We meet Wednesdays and Fridays at 3:00. Reservations are recommended, just tell us which segment you want to undertake. Each session is \$20.

- **Knitting or crochet 101** – Cast on, K, P, cast off, plus discussions of yarns and fibers
- **Knitting or crochet 102** – Shaping techniques and multiple stitch patterns
- **Knitting or crochet 103** – Knitting in the round; begin a knitting project

(You can schedule individual tutorials.)

## \*Make A Sweater That Fits!

**Saturday, Feb. 1, 8 & 15, 3:00-5:30**

With the basics of sweater design, you can **create** your own basic pullover or cardigan and alter commercial patterns for a perfect fit. You leave with a detailed “size and shape” chart and a sweater that is well underway that can be completed during our free Slow-Down Periods. Select yarn and appropriate needles before the class. We hope that you will buy materials at Artisan Knitworks. **Homework:** Using the sweater yarn, knit a 4-inch-square swatch in stockinette stitch and leave on needles. Bring an array of needles larger and smaller than chosen needles. Also tape measure and quarter-inch graph paper (available online, free). **\$ 55**

## \*Socks with Lynne

**Saturday Feb 22 & 29; March 21 & 28;  
April 18 & 25 -- 1:00-4:00 - \$35.**

Whether you are an experienced sock knitter or have never made a single pair, this class is for you. 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.

## \*Finishing –From Homemade To Handmade

**Wednesday Feb. 12 & 19 ... 6:00 – 9:00**

Learn the important steps that will refine and polish your hard work. Included are

- ❖ steam blocking seaming (knit and crochet techniques)
- ❖ picking up stitches for pockets and plackets (and other purposes)
- ❖ adjusting for incompatible stitch patterns
- ❖ darning in yarn
- ❖ 3-needle bind-off
- ❖ starting new balls of yarn
- ❖ creating pockets after completing a garment.

**Homework:** Create 4 or 5 swatches in stockinette, DK or worsted weight, using animal fiber yarn or cotton (no acrylic). Bind off two, leave the others attached. If time permits, work two garter-stitch squares. Finally, make a 4-inch swatch that begins with seed stitch or garter stitch, then switch to stockinette stitch using the same size needles. Leave on needles. Also bring contrasting yarn in the same weight. Measuring tape, darning needle. Note that this is not a class in which we will finish work you have completed. But we will show you how! **\$45**

## \*Mad Hatter: Sedate or Sky's-the-Limit Hats

**Wednesday, Feb. 26 ... 6:00 – 9:00**

First, we'll create interesting, multi-strand hat fabrics; then think about styles of hats, how to manipulate a basic hat pattern (provided for free), and how to avoid sizing problems. Bring 6-12 balls of yarn that you don't need to have back, preferably in DK or worsted weights; feel free to mix animal fibers and synthetics, or vegetable fibers and synthetics, but not both animal and vegetable. You can throw in fingering weight or chunky weight in small quantities, but not super-bulky. (We have more yarn to toss into your pile.) **\$30**

## \*Free-Form Crochet

**Wednesday April 1 ... 6:00 – 9:00**

Using this technique, you can make amazing, lacy shawls, neck pieces, tunics, ruanas, and more with a crochet hook and several balls of yarn. We have a few examples in the shop. You'll need to know basic crochet stitches (chain, singles, half-doubles, doubles) beyond that, we can teach you some new stitches (shells, baubles, puffs, etc.). This workshop is a good exercise in liberation from patterns. Bring at least one good-sized skein of DK or worsted weight yarn, preferably animal fiber or animal-blend, and an appropriately sized hook (DK, F or G; worsted, G or H). **\$30**

## \*Spring Blooms!

**Wednesday April 15 ... 6:00 – 9:00**

In this fun workshop, you'll learn how to make basic flowers that can be used to attach to almost anything or backed with pins. Some are crocheted, a few are knitted. Sandra will provide a rather large pile of yarn for us to play with, as well as pin backings – you can bring interesting yarns to add to the pile. When done, you'll have a nice pile of blooms to make spring happen more quickly. We provide a substantial handout with patterns, written by Sandra. Bring hooks ranging from G to I. for worsted and DK weight yarns. Avoid chunky yarns. A small amount of metallic or fuzzy yarn is good as well. If unsure about hooks that might be appropriate for your yarn choices, ask us. If you are not yet a crocheter, quickly come in for Crochet 101 well in advance! **\$30**

## \*Knit-Along: The beautiful Cederberg Shawl – Sun. March 1, 8, 15 ... 1:00-3:00

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 popular 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 choose your own from our holdings. Sharon or Sandra will aid in the selection of yarn and tools before class starts. Homework: Make a gauge swatch – we supply the pattern. Bring swatch to class. **\$55**

**\*NOTE:** Class dates are subject to change and cancellation due to insufficient number of students. Prior registration and payment required for all classes.