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# Fall 2011 Classes

## *Dog House Yarns and More*

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**For all knitting classes except beginners, students must be able to knit, purl, cast on, bind off.**

### **Learn to Spin: Beginning Wheel Spinning**

Fee: \$65

**Saturday, November 12 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Instructor: Linda Witt

Learn how to spin your own beautiful yarn with Linda Witt from Misty Mountain Farm. No experience is necessary for this beginner spinning class and you can either bring your own wheel or use one of ours or Linda's. Explore the terminology and functions of the various parts of a spinning wheel, and then begin spinning your own yarn from a variety of wools. Linda works with you on proper treadling and drafting techniques and will teach you how to ply your yarn and create a skein using a Niddy Noddy.

**Materials:** included in class fee

Maximum class size: 6

### **Continental Knitting for Knitters**

Fee: \$35

**Sunday, November 13 from 1 to 3 p.m.**

Instructor: Staff

Do you already know how to knit and purl but would like to learn what many knitters say is a more efficient way that gives both hands a role and makes doing ribbing or seed stitch a breeze? Learn to hold your yarn in your left hand and make stitches with a few simple movements instead of having to stop and wrap your needle with your right hand. Note: this is **not** a beginner's knitting class. This is a short class for knitters who want to learn a new way of knitting.

**Materials:** Bring light colored worsted weight yarn and size 7, 8, or 9 needles.

### **Understanding and Using Knitting Charts**

Fee: \$35

**Saturday, November 19 from 2 to 4 p.m.**

Instructor: Mary Gildersleeve

Are you mystified by knitting charts? Charts make lace patterns, intarsia, colorwork knitting, cable designs and just about any knitting pattern easier to do because you can see what the final product should look like. Chart-reading isn't hard but there are some tips and tricks that make the process much easier. We'll learn about symbology, chart-reading, tips and tricks for reading and creating your own charts, and the time-saving methods available. A resource list will be distributed in class. Bring a pattern or design that you're interested in and we'll translate it into a chart, or bring a charted pattern that you have questions about.

### **Magic Loop and Other Alternatives to Using Double Point Needles**

Fee: \$35

**Sunday, November 20 from 1 to 3 p.m.**

Instructor: Staff

This class focuses on three methods of knitting small circles that don't require double pointed needles. Most of the class covers the Magic Loop method using one 32 or 40 inch circular needle. Students also learn the Two Circular needle method and they have an opportunity to knit with the increasingly popular 9" circulars. This is a good chance to try all three techniques before buying needles for your projects.

**Materials:** Bring light colored worsted weight yarn. Needles will be available to use during the class.

**Introduction to Entrelac**

Fee: \$50

**Saturday, December 3 from 2 to 5 p.m.**

Instructor: Suzy Rittenour



Have you seen all those great patterns where squares or rectangles of yarn seem to be interlaced with other squares or rectangles in a basketweave pattern? Welcome to Entrelac! Our instructor Suzy Rittenour comes highly recommended by students who were in her classes at the now closed Knitter's Cottage in Fredericksburg.

Learn Entrelac from Suzy and you'll be ready for her winter Entrelac sweater class.

**Materials:** About 400 yds of color-changing worsted weight yarn such as Poems Silk, Universal Classic Shades, or Plymouth Boku. Allergy to wool? Try Plymouth Kudo. Size 7, 8, or 9 needles

**Wrap It Up for the Holidays**

Fee: \$40

**Sunday, December 4 from 1 to 3:30 p.m.**

Instructor: Staff

Learn some new techniques as we make these cute little gift bags in time for the holidays. All you'll need is some leftover worsted weight yarn (about 15-20 yards) in a light color or bring a second, contrasting color. We will knit the bags from the bottom up so you'll learn the **Turkish cast-on** and **Judy Becker's Magic Cast-on**, both of which come in handy if you move on to toe-up socks. We'll cover making **basic I-cord** and we'll end the bag with an **I-cord bind-off** or a **basic bind off that is stretchier** than the one you probably have been using.

By the time we're done you will have wrapped up some new skills and have a nice gift bag for holiday season. You'll also learn a little about the **Magic Loop or Two Circular** method of knitting small round areas

**Materials:** Bring worsted weight yarn (see class description) and size 7-9 needles - either one 32 or 40 inch circular or two 24-inch circulars of the same size.

**BEGINNER CLASSES****Beginner Knitting****Day Session: Mondays, November 7, 14, and 21 from 1-3 p.m.**

Fee: \$65

**Evening Session: Mondays, November 7, 14, and 21 from 7 to 9 p.m.**

Instructor: Staff

Learn how to cast on, knit and purl, and bind off. Class also covers knitting tools, yarn selection, fiber care, knitting abbreviations, how to read simple patterns, etc. Students learn enough skills to be able to complete simple projects such as scarves in time to make a few presents for holiday gift giving. At the conclusion of the course each student will receive a DVD to take home that covers techniques they have learned plus a section on how to fix the most common knitting mistakes. Needles included.

**Materials:** One skein of light-colored Plymouth Encore or Plymouth Galway.

**Beginner Crochet****Day Session: Tuesdays, November 15 and 22 from 1 to 3:30 p.m.**

Fee: \$45

**Evening Session: Tuesdays, November 8 and 15 from 6:30 to 9 p.m.**

Instructor: Staff

Learn to make a crochet chain and how to do a slip stitch and single, double, half-double, and triple crochet stitches. Includes basic crochet abbreviations, how to read simple patterns, yarn selection and more. Students should know enough at the end of the second class to be able to crochet a scarf or other simple project in time for holiday gift giving. Crochet hooks included.

**Materials:** One skein of light-colored Plymouth Encore or Plymouth Galway

## **CLASS POLICIES**

**Pre-registration and payment are required to hold your seat in a class.**

**Discount coupons or any shop-wide discounts DO NOT apply to class fees.**

**For all knitting classes other than the beginner class, students must know how to cast on, knit, purl, and bind off before coming to class.**

Except where class descriptions call for small amounts of practice yarn, students are expected to purchase any class materials they don't already have at our shop. Students receive a 10% discount on purchases made for the class.

Minimum class size is three students. Maximum class size is six students unless otherwise noted. Minimum age of student: 12 years or permission of instructor.

Classes with less than three pre-registered students will be cancelled 48 hours before the class at the discretion of the shop/instructor. Full refunds will be given for any classes cancelled by the shop or instructor.

Students who cancel more than 72 hours before the start of a class will receive a full refund. Students who cancel with less than 72 hours notice forfeit their class fee unless there are special circumstances in which case the fee may be applied to a later class.