

# Knitting Bee

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# Knitting Bee Buzz



Can it really be the end of June already? We've stayed busy at the shop helping everyone pick out projects for summer vacations and stay-cations, cooing over the adorable teddy bear costumes as they arrive (keep 'em coming!), and meeting with sales reps to see all the new yarns and designs for fall. We've ordered some FABULOUS new stuff, some of which is scheduled to arrive in early July. I'm especially excited to introduce **Spud & Chloe**, a sweet new line of washable yarns with exceptional pattern support. Hope you like it as much as we do!

Seems like everyone's talking socks lately. Sock yarns, sock recipes, sock books, Sock Summit, sock toes, sock heels, sock cuffs, sock clubs ... there really is a lot to talk about! My first socks were knit just before I opened the shop, two-at-once, using two circular needles (you know how I love a good challenge). Since then, I've probably had at least one pair of socks on the needles at all times. If my current sweater project is giving me trouble or I need something portable for the car, I always reach for my trusty socks. Sometimes socks can be a creative canvas for trying out new patterns, new techniques, new yarns. Other times they can be comforting in their simplicity. Of course, not everybody likes to knit socks. But that doesn't mean you can't fall in love with sock yarn!

See you at the shop,  
Jami

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Every Wednesday** - Knit Night & Late Shopping, 6:00pm-8:30pm

**Saturday, July 4th** - Closed for 4th of July Holiday

**July 15th-July 22nd** - Customer Trunk Show &  
Teddy Bear Fashion Parade

**July 15th** - Opening Night Party, 6:00pm-8:30pm

**July 24th-Aug. 2nd** - Sizzling Summer Sale!



*Teddy says:  
Help put an end to bare bears!*



## Passionate About Your Project? Show It Off!

Love your latest sweater? Smitten with a mitten? Here's your chance to share it with the world (or at least with other Knitting Bee customers!). Bring in your favorite project made from yarn purchased at the shop for display in our annual **Customer Trunk Show**, July 15th-22nd. Everyone who participates will be entered to win a \$100 Knitting Bee gift certificate. Drop your item off at the shop between July 5th-14th. One project per customer, please. Even if you don't want to show, join us at our **Opening Night Party** and **Teddy Bear Fashion Parade** at Knit Night on Wednesday, July 15th. You won't believe how creative you all are!



## Naked Bears Need Your Help!

Have you been by the shop lately? Once again we've been taken over by naked bears who desperately need your help! The bears are waiting for cute handknit costumes so that they can bring smiles to the campers at **Camp Erin**, a grief support camp provided by *Providence Medical Foundations* and *The Moyer Foundation* for children and teens who have experienced the death of a loved one. This year **Camp Erin** hopes to host more than 60 campers, adding more spaces for teenagers than they've had in the past. That means we need your generous knitting skills more than ever!

All you have to do is dig out your scrap yarn and make a sweater and some sort of headgear fit for a bear (free patterns are available on our website). The outfits can be simple or elaborate, but this is a great opportunity to have some fun. To encourage a little healthy competition we will be awarding prizes for Most Glamorous, Sporty and Judge's Favorite at our annual **Teddy Bear Fashion Parade** and **Customer Trunk Show** on Wednesday, July 15th. Please join us in putting your needles together for this very worthy cause!



# Summer Classes

This August Portland plays host to the greatest (and perhaps only) sock show on earth, **Sock Summit 2009**. At Knitting Bee we're having a little sock celebration of our own, with more sock-centric classes than ever. So if you got shut out of the Sock Summit class registration (like many of us at the shop), maybe there's a class at the Bee that will get your toes tapping again. We're also expecting tons of new sock yarn to join our already well-stocked cubbies in the next few weeks. Let the Summer of Socks begin!

New from the folks at *Berroco*, **Sox Metallic** is just the thing to add a little bling to your stash. A sparkly touch of gold or silver thread accents this richly colored and variegated yarn that subtly stripes when knitted. And if socks aren't your thing, what about holiday gift knitting? *Berroco* has some cute free patterns on their website for mini-sweater keychain fobs and glittery kids' toys.

We've sold through most of our first shipment of **Tosh Sock** from Texas hand-dyer *Madelinetosh*, but no worries—there's more on the way! And because we love her glazed colorways so much, we just had to order the **Worsted** superwash merino too (look for it later this summer, it's worth the wait!).

German-based **Regia** has been making beautiful and durable sock yarns for 60 years. To help celebrate,

they're releasing a "Best of 4-ply" collection of their top self-patterning colorways. And if you knit for kids, don't miss **Flusi Color**, a sock yarn dyed in cheery colors to match the characters in the book *Flusi and the Sock Monster*. I think a pair of socks knit out of **Flusi** and a copy of the book would make a fun present.

If you like a kaleidoscope of color in every skein, we've ordered a brand new hand-dyed sock yarn from the Uruguayan company **Punta** that should really curl your toes. The colorways are

soooo yummy! And don't worry, we're also expecting large shipments of KB favorites *Dream in Color* (both **Smoochy** and **Classy**) and all the colors of **Malabrigo Sock**. Any of these hand-dyes would work up beautifully in the *Storm Cloud Shawlette* pattern feature in this newsletter.

Of course, a diet of nothing but sock yarn might get a little tiresome. If you're looking for something fresh and different, don't miss **Spud & Chloe**, a new line of washable yarns in fun, modern colors from the folks at *Blue Sky Alpacas*. Worsted weight **Sweater** and bulky **Outer** combine wool with organic cotton in super soft blends perfect for (you guessed it) sweaters. And I can't wait to try the wool & silk fingering weight, **Fine**, for some fancy colorwork. The pattern support includes fresh designs for guys, gals, kids and gifts. Sweet!



*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.

**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

*Sunday 7/12, 3:00pm – 5:00pm -OR- Thursday 8/6, 6:00pm – 8:00pm*

**Learn to Crochet** with Darla J. Fanton

Crochet is showing up everywhere these days ... grab a crochet hook and join in! Darla will show you how to hold a hook, tension your yarn, and work the basic elements of crochet, the chain and single crochet. You'll create a small drawstring pouch just right for holding your MP3 player, cell phone or other small treasures. Class fee: \$25.00 + materials

*Saturday 7/11, 2:00pm – 4:00pm*

**Private Instruction & Custom Classes**

Learn to knit or tackle a new technique with your own knitting coach. Meet at the shop at a time that fits best with your schedule. Great for kids, too! Hourly fee: \$20.00 per person, \$30.00 for two people. Call the shop to make arrangements.



## FIBER-FEST

### **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 7/26, 3:30pm – 5:30pm*

### **Introduction to Dyeing** *with Anita Osterhaug*

Ready for something totally different? How about Grape socks? Or a Blastin' Berry Cherry sweater perhaps? Let your imagination run wild and create your own one-of-a-kind handpainted yarn or roving using eco-friendly food grade dyes (yes, we're talking about Kool Aid®). We'll learn the basics of fiber painting with materials you'll find in your own kitchen. It's a ton of fun, and a wonderful activity to do later with kids.

Class fee: \$25.00 + materials

*Sunday 8/16, 3:30pm – 5:30pm*



## PROJECT-PALOOZA

### **Fruit Caps** *with Stephanie Engle*

Make strawberry season last all year! Ann Norling's classic Fruit Cap for baby is the perfect project for learning stranded knitting using two colors. These caps knit up quickly and are so adorable ... a wonderful shower gift! Previous experience knitting in the round recommended.

Class fee: \$35.00 + materials

*Tuesdays, 7/7 & 7/14, 6:00pm – 8:00pm*

### **Anthropologie-Inspired Shrug** *with Tanya Patterson* ✓

Here it is ... the perfect cover up for air conditioned offices or cool summer evenings! This short-sleeved cardigan designed by Julia Allen is knit all in one piece from the top down using chunky yarn, so the knitting is quick, easy and extremely gratifying. Tanya will help you fit it to your figure: choose short and cropped or longer and leaner. A great introduction to sweater knitting! Class fee: \$35.00 + materials

*Thursdays, 7/9 & 7/16, 6:00pm – 8:00pm*

### **Sun Hat** *with Trish Mitberg*

In the garden, at the beach ... the floppy brim on this hat protects your face from the sun's damaging rays, and it's perfectly smoochable for travel. You'll learn how to work a hat in the round starting from the top, how to increase and how to work a cute picot edging.

Class fee: \$35.00 + materials

*Saturdays, 7/11 & 7/18, 10:30am – 12:30pm*

### **Lacy Garden Pouches** *with Trish Mitberg* ✓

Tuck a mason jar into one of these adorable knit pouches, add flowers or a votive candle and Voila! Instant patio ambiance! The pouch is knit in the round using double pointed needles and is a great introduction to simple lacework. You'll also learn a snappy picot bindoff and how to crochet a chain. Previous experience with dpn's recommended.

Class fee: \$25.00 + materials

*Saturday 7/18, 1:30pm – 3:30pm*

### **Chasing Rainbows Baby Blanket** *with Trish Mitberg* ✓

This colorful, thoroughly modern blanket is sure to become baby's favorite! And you're going to love knitting it, since it's worked in the round and provides a great opportunity to play with lots of colorful yarns. You'll learn how to work basic increases and decreases, change colors and weave in ends. A great project for the new knitter! Class fee: \$25.00 + materials

*Tuesday 7/21, 6:00pm – 8:00pm*

### **First Cables: Irish Hiking Scarf** *with Nancy Hirsch* ✓

Ready to try your hand at cables? In this one session class, Nancy will teach you the basics while you get started on a lovely cabled scarf. Work it up in cotton for a lightweight summer accessory, or whip it up in wool and stash it away for next winter. It's easy and fun!

Class fee: \$25.00 + materials

*Saturday 7/25, 10:30am – 12:30pm*

### **Double Hook Crochet Basics** *with Darla J. Fanton*

Learn how to use the double hook from the gal who wrote the book! Create a wonderfully soft reversible fabric that looks like a cross between knit and crochet and has a distinctly different pattern on each side. By working with two or more colors of yarn and regularly turning your hook you can create a uniquely textured fabric, even if you've never crocheted before. Great for scarves, afghans, dishcloths and more. Darla's publications on the topic include *Reversible Scrap Afghans* from American School of Needlework and *Scrubbies: A Dozen Reversible Dish Cloths* from Leisure Arts. Class fee: \$25.00 + materials

*Saturday 8/1, 1:00pm – 4:00pm*

### **Design Your Own: Square or Rectangle** *with Tanya Patterson*

In this three-hour class we'll explore the how-to's for designing your own scarf, wrap, baby blanket, pillow top ... basically just about anything that's square or rectangular. You'll learn how to figure measurements, pick a stitch pattern and apply its "multiple" to your shape, determine yardage needed, select appropriate edgings and much, much more. You'll work up a sample design in class and swatch to see if it turns out like you envisioned. Basic understanding of gauge and stitch patterns required. Class fee: \$25.00 + materials

*Sunday 8/2, 1:00pm – 4:00pm*

### **Mitered Self-Fringing Scarf or Shawl** *with Tess Mattos* ✓

Here's a new one! This beautiful wrap combines our favorite self-fringing edge with a mitered square technique that's a kick to knit. Alternate two different yarns for spectacular results. You'll make a mini-version in class, while learning two types of increases, decreases/bias knitting, how to unravel the fringe and more. Class fee: \$25.00 + materials

*Thursday 8/13, 6:00pm – 8:00pm*

### **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 8/23, 12:30pm – 4:00pm*



## SUMMER OF SOCKS

### First Socks on the Magic Loop *with Christina Peters* ✓

Isn't it time you made your first sock? In this class we'll leave the double points in the dust and learn how to knit socks from the cuff down using one long circular needle and *Artyarns Supermerino* or *Dream in Color* worsted weight yarn. Class fee: \$50.00 + materials

*Sundays, 7/12, 7/19 & 7/26, 12:30pm – 2:30/3:00/2:00*

### Double Trouble: Two-at-a-time Socks *with Stephanie Engle*

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

*Tuesdays, 7/28, 8/11 & 8/18, 6:00pm – 8:00pm*

### Creative Cast-ons *with Christina Peters*

Add a little spice to your cuff down socks! Christina will show you how to work two different cast-on methods that will take your sock knitting to the next level: the Italian or Tubular Cast-on and a Folded Cast-on that can be done with or without eyelets or a picot edge. Previous experience knitting in the round on either dpns or magic loop required. Class fee: \$25.00 + materials, or take with **Tantalizing Toes** and pay \$40.00 for both.

*Thursday 7/23, 6:00pm – 8:00pm*

### Tantalizing Toes *with Christina Peters*

In this session we'll focus on different toe treatments for cuff down socks: a Graduated Toe without grafting (perfect for those of you who hate to Kitchener!) and two different ways to work a Star Toe. Experience knitting in the round on either dpns or magic loop required. Class fee: \$25.00 + materials, or take with **Creative Cast-ons** and pay \$40.00 for both.

*Thursday 7/30, 6:00pm – 8:00pm*

### Toe-up! Full Day Workshop *with Chrissy Gardiner*

Learn the advantages of knitting socks starting at the toe in this 6-hour workshop with sock addict and local designer Chrissy Gardiner. You'll make a small sample sock, allowing you to learn and practice casting on for the toe, turning the heel, and perfecting a stretchy bind-off for the cuff. Students should be comfortable knitting in the round, increasing and decreasing. Chrissy's fabulous sock designs have appeared in *Interweave KNITS* magazine and *knitty.com*. Her first book, *Toe-up! Patterns & Worksheets to Whip Your Sock Knitting Into Shape*, will be released in August. Class fee: \$50.00 + materials

*Saturday 9/12, 10:30am – 4:30pm. Half-hour break for B.Y.O.Lunch.*



## JUST FOR KIDS

### Kids Knitting Club *with Trish Mitberg*

Learn to knit, purl or start a new project in this fun class for boys and girls. Knitting is a great skill for kids to learn ... it helps develop fine motor skills and concentration, plus it's just plain fun! Class fee: \$15.00 + materials. Sign up for one class or two.

*Thursday 7/16, 10:30pm – 12:00pm*

*Thursday 7/30, 10:30pm – 12:00pm*



## SKILL SCHOOL

### Knitting 911 *with Tess Mattos* ✓

Calling all new knitters: Learn what to do when good stitches go bad ... don't panic! 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 swatch. Class fee: \$25.00

*Saturday 8/15, 10:30am – 12:30pm*

### 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 work short row shoulders and join using 3-needle bind-off, teach you how to graft invisible seams & more. Please bring homework swatches. Class fee: \$25.00

*Saturday 8/22, 10:30pm – 1:00pm*

### 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

*Tuesday 8/25, 6:00pm – 8:00pm*



## 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: 7/1 & 8/5, 10:30am – 12:00pm*

### Friday Night Sock Club Knitalong *with Stephanie Engle & Christina Peters*

Join us for Christmas in July! Christina is sharing a fun pattern for festive holiday stockings that can be felted or not, your choice. No meeting in August (but we encourage you to come visit us at Sock Summit). Sock Club is our knitalong dedicated to all things socks. Work at your own pace (you don't have to start a new sock each month). Free, we just ask that you purchase your materials at the shop. Sock knitters unite!

*Second Friday of every month: 7/10, 6:00pm – 8:00pm*

*\*\* No Sock Club in August \*\**

## Free Pattern!

# Storm Cloud Shawlette

Designed by Hanna Breetz and originally published at [evergreenknits.blogspot.com](http://evergreenknits.blogspot.com). Reprinted here with Hanna's generous permission. Thank you, Hanna!



*This airy, half-circle shawl is inspired by Elizabeth Zimmerman's pi shawl. It's beautifully simple. It can be knit to any size, with or without a ruffle. Wear it draped over your shoulders like a small shawl or wrapped around your neck like a scarf.*

### Materials

**Yarn:** Fingering weight yarn, at least 150 yds, more if you want a ruffle.

{*Note from the Bee: It's also fabulous in worsted—don't miss our models in Plymouth Kudo and Mountain Colors Mountain Goat!*}

**Needles:** Size #8 circular needle, at least 24" in length.

### Sizing

**Gauge:** 4.5 sts and 6 rows = 1 inch (*but note: gauge doesn't matter too much!*)

**Size:** Smaller version - 36" wide and 14" deep.

Version with ruffled edge - 41" wide and 16" deep.

### Summary

*Here's the intuition behind it: You start with four stitches, which will be in the center of the half-circle. The shawl is shaped and enlarged by doubling the stitches at increasing intervals. The stitch pattern is an elongated garter stitch: On the right side, you always do a row of [knit one, yarnover]. On the wrong side you knit the knit stitches and drop the yarnovers, except when you need an increase row, when you knit all the way across.*

### Pattern

**Cast on** 4 stitches.

**Row 1 and all odd rows:** Knit 1, (yarnover, knit 1) to end.

**Rows 2, 4, 10, 20, 38, and 72:** Knit across.

*(Note: this is what I call an "increase row")*

**All other even rows:** Knit the knit stitches and drop the yarnovers.

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## Storm Cloud Shawlette Pattern, cont.

*The best way to remember where to put the "increase rows" is to count the number of plain garter ridges between them on the RS of the fabric. The first two increases have no plain ridges between them. The next one comes after 2 plain ridges, then 4, 8, and finally 16. (This might be hard to visualize before you start to knit, but will make sense once you start.)*

*For the smaller version without the ruffle, I bound off after row 70 (after the 16th plain ridge). For the ruffled version, I did the final increase at row 72, then knit 12 more rows in elongated garter stitch for the ruffle. Be sure to use a stretchy bind off, perhaps binding off on larger needles.*

*To make it bigger, just keep working in the set pattern: knit in elongated garter stitch until you have a section of 32 plain garter ridges, then do an increase row, then a section of 64 plain garter ridges, etc.*

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FRIDAY, JULY 24TH - SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND

SELECT YARNS UP TO 50% OFF

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