

Knitting Bee

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Knitting Bee Buzz



Believe it or not, just a little over seven years ago I set foot in a yarn shop for the first time. It was like nothing I had ever seen before, and I was instantly smitten. I left with a skein of fluffy wool in a lovely shade of soft orange, a set of bamboo needles, and a pattern for a roll brim hat. I went home, started knitting, and became instantly obsessed. I moved from hats to baby sweaters to socks, somehow skipping scarves completely. I fell in love with the feel of the yarn in my hands, the satisfaction of mastering new techniques, and the soothing rhythm of the needles forming stitch after stitch. I became a fearless knitter, and then two short years later I fearlessly opened a knitting shop.

It's hard for me to believe it's been five years since Knitting Bee first opened its doors. Given the current state of the economy, behaving in a fearless manner isn't as easy as it used to be. But it seems like we're all knitting and crocheting more than ever, hopefully finding a little bit of comfort and distraction along the way. I've said it before, but Knitting Bee really wouldn't be here without your support. Each of you reading this newsletter has contributed to the shop's ongoing success, and as a special thank you we've planned a month-long birthday celebration featuring \$5.00 pricing on five of our favorite yarns, free Learn to Knit classes (tell your friends!), a \$100 gift certificate giveaway and more. So from the bottom of my heart: Thank you, thank you, thank you! Now let's party!

See you at the shop,
Jami

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 1st - Knitting Bee's Birthday Party, 6:00pm - 8:30pm

April 12th - Closed for Easter Sunday

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

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

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

Join Knitting Bee's 5th Birthday Celebration!

Five Yarns, \$5.00 each

Cascade 220 Solids & Heathers

Crystal Palace Party Ribbon

Misti Alpaca Lace

Berroco Pure Pima

Plymouth Encore Worsted

Save BIG on these shop favorites during the month of April!

Limited to stock on hand. Ends 4/30/09.

Free Learn to Knit Classes

Saturdays, April 4th & 18th, 10:30am-11:30am

Know somebody who'd like to learn to knit?

Tell them about our free classes!

Please call to reserve space.

\$100 Gift Certificate

Enter to win every time you make a purchase in April.

Party!

Help us celebrate 5 years with a night of knitting, crochet, spinning, refreshments & prizes!

April 1st, 6:00pm-8:30pm

Happy Birthday, Knitting Bee!

As the weather warms, our thoughts at Knitting Bee turn to sunny quick-knit sweaters, wraps and accent scarves in fresh spring colors. Give the woolies a break and reach for a juicy skein of cotton, linen, soy or bamboo!

Debbie Bliss yarns are always tops at the shop, and her new **Eco Fairtrade Cotton** is good for the environment as well. This colorful aran weight cotton is certified 100% organic by the bioRe chain. The cotton is grown without the use of chemicals, harvested by hand, purchased at fair trade prices, and dyed with non-toxic, non-carcinogenic dyes in water that is then recycled and rendered drinkable again. Wow! Debbie has a new booklet of designs to support this wonderful yarn, and it's also featured in her new magazine. Green never looked so good!

We've also added an organic cotton from Peru called **Pakucho Flamme**. This heavy worsted weight yarn has a slightly rustic texture and comes in a lovely range of natural, color grown shades like sage, cream, tan and brown. Color grown yarns actually get deeper in color with machine washing and drying (I can't wait to try this!).

Add 50% soy to 50% organic cotton and you've got a super cuddly yarn with a subtle sheen called **Bebe Cotsoy**. Knit up something for baby, or something for mom, it's sure to please just about everyone!

Ready for something a-*maize*-ing? How about a yarn made from cornstalks?! *Queensland Collection's Haze* combines 60% corn viscose with 40% cotton in a beautifully hand-dyed yarn that's perfect for summer tops, lightweight wraps, crocheted market bags and more.

If you like a little sophisticated glimmer, look for **Linares**. Hand dyed in Chile by local fiber artist Ester Bitran, **Linares** is the perfect choice for an elegant accent scarf or shawl.

If you're looking for an affordable, top quality dk-weight cotton in a yummy range of solid colors, reach for *Berroco's* latest instant classic: **Pure Pima**. Check out the inspiring sweater designs in *Norah Gaughan vol. 4*, grab some **Pure Pima**, and you're good to go!

While we're on the subject of fabulous design, we love, love, LOVE the new *Classic Elite Yarn*

pattern booklets (thank you, Pam Allen!). *Johns Bay, Heron Island, New Harbour ...* there's something to knock your socks off in each. To make choosing even more difficult, the yarns are just as scrumptious: **Soft Linen, Premiere, Cotton Bam Boo, and Sprout**. Deciding on a spring sweater has never been so difficult (or so much fun!).

Lastly, if you're fan of *Berroco Comfort*, keep an eye out for new **Comfort Chunky**. All the things you love about the original in a chunkier weight.



Spring Classes



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

Saturday 5/9, 10:30am – 12:30pm -OR- Tuesday 6/9, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Also, don't miss our FREE mini classes on 4/4 & 4/18!!!

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 5/16, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Learn to Crochet with Darla J. Fanton

Learn the fundamentals of crochet while you create a cute pouch to hold small treasures or your ipod. Darla will cover single, half double and double crochet, as well as the foundation chain, turning chains, pattern reading, and crochet abbreviations. You'll receive an illustrated handout of the basic crochet stitches as well as several original patterns.

Class fee: \$25.00 + materials

Saturday, 4/11, 10:30am – 12:30pm



TIPS & TECHNIQUES

Let's Talk Crochet *with Darla J. Fanton*

Do you know how to crochet but feel lost when you look at a new pattern? This informative class will teach you how to break a pattern into easily managed segments so you can move step by step through your projects with ease, knowing what all those “hieroglyphics” and abbreviations really mean. You'll take home lots of reference materials. Class fee: \$25.00

Saturday 4/25, 10:30am – 12:30pm

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

Saturday 5/2, 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Drop Spindle Basics *with Anita Osterhang*

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 5/3, 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Beautiful Beginnings *with Stephanie Engle* ✓

Start your knitting off right! Stephanie will teach you how to work a variety of cast on methods and help you determine when and why to use which technique. Long-tail, backward loop, cable and provisional techniques will be covered. Improve the finished appearance and function of your knitwear. Class fee: \$25.00

Tuesday 5/12, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

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

Thursday 5/21, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

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

Saturday 5/30, 1:30pm – 4:00pm

Charts 101 *with Christina Peters* ✓

Learning how to read charted knitting patterns will make you a more intuitive knitter. Christina will cover chart reading basics including how to decipher symbols, repeats and blanks. Then we'll practice converting written instructions to chart format. Please feel free to bring any pattern you'd like to chart, or any charts you find confusing. Class fee: \$25.00

Thursday 6/4, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Increase Skills, Decrease Stress *with Stephanie Engle* ✓

Whether you're shaping the armhole on a sweater or ready to give lace a try, knowing how to create a variety of increase and decrease stitches will truly expand your stitching arsenal. In this class we'll work with swatches to practice various “partners”, including k2tog, ssk, inc, m1 and more. Class fee: \$25.00

Saturday 6/6, 10:30am – 12:30pm



COLOR + PATTERN

Prismatic Scarf *with Stephanie Engle*

This beautiful scarf pattern was designed to showcase the colors in handpainted yarns, and the results are spectacular. It features a diagonal woven herringbone stitch that looks great on both sides of the scarf and an interesting knitted i-cord edging. Work it up in *Mamos Silk Blend* or your favorite dk-weight variegated yarn. Class fee: \$25.00 + materials

Tuesday 4/14, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Brioche Made Easy *with Christina Peters* ✓

Brioche stitch creates a lofty, warm fabric that's perfect for cozy scarves, hats, neckwarmers sweaters and more. Also called Fisherman's Rib or Shaker Stitch, brioche patterns typically involve slipped stitches and yarnovers and can be worked in many different ways for different effects. In this workshop you'll learn how to work single and double brioche, fake brioche, double rib brioche and honeycomb brioche while creating a cozy neckwarmer.

Class fee: \$25.00 + materials fee

Thursday 4/23, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Lace Ribbon Scarf *with Tanya Patterson* ✓

Learn how to work yarnovers, double yarnovers and decreases while you begin an elegantly stylish scarf featuring undulating ribbons of lacy openwork set against a background of stockinette stitch. Once you get the hang of it, this is a great portable project with an easily memorized pattern. Class fee: \$25.00 + materials

Tuesday 4/28, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

First Cables: Irish Hiking Scarf *with Nancy Hinsch* ✓

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 spring 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 5/2, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Chasing Rainbows Baby Blanket *with Trish Mütberg* ✓

This colorful, thoroughly modern blanket is sure to become baby's favorite! And you'll 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

Saturday 5/16, 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Slip Stitch Secret Pouch *with Tanya Patterson* ✓

Make this cute little multi-colored pouch for your cell phone, ipod or secret treasure of choice using an incredibly simple slip-stitch technique that creates a woven look. Slipping stitches is the easiest way to incorporate multiple colors into your knitting, and you won't believe how quickly this little pouch works up! Class fee: \$25.00 + materials

Tuesday 6/2, 6:00pm – 8:00pm



SWEET SPRING SWEATERS

February Lady Sweater *with Stephanie Engle* ✓

Make the sweater that's taken the online knitting world by storm! This swingy 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

Tuesdays, 4/7, 4/21 & 5/5, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Elizabeth Zimmermann's Baby Surprise Sweater *with Tess Mattos* ✓

This classic garter stitch cardigan has taken the knitting world by storm! Navigating the twists and turns of the pattern can be a little puzzling ... enter Tess! The design is worked all in one piece on circular needles. When the knitting's done you're left with something that hardly resembles a sweater. That's when the fun begins ... a few simple folds and seams, a little i-cord edging and Surprise! It's an adorable sweater! Class fee: \$50.00 + materials

Thursdays, 4/9, 4/16 & 4/30, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Hey Teach! *with Stephanie Engle*

The perfect spring to summer sweater! This short-sleeved cardigan has a lacy bodice and flatters many body types. It's worked in pieces, so you'll learn basic sweater construction including how to pick up and work a button band, set in a sleeve, and create beautiful seams. Class fee: \$50.00 + materials

Sundays, 5/17, 5/31 & 6/14, 1:30pm – 3:30pm

The Rib Warmer Vest *with Tess Mattos* ✓

Another timeless classic from knitting guru Elizabeth Zimmermann. This easy-to-knit garter stitch vest is worked in two pieces and seamed in the back. Choose a traditional fit, or make it shorter and shrug-like. Work it up in cotton for a lightweight layering piece you can wear all summer! Class fee: \$50.00 + materials

Thursdays, 6/11, 6/18 & 6/25, 6:00pm – 8:00pm



PLENTY 'O PROJECTS

Swirl Shawl *with Trish Mitberg*

Little lacy hexagons worked up in a beautiful color-shifting yarn make for a super-impressive shawl! Trish will show you how it's done in this two session class. You'll learn the basics of modular knitting and lacework. If you've fallen in love with the shop sample, here's your chance to make your own! Class fee: \$35.00 + materials

Saturdays, 4/18 & 4/25, 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Funky Chunky Market Bag *with Tanya Patterson* ✓

This cute market bag works up quickly in colorful chunky cotton yarn and is a great introduction to lace knitting. You'll learn how to pick up stitches for circular knitting, work yarnovers and decreases, and how to recognize and correct errors in your stitching.

Class fee: \$35.00 + materials

Thursdays, 5/7 & 5/14, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Stacked Chips Crocheted Scarf *with Darla J. Fanton*

This twirly curly scarf looks like it sprang from a can of Pringles! And since you work it one "chip" at a time, you don't have to start with a long foundation chain. Darla will show you how it's done in this one session class. Warning: Chips are addictive! Basic crochet skills required. Class fee: \$25.00 + materials

Saturday 5/9, 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Mother's Day Jewelry Workshop: Beads & Chips Necklace *with Darla J. Fanton*

Spend a special Sunday with Mom learning how to crochet this beautiful necklace, or come by yourself and create a spectacular gift. 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! Adults only, please. Class fee: \$25.00 + necklace kit

Sunday 5/10, 12:30pm – 3:30pm

Basic Head Hugger Hat *with Tanya Patterson* ✓

Have you made your first hat yet? Tanya will show you the basics of knitting in the round, creating a ribbed or rolled edge, and how to decrease for the crown. This cute beanie-style hat works up quickly in worsted or chunky yarn. Class fee: \$35.00 + materials

Tuesdays, 5/19 & 5/26, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Silk Kerchief *with Trish Mitberg* ✓

Looking for an easy, stress-free and addictive project? Perfect for the new knitter, this lovely triangular scarf combines meditative garter stitch with two different colors of self-stripping *Noro Silk Garden Sock* yarn. If desired, make it larger for a cozy spring wrap or comforting shawl. Class fee: \$25.00 + materials

Thursday 5/28, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Fair Isle Steeked Bag *with Melissa Chakmakian*

Ever wonder how anyone could cut their knitting? Sounds terrifying, I know, but Melissa will show you how to cut with confidence on this sweet little bag project. First you'll knit the bag in the round using the Fair Isle technique. Then you'll pull out the scissors and learn how to cut and steek like a pro. A simple, fun and painless way to learn steeking without a lot of commitment. Prior knowledge of Fair Isle technique highly recommended. Class fee: \$35.00 + materials

Sundays, 6/7 & 6/21, 11:30am – 1:30pm



SUPER 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, 4/19, 4/26 & 5/3, 1:00pm – 3:00pm

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, 6/7, 6/21 & 6/28, 2:30pm – 4:30pm

SOCKS, CONT.

Converting Traditional Sock Patterns to Magic Loop or Two Circs *with Christina Peters*

Have you fallen in love with socks on two circs or magic loop, but aren't quite sure how to translate the concepts to patterns written for double pointed needles? In this class we'll learn how to convert any traditional sock pattern to either of these non-traditional methods. Bring any patterns you'd like help translating. Previous experience knitting socks with magic loop or two circs required. Class fee: \$25.00 + materials

Saturday 5/30, 10:30am – 12:30pm



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: 4/1, 5/6 & 6/3, 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: 4/10, 5/8 & 6/12, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

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*Fair Isle
Steeked Bag*



*Swirl
Shawl*



*Stacked Chips
Scarf*

Free Pattern!

Self Fringing Triangular Shawl

This versatile design can be made large or small and is the perfect spring accessory when worked up in a shimmery ribbon yarn. Give it a try!

Materials:

2-4 balls *Crystal Palace Party* (50g/87 yds)

US size #15 circular needle, 24" length or longer

Abbreviations:

inc - Increase (by knitting into the front and back of the same stitch)

K2tog - Knit 2 together

sm - slip marker

Tip: When you start new ball of yarn, switch in the body of the shawl, not in the 5 edge sts.

Directions:

Cast on 7 sts.

Row 1: Purl all stitches

Row 2: *Begin increasing as follows:* K1, inc, place marker, K5

Row 3: P5, slip marker, purl to end of row

Row 4: K to 1 st before marker, inc, sm, K5

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until almost half the yarn is used, or you reach desired length.

Row 5: *Begin decreasing:* Knit to 2 sts before marker, K2tog, sm, K5

Row 6: P5, sm, purl to end of row

Repeat rows 5 and 6 until 8 sts remain.

Row 7: K1, K2tog, sm, K5

Row 8: Purl all stitches

Row 9: K2tog, remove marker, leave 5 unworked sts on left needle.

Cut yarn and draw through the last worked stitch on right needle, leaving a 6-8" tail.

Make Fringe:

Drop the 5 unworked sts from left needle. Unravel these 5 sts until they form a fringe loop. Tie a small knot at the base of the fringe, snug with the edge of the shawl. Continue unraveling and knotting until you have worked your way completely around the shawl edge.

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT
KNITTING CIRCLE
& EXTENDED SHOP HOURS

6:00PM – 8:30PM

