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Knitting Bee Buzz



I'm not holding my breath, but it appears summer may have finally arrived. School is out, we've had three sunny days in a row, the neighborhood pool is open for business, and I've almost finished my latest warm weather project, a breezy tank top out of Cotton Bam Boo. As a native Oregonian, I realize that summer doesn't officially start here until July 5th, but a girl can always dream!

Even with sunnier skies, the shop has been a busy hive of activity. The Knitting Bee community continues to grow, and it never ceases to amaze me. Participation in our new Charity Circle has been especially inspiring. This group is so dedicated, so giving, *so large* ... I might have to buy more chairs to hold everyone! Tanya and Darla have kept things fun by providing really creative project ideas. What I love most about this group is that it is fulfilling needs within our very own neighborhoods: providing cozy comfort shawls for local chemo patients, cuddly blankies for the tiniest babies, and warm hats and scarves for people in desperate housing situations. Ask for info at the shop if you'd like to contribute.

Lastly, I can't wait to see what y'all bring in for our annual Customer Trunk Show. Even if you don't bring a project for display, don't miss the Opening Night Party. We'll have prizes for teddy bear costumes, special drawings, lots of knitting fun and plenty of Blueberry Buzz on hand!

See you soon,
Jami

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

Friday, July 4th - Closed for 4th of July Holiday

July 16th-July 24th - Customer Trunk Show &
Teddy Bear Fashion Parade

July 16th - Opening Night Party, 6:00pm-8:30pm

July 25th-Aug. 3rd - Sizzling Summer Sale!

Sunday, Aug. 31st - Closed for Labor Day Holiday

Passionate About Your Project? Show It Off!

Love your latest sweater? Adore your Aran afghan? 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 16th-24th. Everyone who participates will be entered to win a \$100 Knitting Bee gift certificate. Drop your item off at the shop between July 5th-15th. One project per customer, please. Even if you don't want to show off your work, join us at our **Opening Night Party** and **Teddy Bear Fashion Parade** at Knit Night on July 16th. You won't believe how creative you all are!

Don't Miss Our New Email Newsletter

Love finding our printed newsletter in your mailbox? Now you can get that same fuzzy fiber feeling twice a month by signing up for our online newsletter, **Buzz**. You'll receive updates on shop special events and sales, the latest info for our Sock Club and Charity Circle, links to free patterns and more. To sign up, visit www.theknittingbee.com. And don't worry, we have no plans to retire our printed newsletter!



Service Animals Only, Please.

We're big animal lovers at the Bee (especially sheep!). But there are many unlucky folks—including some yarn shop employees—who are terribly allergic to animals and can suffer breathing difficulties from even brief exposure to pets. Our new policy bans all pets from the shop, with the exception of service animals. Thanks in advance for your understanding.

Naked Bears Need Your Help

Have you noticed that cuddly teddy bears have invaded the shop? And did you also notice that many of these bears are NAKED?! These bears need some cute costumes so that they can bring smiles to the young campers at Providence Hospice's **Camp Erin**, a local grief support camp for kids who have recently lost a loved one. So what are you waiting for? This is your chance to get outlandishly creative! All that we ask is that you make both a sweater *and* a hat. Patterns are available at the shop. To encourage a little healthy competition, we will be awarding gift certificate prizes for Most Glamorous, Most Embellished and Judge's Favorite at our annual **Teddy Bear Fashion Parade** and **Customer Trunk Show Opening Night Party** on Wednesday, July 16th. Please join us in putting your needles together for this worthy cause!

Stretching Your Yarn Dollars

Seems like all of life's necessities are costing more these days ... gas, food, yarn. And don't try and tell me yarn isn't a necessity. My friends and family will vouch for me that my mental health can get a little questionable if I don't have a project (or two, or three) on the needles. Cranky. Anxious. Neurotic. Not knitting is simply not an option. Fortunately, I'm the owner of a yarn shop, so I always have plenty of yarn on hand at all times. But I realize that most of you do NOT own yarn shops, so I thought it might be beneficial for your mental health if I offered up a few tips on how to stretch your yarn dollars while maximizing your knitting enjoyment.

Get Skinny

Lace, fingering and sock yarns pack a major punch in knitting value. Projects worked with skinnier yarns often require many more stitches than fat yarns, and the results can be very impressive. You also get much more yardage per ball. For instance, a 100 gr ball of laceweight often holds over 1000 yds of yummy yarn. That's a lot of knitting hours!

Choose Wisely

Working with quality materials greatly increases knitting satisfaction. That said, however, not every project requires the very best merino. Take baby knitting. Unless you're making an heirloom layette set, there are many high quality and reasonably priced acrylic blends that work up beautifully. (We especially like *Plymouth Dreambaby DK* and *Berroco Comfort*.) If you're making a sweater for yourself, don't overlook tried-and-true basics like *Cascade 220* or *Ultra*

Alpaca. These yarns look less sexy in the hank, but they work up wonderfully, wear well and represent really good knitting values. Smaller projects like fingerless mitts or scarves are an affordable place to splurge on an irresistible handpainted when your knitting psyche needs a little treat.

Knit Gifts

Since you're going to be knitting anyways (for your mental health), why not plan ahead and start knitting holiday gifts now? This way your yarn dollars work twice as hard, counting toward both your summer entertainment budget *and* your holiday gift budget. Hats are a great place to start and are the perfect project for using up those single balls of yarn in your stash. Keep things fresh by trying challenging patterns or new techniques. Maybe make everyone a pair of felted slippers or house socks. Start now, and come December you can spend less time and money at the mall.

Bee Smart

Knitting Bee has several discount and rewards programs designed to make you happy. Did you know that from the moment you sign up for a class you get 10% off *everything* you purchase through your last class? Smart shoppers look for our favorite Yarn of the Month at 15% off. Our new Book Bonus gives you 20% off the book when you purchase yarn for a project in the book at the same time. And lastly, ask us to check your Busy Bee frequent buyer account. You could have a reward waiting for you! Our Busy Bee program gives you a \$50.00 gift certificate every time you accumulate \$500.00 in purchases at the shop ... *but you have to ask*. After all, nothing stretches your yarn dollars more than free yarn!

Summer 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!

VISIT THEKNITTINGBEE.COM
TO SEE PHOTOS OF MANY
OF OUR CLASS PROJECTS.



GET STARTED

Learn to Knit *with Knitting Bee Staff*

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. If time allows, we'll also tackle purling.

Class fee: \$20.00 + materials

Wednesday 7/23, 4:00pm – 6:00pm -OR- Tuesday 8/19, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

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

Amigurumi is the Japanese name for those cute little knit or crochet stuffed toys that are popping up everywhere. They use the most basic crochet stitch, so even if you've never picked up a hook before you can learn how to crochet your own little bunny, bear or kitty. This class is also open to students who know how to crochet but would like to learn how to create amigurumi. Class fee: \$30.00 + materials

Thursdays, 8/14 & 8/21, 3:30pm – 5:30pm



SUMMER SKILL SCHOOL

Increase Skills, Decrease Stress *with Stephanie Engle* ✓

Many times patterns instruct you to increase or decrease, but don't specify which method to use. If you're making a garment, partnering your increases or decreases will result in a more professional-looking final product. In this class we'll work with swatches to practice various "partners", including k2tog, ssk, inc, m1 and more. Class fee: \$20.00

Sunday 7/20, 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Fix, Fudge or Forgive: The Three F's of Lace Knitting *with Jocelyn White*

Lace knitting can be an absolute thrill ... until you make a mistake. Then what? In this class you'll learn how to easily fix many common and not so common mistakes that might otherwise spoil your lace knitting experience. Topics covered include adding and dropping yarnovers, correcting too many or too few stitches in a pattern repeat with hidden decreases, shrinking the holes in lace, and catching and working up dropped stitches. This class will give you the confidence you need to conquer your lace fraidy cat. Please bring homework swatches. Class fee: \$20.00

Tuesday, 7/22, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

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 8/10, 1:30pm – 3:30pm

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 (or "e"), cable and provisional cast-on techniques will be covered. The correct cast on edge really can make a big difference in the finished appearance and function of your knitwear. Class fee: \$20.00

Sunday 8/17, 1:00pm – 3:00pm

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: \$20.00

Thursday, 9/4, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

UFO Party - Let's Finish Those UnFinished Objects! *with Stephanie Engle* ✓

Love to knit, but hate to finish? Or maybe you're just not sure where to start? No more excuses! Here's your opportunity to set in that sleeve, mattress stitch those seams, pick up that button band ... whatever it takes to turn that languishing UFO into your new favorite sweater. Stephanie will share expert advice and hands-on assistance. Class fee: \$25.00

Sunday 9/7, 1:00 – 3:30pm



HOLIDAY HEADSTART

Beginner's Lacy Scarf with Beads *with Tess Mattos* ✓

Ready to try your hand at lace? What about beading? Tess's easy design is a great introduction to both techniques, and you'll love the results! You'll learn how to work yarnovers and K2tog's, plus incorporate beads for a glamorous sparkle. Class fee: \$25.00 + materials

Saturday 7/12, 1:00pm – 3:30pm

Two Bead Crochet Bracelet *with Darla J. Fanton*

These sparkling beaded bracelets are absolutely stunning! And they aren't that hard to make, as long as you know how to single crochet. Darla will teach two different methods of bead crochet: how to work with pre-strung beads and how to add in beads as you go. You absolutely must see the samples in the shop. Class fee: \$20.00 + bracelet kit

Saturday 7/12, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Belle of the Ball Beaded Bag *with Sharon Stewart*

This pretty bag is just the right size for a night on the town, and would make a wonderful holiday gift (... start now and you can make one for everyone on your list!). In two sessions you'll learn how to incorporate beads into your knitting, knit in the round on circular and double pointed needles, and how to make an I-cord handle. Class fee: \$30.00 + materials.

Saturdays, 7/26, 2:00pm – 4:00pm & 8/2, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Multiple Choice Hat *with Tanya Patterson* ✓

Pull out your stash and whip up some holiday hats! In this incredibly informative class Tanya will share her formula for working up a basic hat in any weight of yarn, custom fit to any size head. It doesn't matter if you've never made a hat before, this class will give you all the skills you need and then some. Ask for a homework handout.

Class fee: \$30.00 + materials

Sundays, 7/27 & 8/3, 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Go Green Market Bag *with Trish Mitberg* ✓

Paper or plastic? How about recycled cotton?! This mesh market bag is perfect for a quick trip to the grocery store or a day at the beach. Made out of *2nd Time Around* recycled cotton, it's super strong and durable. You'll learn how to knit a lacy mesh stitch using yarnovers and decreases. This is a great introduction to fancy stitchwork! Class fee: \$30.00 + materials

Saturdays, 8/2 & 8/9, 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Felted Fair Isle Bag *with Charlene Sabin*

Thanks to self-striping *Noro Kureyon*, this Fair Isle project is much easier than it looks! Charlene will show you how to carry two different yarns, follow a chart and design your own motifs. Add some *Grayson E* leather handles for a truly professional look. Previous experience knitting in the round required. Class fee: \$30.00 + materials

Saturdays, 9/6 & 9/13, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Brilliantly Brioche Hat *with Tess Mattos*

Brioche stitch makes a wonderful fabric that's warm, lofty and stretchy and especially striking when worked in two colors. Tess will help you tame this tricky technique while you create a super cute hat. Make it bold and sporty or beautifully subtle according to your choice of yarn. The pattern also includes a matching scarf. Previous experience knitting in the round required. Class fee: \$30.00 + materials

Saturdays, 9/6 & 9/13, 1:00pm – 3:00pm



SOXY LADY

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: \$45.00 + materials.

Tuesdays, 7/15, 7/29 & 8/12, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

New Pathways in Sockitecture - Two Sessions *with Melissa Chakmakian*

Break free from traditional sock patterns and learn these fascinating new construction techniques developed by Cat Bordhi in her book *New Pathways for Sock Knitters*. In our first session we’ll knit the “Little Sky” mini sock which features a unique instep shaping that flows out around the foot from a central point. (Your reward? No gusset stitches to pick up!) In the second session we’ll tackle “Little Coriolis”, which explores a swirling diagonal flow for the instep. Once you’ve completed these small sample socks (great for baby!) you’ll be well-prepared to take on more of Cat’s intriguing and addicting sockitecture!

Class fee: \$30.00 per session or \$55.00 for two + *New Pathways* book + materials

Session I - Little Sky: Saturday 7/19, 10:30am – 1:30pm

Session II - Little Coriolis: Saturday 8/16, 1:00pm – 4:00pm



MAKE NOW, WEAR NOW

Sassy Summer Shrug *with Tanya Patterson* ✓

Here it is ... the perfect cover up for air conditioned offices or cool summer evenings! This short-sleeved cardigan is knit all in one piece from the top down using chunky cotton yarn, so the knitting is quick, easy and extremely gratifying. Make it short and cropped or long and lean. A great introduction to sweater knitting! Class fee: \$30.00 + materials

Thursdays, 7/10 & 7/24, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Steeking: Adorable Fair Isle 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: \$30.00 + materials

Thursdays, 7/17 & 7/31, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Comfort Shawl *with Christina Peters*

When Christina brought her first completed comfort shawl into the shop it was love at first sight! This lightweight wrap from Interweave KNITS features graceful Faroese-style shoulder shaping and can be knit with or without a summery lace panel on the back. You’ll also learn a unique decorative cast off technique. Make one for someone you know who needs a cozy hug, then make a second for yourself! Please bring completed homework to class.

Class fee: \$30.00 + materials

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



LITTLE WONDERS

Boutique Baby Hats *with Tanya Patterson* ✓

Tanya will show you how to transform a baby hat pattern from basic to boutique in this idea-filled class. Learn how to create adorable knit flowers, i-cord sparklers, and more. Of course, these techniques can easily be applied to grown-up hats, too! Class fee: \$20.00 + materials

Tuesday 8/5, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Log Cabin Baby Blankets, Afghans or Pillows *with Tanya Patterson* ✓

Like to play with color? It doesn’t get more fun than this! Inspired by *Mason-Dixon Knitting* and based on the Log Cabin quilting motif, these brilliant blankets or pillows are knit outward from a center square by “building” rounds of connected strips. Tanya will discuss color selection, including self-stripers, and teach you this easy and extremely rewarding technique. Make it as large or as small as you like! Class fee: \$20.00 + materials

Saturday 8/9, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Super Happy Crochet Funky: AMIGURUMI *with Darla J. Fanton*

Amigurumi is the Japanese name for those cute little crochet stuffed toys that are popping up everywhere. The best news is that they use the most basic crochet stitch, so come learn how to crochet your own little bunny, bear or kitty. Even if you already know how to crochet this class is full of wonderful finishing, stuffing and assembly tips. Class fee: \$30.00 + materials

Thursdays, 8/14 & 8/21, 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Sweet Intarsia Cable Baby Hat *with Melissa Chakmakian*

Melissa designed this adorable hat ... and it is sooo cute! You’ll learn how to use the intarsia method to create an accent cable in a contrasting color, embellish with buttons and add your own special touches. The hat is knit flat, which means no pesky double pointed needles to slow you down! Class fee: \$20.00 + materials

Saturday 8/16, 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. For a special treat at our August meeting, Darla will share tips and techniques for Tunisian Crochet. Free.

*Please Note: July only we will meet the **Second** Wednesday, 7/9, 10:30am – 12:00pm*

***First** Wednesday of every month: 8/6 & 9/3, 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). Free, we just ask that you purchase your materials at the shop. Sock knitters unite!

*Second Friday of every month: 8/8 & 9/12, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. **No Club in July.***

Free Pattern!
Seafoam Lace Scarf

This easy introduction to lace uses multiple “dropped” yarnovers to create a lovely wavy design that really shows off handpainted yarn.

If you'd like to make a larger wrap, increase the number of cast on stitches by multiples of 10. Enjoy!

Materials:

1-2 skeins *Araucania Ulmo* handpainted cotton (202 yds/100 gr)
US size #8-9 needles

Gauge:

Not terribly important, but you want the knitted fabric to have a nice drape so be careful not to work too tightly.

Directions:

Cast on 26 stitches.

Begin stitch pattern (*Multiple of 10 sts + 6*)

Row 1-2: Knit.

Row 3: *K6, yo, K1, double yo, K1, triple yo, K1, double yo, K1, yo*
repeat * to * ending with K6.

Row 4: Knit, dropping all wrapped yo stitches off the needle as you come to them.

Row 5-8: Knit.

Row 9: K1, yo, K1, double yo, K1, triple yo, K1, double yo, K1, yo,
K6, yo, K1, double yo, K1, triple yo, K1, double yo, K1, yo
repeat * to * ending with K1.

Row 10: Knit, dropping wrapped yo sts.

Row 11-12: Knit.

Repeat rows 1-12 until you reach desired length.

Bind off and weave in all ends.

If desired, wet block and pin out flat to open up the pattern.

SIZZLING SUMMER SALE

FRIDAY, JULY 25TH - SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD

SELECT YARNS UP TO 50% OFF
ALL BOOKS 20% OFF

*Discounts limited to stock on hand.
No special orders, Busy Bee certificates
or pre-sale holds. Sale ends 8/03/08.*

“Most knitters will giggle themselves stupid ... when a layperson unacquainted with the nature of knitting announces that he doesn't knit because he lacks the patience for it.

This is what I've learned from knitting:

- You don't knit because you are patient.
You are patient because you knit.
- It isn't that knitting is only possible for those who are already patient. Patience is granted to those who knit by virtue of knitting's basic nature.”

— STEPHANIE PEARL-MCPHEE,

THINGS I LEARNED FROM KNITTING

... WHETHER I WANTED TO OR NOT



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