

The Fiber House Class Descriptions

APR - JUN 2019

SPECIAL CLASS: RIGID HEDDLE WEAVING

Sun, May 26 and June 2

9 am to 4 pm

\$30.00

An intensive two-day class on learning to weave on a rigid heddle loom. Beginning and intermediate weavers welcome. We will be learning both direct and indirect warping methods. Take this class as a beginner or even as a refresher if you've taken the class before. The class project will be a sampler scarf or any other project of your choice. We do have a few looms available for purchase or rent (loom rental is \$15.00). We will be using both Kromski Harps and Schacht Crickets in the class. Limit of 5 participants. Sign up required.

ENTRELAC SCARF

Fri, Apr 5 and Sat, Apr 13
Fri, June 21

1 to 4 pm

Free

Entrelac knitting is connected squares that create a woven look. Starting with a base of connected triangles you then knit a series of connected squares by knitting or purling 8 stitches at a time and connecting the square to a previous square or triangle at the end of the knit rows. Although it looks and sounds complicated, it's a fairly simple technique to learn. This is another project that looks fantastic if you use a gradient yarn or one with a long color repeat, such as Noro Yarns. You can also use two or more solids and change color with each row of squares. A good project for a confident novice to advanced knitter. You can also learn how to knit backwards instead of turning and purling every 8 stitches. Uses approx 400 yds DK or worsted weight yarn and US 6 to US 8 needles.

DOUBLE KNIT BABY AFGHAN

Sat, Apr 6 and Sat, Apr 19
Sat, May 11
Fri, Jun 7 and Sat, Jun 15

1 to 4 pm

Free

Learn a different way to double-knit using a skip stitch technique to create this cute baby afghan. The project uses DK weight yarn (approx 1000-1200 yds in main color and 900-1000 yds in contrasting color) and US 6 needles. In addition to the double knitting we'll be learning a long-tail tubular cast-on and kitchener stitch bind off. This is suitable for intermediate knitters.

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TWIDDLEMUFFS CHARITY PROJECT

Fri, Apr 12
Fri, May 17
Sat, Jun 8

1 to 4 pm

Free

Thanks to Janet H. for bringing this to my attention. Twiddlemuffs are knitted or crocheted handwarmers that provide sensory stimulation for people living with dementia or anyone with anxiety. The muffs keep restless hands busy and soothe and comfort those who are anxious or agitated while also keeping hands warm. This is an awesome project to use up dribs and drabs of leftover yarns of any kind or weight, especially funky yarns with lots of texture, then embellish the mitts with buttons, bobbles, ties, beads, flowers, etc. If you don't have a special someone to give a mitt to, we will donate them to Sheridan Manor or Westview. A good project for beginners. Uses size US 10.5 to US 11 and any weight of yarn (two strands of thinner yarns or one strand of chunky). Need at least 600+ yds of whatever leftovers you have.

TUNISIAN CROCHET SCARF/ COWL

Sat, Apr 27
Fri, May 17

1 to 4 pm

Free

Tunisian crochet is so easy and this project is perfect for absolute beginners. And by using a DK weight yarn with a larger size K hook you end up with a cozy cowl or scarf with lots of drape. I used one skein of Berroco's *Pixel* yarn and a chevron pattern, but the scarf looks good in Tunisian simple stitch also. Use a yarn with a long gradient and get a color block design. A sample cowl is on display at the store.

WAVES OF COLOR SHAWL KNIT-ALONG WITH SHARON MILLER

Sat, Apr 20 and Fri, Apr 26
Fri, May 10 and Sat May 18
Fri, Jun 14

1 to 4 pm

Free

Sharon Miller is on her way to receiving her Master Knitting Certificate and has offered to teach this class. Another project using a long color gradient yarn paired with a solid color, or use two contrasting gradient yarns. Size US 4 needles, 2 skeins (approx 400 yds) main color, 1 skein (400 yds) contrasting color. The beautiful sample shawl is on display at store. Although it looks challenging, the shawl is in garter stitch with short rows. Intermediate to advanced knitters.

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SAMPLER BLOCKS FOR PILLOW

Fri, May 24
Sat, June 1, Sat, Jun 22, and Fri, Jun 28

1 to 4 pm

Free

For beginners who would like to learn new stitches. We will be making small blocks that can then be stitched together to make a pillow. Each sampler block will focus on one or two stitches or techniques, such as increases and decreases, twisted stitches and cables, lace patterns, etc. We will also explore the different variations of pattern abbreviations and using graphs, charts, stitch markers, learn to count rows, seaming pieces, and many other "how tos". The first two classes will teach a crochet cast-on and twisted stitches (aka baby cables), the second two classes will be on increases and decreases. More classes will follow throughout the year. Uses a worsted weight yarn (approximately 400 yds) and US 8 needles.

USING THE "WEAVER'S IDEA BOOK"

Sat, May 25 and Fri, May 31

1 to 4 pm

Free

"The Weaver's Idea Book" is a great resource for weaving on a rigid heddle loom. This class will give you a better idea of how to use and understand the book. No supplies needed.

SUMMER FUN - KID'S DAYS

Sat, Jun 29, Sat Jul 27, Sat Aug

1 to 4 pm

\$20/Class

June - finger weave a wrist band/ bracelet.
July - loom knit a hat
Aug - finger crochet and braid a headband

Got a crafty kid who likes to play with string? Here's a good way for kids to learn some new crafts that don't require a lot of tools. June and August's only requirements are fingers, yarn or cord, T-pins, and cardboard. July's class will use circle looms and chunky yarn. All supplies are included in the cost of the class. Sign up is required. Limit of five participants. Boys and girls both welcome! Must be 8 yrs or older.

Knit/Crochet Class at the Hub

Every Thursday

1-3 pm

Donation to The Hub

Everyone is welcome! You don't have to be a "senior" to join the group.

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Back on Track Mondays

Every Monday

1-3 pm

Free

Did your knitting project get derailed over the weekend. Have no fear, every Monday Janet will be available to get you back on track and steaming along.

WEAVING AND SPINNING DAY

Sun, Apr 28

Noon to 4 pm

Free

Sun, May 19

Sun, Jun 16

For April we will be meeting on the fourth Sunday because of Easter. We are meeting at the UU Fellowship building in Sheridan. May's meeting is back to the third Sunday of the month and we'll be at the library in Buffalo.

Don't forget, a presentation will be given by a representative of the Handweaver's Guild of America at the May 21st Creative Fiber Guild meeting at 10:00. Will be at either the Big Horn Women's Club or the Sheridan Holiday Inn. More details to come. All are welcome and please bring friends!

Learn to Knit/Crochet

Know anyone who keeps wishing they could knit or crochet? Let them know the place to go!

Continuing our on-going "learn-to" classes every Wednesday and Friday, 1 to 4 pm, or Saturday, 10 to 12 am. Start at the beginning or come in to learn additional skills.

We also offer private classes at \$10 per hour for your convenience.

Please remember to sign up for the classes. If you don't see a sign up sheet at the counter, please ask us. It's hard for the instructors to get excited about a class when no one signs up. Also, if you show up on class day without having signed up, the class may have been cancelled.

*Classes are generally free with purchase of class supplies. If you bring your own supplies, the class is \$10.00.