

The Fiber House Class Descriptions

JUL - SEP 2019

SPECIAL CLASS: DYEING WITH NATURAL DYES

Saturday August 17th and Sunday August 18 10 am to 4 pm \$30.00

This will be a special two-day class on using natural dyes. We will be creating our own dye baths and using a mordant to fix the colors so the prep time is substantial. Day one will be learning about how to prepare your fiber for dyeing and creating the dye baths. Day two will be the actual day for dyeing. Sign up will be required. Limit of 12 participants.

If you plan to participate, you can start to gather some dye stuffs now. More information on what to collect will be in the July and August Slipped Stitch newsletters.

SPECIAL CLASS – BEGINNING SPINNING

Sunday, Sept 28 and Sunday, Oct 6 9 am to 4 pm \$30
Loom Rental \$15

Two class days. We'll take you from raw fleece to finished yarn. Learn how to clean a fleece, prepare the fiber, and spin on both a drop spindle and wheel. No previous experience is necessary. Spinning wheels are available for rent during the class. Sign up is required. Limit of 5 participants.

FILET CROCHET COASTER

Sat, July 6 1 to 4 pm Free

Filet crochet is an easy beginner crochet lace technique. We will be using a sport or DK weight yarn and an F hook to create a simple coaster and learn the technique and how to read the charts. Then you can advance to thinner crochet cotton and create pictures in crochet.

SAMPLER BLOCKS FOR PILLOW

Sat, Jul 13; Sat, Aug 10; and Sat, Sep 7 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

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other “how tos”. July’s pattern will be a textured pattern, August will be a simple lace design, and September will be cables. Uses a worsted weight yarn (approximately 400 yds) and US 8 needles.

AMIGURUMI STUFFED TOY

Sat, Jul 20

1 to 4 pm

Free

Whether knit or crocheted, stuffed toys are always adorable. You can make them any size by changing the weight of yarn you use. We will be making a simple stuffed stackable ring toy. Supplies needed are approximately 200 yds worsted weight yarn, size US7 needle or US G crochet hook and fiber fill stuffing.

PIN LOOM WEAVING

Sat, Jul 27

1 to 4 pm

Free

Remember those old potholder looms from when you were a kid? Pin Looms take weaving to the next step and have been around since the 1930s. A simple process creates a square that can be used as a coaster or joined to make a multitude of items, including everything from placemats to clothing to Christmas ornaments. No previous experience needed. We have looms available for purchase in a variety of sizes. Uses worsted weight yarn.

MINI HOW-TO DAYS

Sat, Aug 24 and 31

1 to 4 pm

Free

A couple of special “How-To” days. These will be short tutorials on specific techniques. The 24th class will be a lesson in how to pick up stitches for collars and button bands, etc. on garments. The 31st class will be on seaming – several different ways to join two pieces, including mattress stitch, three-needle bind-off, etc. These classes are perfect for beginners. Supplies needed will be worsted weight yarn and appropriate needle size. In preparation for the class you will need to make at least two small swatches in stockinette stitch measuring 4 inches square.

TWO AT A TIME SOCKS

Fri, Sep 6 and Sat, Sep 14
Classes continue in October

1 to 4 pm

Free

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Learn how to knit both socks at the same time. I will be teaching both magic loop method and using two circular needles. You can learn the technique with worsted weight yarn and make baby socks (or Christmas ornaments) or use sock yarn of any weight. For the magic loop method you will need one circular needle at least 40" long or two circular needles of any length in a size appropriate for the yarn you will use. This class is suitable for intermediate or experienced knitters. Although it is not necessary, it is helpful if you have previously knit socks one at a time.

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

Fri, Sep 13

1 to 4 pm

Free

Classes continue in October

This year, instead of Fair Isle Christmas stocking we will be knitting them using the intarsia method. Remember those Mary Maxim designs with Santas, reindeer, trees, and snowmen? We'll be using a simple Christmas themed design that will be knit flat and then seamed up the back. This class is suitable for adventurous beginners or anyone who would like to learn a new colorwork technique. You will also learn how to reach an Intarsia color chart. Supplies needed will be at least two colors of worsted weight yarn and size US8 needles.

FELTED SLIPPERS

Sat, Sep 21

1 to 4 pm

Free

Classes continue in October

There's nothing better to keep your feet toasty warm throughout the winter than a pair of knitted or crocheted felted slippers. We have patterns for both available, including kids' sizes! Supplies needed include worsted or chunky 100% animal fiber yarn (not superwash) and size US 10 to 10.5 needles or M hook. This class is suitable for advanced beginner to experienced crafters.

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. We will be meeting at The Fiber House for the summer.

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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, Jul 28

Noon to 4 pm

Free

Sun, Aug 25

Sun, Sep 22

We will now be meeting on the fourth Sunday of each month. July we will be in Buffalo at the Library and in August we will be at the UU Fellowship building in Sheridan.

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.