



March and April 2012 Classes

Charity Workshop

BUTTONS MONTH CHARITY PROJECT

Instructor: Evelyn Morgan

Fee: \$10 which will be donated to a local charity (TBD)

Saturday, March 17th – 2:00pm to 4:00pm*

*You can drop in anytime between 2:00-3:30 to start your project

Bring in your antique, vintage or favorite buttons and create wonderful flower hairpins. We will provide the hairpins, thread & needles, and glue. At the end of the workshop you will have a beautiful hairpin or hairpins to take with you.

Knitting

BEGINNING KNITTING - BIAS SCARF/COWL


Instructor: Amanda Rios

Class size: minimum 3, maximum 8

Fee: \$60 plus materials

Thursdays, Every Thursday in March – 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Thursdays, Every Thursday in April – 5:30 to 7:30pm

 **Pattern:** *The Newby Wrap* by Amanda Rios

Learn to knit and create a beautiful bias scarf/cowl. By the end of the class you'll be armed and ready to knit just about anything you can think of. In this class, you'll learn the basics of knitting, including: cast on and bind off, knit and purl stitches, increasing and decreasing, and how to pick up that lost stitch even if you've gone several rows past it!

Materials: Any DK to worsted weight yarn and appropriate needles (we suggest size 9 for DK weight).

TIPS, TRICKS & FIXES

Instructor: Caitlin Sweeney

Class size: minimum 3, maximum 8

Fee: \$15 plus materials

Saturday, March 3 – 10:30am to 12:30pm

Sunday, April 1 – 1pm to 3pm

Book: *Knit Fix* by Lisa Kartus

Don't you hate it when you've made a mistake in your knitting, but have no idea how to fix it? In this class, you will learn how to successfully fix those mistakes and more. Everything from the basics (how to tell a knit stitch from a purl stitch) to more advanced fixes (unraveling your knitting and getting it back on the needles) will be included in this class. We are offering this class in two different sessions in the next cycle, so if you can't make one, hopefully you'll make the other!

Materials: see Homework and the book *Knit Fix* by Lisa Kartus If you have them, bring crochet hooks in any size from E to I (if you only have larger or smaller, bring what you have).

Homework: Please bring two swatches knit in stockinette stitch (knit a row, purl a row) out of DK weight or heavier yarn, about 4 inches wide by 4 inches tall. One of the swatches should be bound off and one should be left on the needles. Make sure you use a yarn that is easy to see and work with.

DROP-INS WITH AMANDA

Instructor: Amanda Rios

Mondays - Every Monday in March – 3:45pm to 5:45pm

Mondays, April 2, 9, 16 & 30 – 3:45 to 5:45pm

Wednesdays – Every Wednesday in March & April – 9:00 to 11:00 am

Have you taken a class with Amanda and wish it wasn't over? Or maybe you have questions for her regarding your current project or just want to come and knit with her. There is no need to have taken a previous class. She can help you with whatever you would like.

Pay for drop-in sessions one of three ways: 4 sessions for \$40, 2 sessions for \$25, or 1 session for \$15.

QUINN SCARF

Instructor: Amanda Rios

Class size: minimum 3, maximum 10

Fee: \$30 plus materials

Mondays, March 5 & 12 - 6:00pm to 8:00pm

 **Pattern:** *Quinn*

Want to learn how to create a beautiful, timeless two-tone herringbone scarf? Let Amanda teach you the way with a slipped-stitch technique to create this cozy, wonderful scarf. Using this technique, you can get a two-tone look much more quickly than if using a traditional fair-isle technique.

Materials: Approximately 960 yards of worsted weight yarn (480 of Color A & 480 of Color B); size 9 needles (or size needed for yarn chosen), the pattern Quinn (available for purchase on www.ravelry.com). We recommend Manos Rittenhouse Yarn which will provide a wonderful softness and stitch definition, perfect for this scarf!

CABLED PURSE

Instructor: Clarice Yasuhara

Class Size: minimum 3, maximum 8

Fees: \$30 plus materials

Sundays – March 11 & 18 – 9:30am to 11:30am

 **Patterns:** *The Viking Bag* or *The Plaif Bag*

Do you want to make something with a bulky yarn, but think “I won't wear anything with bulky yarn?” How about knit yourself a cute, cabled handbag. This class will be a great class to learn or brush up on your cabling skills, learn how to attach a handle and read charts.

Materials: Approximately 180 yards of bulky yarn (varies on pattern chosen and size), appropriate size needles for the yarn, cable needles purse handles, ribbon if knitting the Viking Bag

TWISTED COWL

Instructor: Caroline Matthes

Class size: minimum 3, maximum 8

Fee: \$45

Sunday – March 18th - 12pm to 2pm

Saturdays – March 24 & 31 – 12pm to 2pm

Book: *Malabrigo Book 3*:  **Pattern:** *Twisted Cowl*

Knit up a unique cowl that buttons up the side to drape around your neck. Design elements include a simple cable, bobbles, seed stitch, and an unusual bind-off to create a scalloped pattern with a button-hole edge.

Materials: 2 skeins of any worsted weight yarn (at least 300 yards); US 10 ½ needles; 3 - 7/8" /2cm buttons; tapestry needle; Book *Malabrigo Book 3*


ASTROLABE VEST

Mondays – March 19, 26 and April 2 – 6pm to 8pm

Instructor: Amanda Rios

Class size: minimum 3, maximum 10

Fee: \$45

Magazine: *Knitscene, Summer 2011*  **Pattern:** *Astrolabe Vest*

Do you need a little cover up as the spring/summer months come up? Are you a new knitter who never has knit up a garment? Or do you just want a fun, beautiful project? If you answered yes, this vest is for you! This class will be a great introduction or refresher for knitting up a garment, figuring out gauge, picking up stitches and finishing.

Materials: 600-1050 yards of DK weight yarn (we recommend The Fibre Company's Savannah or Manos del Uruguay Silk Blend), size US 10 ½ needles*; size US 11 29" circs*.; yarn needle. Bring your magazine or the pattern will be provided.

*needles to get appropriate gauge – see homework

Homework: Check your gauge for appropriate needle size! Gauge: 16 sts & 24 rows = 4" in garter st on smaller needles

AIDEZ SWEATER

Saturdays – April 7th, 21st, & 28th and May 5th - 11:30am to 1:30pm

Instructor: Caroline Matthews

Class size: minimum 3, maximum 8

Fee: \$60

 **Pattern:** *Aidez*

The Aidez is a feminine fitted cardigan that has all the cozy antique appeal of traditional aran texture. In this class you will learn cables, several patterns, seaming, chart reading, shaping raglan armholes and finishing.

Materials: 824 – 1339 yards of aran/chunky weight yarn; size US 10 ½ needles*; cable needle, st markers

*needles to get appropriate gauge – see homework

Homework: Check your gauge for appropriate needle size! Gauge: 15 sts & 16 rows = 4" in Stockinette st


COLOR AFFECTION

Mondays - April 9TH, 16TH & 30TH – 6 to 8pm

Instructor: Amanda Rios

Class size: minimum 3, maximum 10

Fee: \$45

 **Pattern:** *Color Affection*

Choose your new favorite color combinations, yarn weight and cast on for this shawl that will warm your shoulders for those cool spring nights. If you are afraid to work in all the colors or to attack short rows, then take this class and let Amanda show you the way for the perfect wrap for cool spring nights.

Materials: tapestry needle; pattern available for purchase on www.ravelry.com

Fingering version: 3 skeins (different colors) of fingering weight yarn, approx. 1155 yards (we recommend Pagewood Glacier Bay or Ring of Fiber); US 6 circ. needles with at least 32" cable

Lace version: 3 skeins of (different colors) lace weight yarn, approx. 1200 yards (we recommend Manos Lace; US 2 ½ circ. needles with at least 32" cable

ABALONE CARDIGAN

Instructor: Clarice Yasuhara

Class size: minimum 3, maximum 10

Fee: \$30

Sundays, April 22nd & 29th – 10am to 12pm

 **Pattern:** *Abalone Vest*

Do you want to tackle your first garment, but are too intimidated? Just looking for a cute vest for chilly spring nights? This is a simple, yet beautiful cardigan to knit for you or someone you love. You can make it from children's to adult sizes (Just make sure you take measurements and do you gauge swatch prior to the first class). In this class you will learn how to adjust casting on for your size; I-cord cast off; separating for armholes; and the Kitchener stitch.

Materials: 575 - 900 yards of DK to worsted weight yarn (we recommend Berroco Ultra Alpaca, Lustra or Manos del Uruguay Silk Blend); US size 8 needles 24" and 32" circular needles*; stitch holder or waste yarn; stitch markers; tapestry needle

*needles to get appropriate gauge – see homework

Homework: Check your gauge for appropriate needle size! Gauge: 17 ½ sts & 25 rows = 4" in stockinette

RED HERRING SOCKS

Instructor: Caitlin Sweeney

Class size: minimum 3, maximum 8

Fee: \$30

Sundays, April 22nd & 29th – 12:30pm to 2:30pm

 **Pattern:** *Red Herring*

Want to try a fun, pair of socks but afraid of using two colors? Caitlin will get you through this great looking pair of a chevron- patterned socks. This is a great pair to learn stranded knitted with two colors, working in the round with two circular needles, grafting, chart reading and picking up stitches.

Materials: 2 skeins of sock yarn (1 major and 1 minor color, we recommend Frog Tree Pediboo or Malabrigo sock yarn); 2 – US 2 circ. needles (any length)*; split ring marker; smooth waste yarn; tapestry needle

*needles to get appropriate gauge – see homework

Homework: Check your gauge for appropriate needle size! Gauge: 32 sts & 48 rows = 4" in stockinette st

Kids Club

KID'S BEGINNING KNITTING

Instructor: Elizabeth Selk

Class size: Minimum 1, maximum 4

Fee: \$5 each week

Sunday, March 25th - 3:00 to 3:30pm

Sunday, April 22nd - 3:00 to 3:30pm

Materials: US Size 8 needles and a single ply, worsted weight yarn. (We recommend Lamb's Pride).

This class is an intimate introduction to knitting for children ages 8-12. Students will be taught to cast-on, and knit. This time is set aside before the Kids Club Knitting to give a new knitter a chance to learn the basics before more advanced knitters arrive.

KID'S CLUB KNITTING

Instructor: Elizabeth Selk

Class size: Minimum 3, maximum 6

Fee: \$15 each week

Sunday, March 25th - 3:30 to 5:00pm

Sunday, April 22nd - 3:30 to 5:00pm

Materials: Bring your knitting!

Each month, we are offering drop-in style classes on knitting for children ages 8-12. This is a great place for the young knitter to get help on a current project or to learn a new technique.

Crochet

DROP-INS WITH EV

Instructor: Evelyn Morgan

Class Size: minimum 3, maximum 8

Fee: \$40 for 4 sessions OR \$15 for 1 session

Tuesdays – Every Tuesday in March – 6:00 to 8:00pm

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Learn to crochet, improve your skills, or get help with techniques or projects. No prior experience is needed to attend a drop-in. You can either pay as you go - \$15 for 1 session, or pay for 4 sessions at once.


BOTEH SCARF

Instructor: Evelyn Morgan

Class size: minimum 3, maximum 8

Fee: \$30

Saturdays - March 24th & 31st 10am – 12pm

 **Pattern:** *Boteh Scarf*

Crochet a "cluster of leaves" motif. Each motif flows gracefully into the next, resulting in a swirled effect, for a stunning spring accessory. Does reading a crochet pattern and chart scare you? Then will be a great class to learn the different crochet stitches, reading a pattern and chart and finish with a beautiful scarf.

Materials: At least 320 yards of sport weight or 400 yards sock yarn (we suggest Road to China Light or Malabrigo Sock), size G hook (or hook appropriate for weight of yarn), the pattern *Boteh Scarf* (available for purchase on Ravelry).

Spinning

BEGINNING SPINNING WHEEL

March 4th – 9am to 12pm

Instructor: Michelle Lee

Class size: minimum 3, maximum 8

Fee: \$60

Have you always wondered how the spinning wheel was used to make yarn? This class will teach you the basics of making your very own skein.

Materials: Spinning wheel, wool fiber to spin

LEARN TO USE A SUPPORTED SPINDLE – THE TAHKLI

Sunday, April 1st - 9:00am to 12:00pm

Instructor: Michelle Lee

Class size: Minimum 3, Maximum 8

Fee: \$45 plus materials fee (Price TBD)

Description: Learn how to prepare and spin short fine fibers on a supported spindle. We'll work with cotton, yak and camel fibers. No experience necessary.

Materials: Fiber and Spindle kit, must be purchased from Instructor at time of class

SPIN-TO-KNIT

Saturdays, April 7th, 21st, 28th, May 5th & 12th – 9:00am to 11:00am

Instructor: Elizabeth Selk

Class size: Minimum 3, maximum 6

Fee: \$75

Pattern: to be handed out at class

Prerequisite: Beginning Spinning

New to spinning or have you been spinning for years? Whether you're a novice or a veteran of the wheel, you're probably wondering, "Now that I've spun this beautiful yarn, what do I make with it?" We all know how hard it is to part with our beautiful hand-spun yarn; trying to find the right pattern can be a trial. Sometimes you just have to dive right in. In this class we'll be spinning with the finished project in mind, a fantastic button tab hat! We'll spin together, working on fine tuning our spinning to produce a nice two-ply medium weight yarn with which to knit our hat. Just think how you'll amaze your friends and family with your very own hand-spun, hand-knit hat. So grab your wool, pack up your wheel and come spin-to-knit with us!

Materials: Each student should acquire 2-4 oz. of wool or other spinning fiber. If they are a fine spinner then a minimum of 2 oz. may be enough. For medium to thick spinners we recommend at least 4 oz. of fiber. Students should have their own wheel. The shop may be able to provide a wheel for a rental fee of \$5 per class on a first come first serve basis.

Additional Class Information

- Class fees are due at sign-up to hold your seat.
- Class fees are refundable for store credit up to 1 week prior to the class, but not after since class size is limited, your seat is being held and materials may need to be special ordered.
- Instructors may cancel a class – and your fee will be reimbursed – if minimum size is not met.
- All Materials need to be purchased before the start of class, unless otherwise stated. If you are in a knitting/crochet class, the yarn skein must be wound into a ball before the day of the class.
- **Please sign up at least 24 hours in advance.**

IF A DAY/TIME FOR ONE OF OUR CLASSES DOES NOT WORK FOR YOU, CALL THE STORE AND LET US KNOW. WE WILL TAKE YOUR NAME AND NUMBER AND TRY TO GROUP SPECIAL REQUESTS INTO CLASSES.