Knitche

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Winter 2007

During this busy time of year, our creative efforts become more focused and goal-oriented. Don't panic, we are here to help with all of your knitting and crocheting needs. So relax and don't forget to treat yourself a bit along the way. Although you may be just rushing in for that elusive size 1 dpn, stay a while to enjoy a delicious frosted mint mocha and scone. And to reward your efforts after the holidays are past, this is also the time of year for our annual Knitche winter sale and the ensuing arrival of all sorts of new and exciting goodies. We wish all of you a warm and wonderful Holiday Season.

CLASSES

Class listings follow on the next page. Class descriptions, pictures and schedules are also available at www.knitche.com

LATE THURSDAYS FROM 7-9 P.M.

Charity Knit Nights 12/13, 1/10, 2/14 and 3/13 from 7 – 9 p.m.

We'd like to say a big "thank you" to everyone who participated in knitting scarves for the HOW project. Apparently our efforts helped in the collection of over 300 scarves for local women in need this winter! This month we resume our teddy bear knitting for the Mother Bear Project, an organization providing a bit of comfort, in the form of a handmade teddy bear, to children affected by AIDS/HIV in emerging African countries. A $3 donation for the pattern subsidizes the shipping of each bear knitted or crocheted for this truly selfless cause. For more information about this effort, visit www.motherbearproject.org . Please plan to arrive between 7:00 and 7:30 p.m. and stay as late as 9:00 p.m.

Open Knitting/Drop-In Knitting Clinic 12/6, 12/20, 12/27, 1/3, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/20 and 3/27 from 7 – 9 p.m.

Don't dial "911," just stop by for some advice on your latest knitting dilemma. For a $5 entry fee (applicable toward any future minimum $5 purchase at Knitche) you'll get some personalized assistance from our staff on whatever pattern you're working on and/or the opportunity to socialize with other knitters working on a variety of interesting projects. Please plan to arrive between 7:00 and 7:30 p.m. and stay as late as 9:00 p.m.

NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

• **What's New** – Look for new sock yarns from Handmaiden, Kaffe Fassett, Noro (yes, that's right, Noro!), Prism and Regia; the fantastic PurlPod traveling knitting bag (Kathy's personal favorite) is available in new colors; new pattern books for men; a soft cotton-rich Noro yarn with all the brilliance of Kureyon, European elegance from Gedifra, sun-drenched colors in Cascade cotton, soft pastels in Pastaza, just for teasers…

• **Bag Style Trunk Show** – Knitche will be hosting the Interweave Press Bag Style trunk show 2/25 through 3/2. Stop by to see inspiring projects and enjoy a 10% savings on yarn purchased to make one of the book's projects. (Theresa's bag will be featured in a class)

• **Knit Along** – Theresa will host our latest Knit Along on the Stitch Diva "Simple Knitted Bodice" on Wednesdays at 1 p.m., beginning January 9th. Stop by to see our version in burnt orange alpaca silk with Tilli Tomas sequined silk inset.

• **Sunday Sock Club –** Join an informal gathering of sock knitting enthusiasts on most Sundays from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

• **Knitche Winter Sale** – Our annual winter sale will run from Thursday, January 24 through Sunday, February 3. Stock up with fantastic deals on yarns and accessories before they're gone. Don't forget to use your newsletter coupon for extra savings on 1/24, 1/25 or 1/26.

• **What (NOT) to Knit Workshop** – In February or March, Mary and Theresa will offer a special workshop designed to help knitters navigate successfully from project inception to completion, everything from choosing the right sweater pattern, to making the proper adjustments, to loving and wearing the results! Stay tuned for more information.

• **Yarn Spree** – You could win $300 worth of yarn at Knitche! Simply visit: www.knittingdaily.com/yarn-spree, enter your name and e-mail address, mention that Knitche is your favorite spot to shop, and you could be contacted by *Knitting Daily* to come pick up a gift certificate for $100-$300 of FREE merchandise this January 2008, just in time to ring in the new year! Entries must be submitted by the end of December. Good luck!

OUR STORE HOURS

Monday-Wednesday 9-4 Thursday 9-7 (activities 'til 9) Friday & Saturday 9-4 Sunday 12-4

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Class Offerings

{NOTE: For your convenience, evening and weekend classes are indicated in BOLD CAPS}

Beginning Knitting: Learn the basics of cast-on, knit, and bind-off in this beginner class. For the adult class, we have an ultra-cute purse pattern or scarf for beginners that will teach you all the basics. Kids will make a smaller version of the purse, a scarf or a funky bean bag. No previous experience is necessary.

Adult (ages 13 and up) class: $35 plus materials* for 2 sessions

Fri 12/7 & 12/14 9:30-11:00 a.m.
MON 12/10 & 12/17 6:00- 7:30 p.m.
SAT 1/12 & 1/19 9:00-10:30 a.m.
THUR 1/17 & 1/24 5:30-7:00 p.m.
THUR 2/6 & 2/13 5:30-7:00 p.m.
SAT 2/9 & 2/16 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Wed 3/5 & 3/12 1:00-2:30 p.m.
SAT 3/8 & 3/15 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Kids' (ages 8-13) class: $30 plus materials* for 2 sessions

SUN 1/27 & 2/3 1:30-2:45 p.m.

Knitting 201: The next step. Learn purling, increasing, decreasing, and pattern reading as you create a terrific scarf/shawl in beautiful ribbon yarn. Pre-requisite: Beginning Knitting or its equivalent. 2 sessions, $36 plus materials*.

SAT 1/26 & 2/2 9:00-10:30 a.m.
THUR 1/31 & 2/7 5:30-7:00 p.m.
THUR 2/20 & 2/27 5:30-7:00 p.m.
SAT 2/23 & 3/1 9:30-11:00 a.m.
Mon 3/3 & 3/10 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
THUR 3/20 & 3/27 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Kids' Knitting 201 - Legwarmers: For those young knitters ready to tackle more advanced skills, we offer this follow-up to our Kids' Beginning Knit class. You will learn pattern reading, purling, and increasing while making a terrific pair of legwarmers. They'll look great at ballet class or under a jeans mini-skirt. Pre-requisite: Beginning Knitting or its equivalent. 2 sessions, $36 plus materials*.

SAT 2/23 & 3/1 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Kids' Craft Bootcamp: Join us in an all-day class for some knitting, crocheting and beading fun. We'll start with knitting instruction, followed by a beading session next door at Bead Heaven, break for lunch at Giordano's and end back at Knitche for a crochet wrap-up. With any luck, you'll be able to wear your project incorporating all three techniques home! Ages 8 and up. Pre-requisite: none (well, maybe endurance would help!). 1 session. $70 plus materials*.

Fri 12/28 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (during Winter Break)
Mon 2/18 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Presidents' Day)
Tues 3/25 9:00-3:00 p.m. (during Spring Break)
Fri 3/28* 9:00-3:00 p.m. (during Spring Break)
* Advanced class for previous bootcamp graduates

Beginning Crochet: We'll explore the basic stitches used in crochet and make a fun twirly, whirly boa or purse in the process. Ages 13 and up please. No experience necessary. 1 session, $20 plus materials*.

Tues 1/15 9:30-11:00 a.m.
Fri 2/15 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
THUR 3/6 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Crochet 201: In this class, we'll go over some additional crochet stitches and learn to hook in the round. Our project is an adorable set of baby booties and matching hat (alternate projects are possible as well). Pre-requisite: Beginning Crochet or its equivalent. 2 sessions, $36 plus materials*.

Tues 12/4 & 12/11 1:00-2:30 p.m.
Fri 2/22 & 2/29 1:00-2:30 p.m.

NEW!!! Open Fan Cardigan: Featured in the inaugural issue of Interweave Crochet magazine, the Open Fan Cardigan is a quick and satisfying project for the fashionable crocheter. While the magazine is out of print, we've received special allowance from Doris Chan to use her pattern for this class. Pre-requisite: Crochet 201 or its equivalent. 3 sessions, $36 plus materials*.

Tues 1/29, 2/5 & 2/12 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Fri 3/7, 3/14 & 3/21 10:00-11:00 a.m.

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NEW!!! Crocheted Tweed Clutch: Yet another fantastic pattern from Interweave Crochet magazine, the crocheted tweed clutch comes together with 2 skeins of Donegal Tweed and simple stitches (single, double and cluster). The look is very vintage and when lined it will carry all the essentials quite stylishly. Pre-requisite: Crochet 201 or its equivalent. 3 sessions, $36 plus materials*.
Tues 2/19, 2/26 & 3/4 9:30-11:00 a.m.

NEW!!! Noro Cropped Cardi: Updated cropped styling on this cardigan coupled with Noro's gorgeous self-striping chunky version of Silk Garden make this garment a real winner. Our version has short sleeves and a button closure, but you can easily lengthen the sleeves and use a pin if you prefer. We've received special requests to offer this class from a group of very fun knitters who would love to have you join them on a few cold winter nights. Pre-requisite: Knitting 201 or its equivalent. 3 sessions, $36 plus materials.*
TUES 1/29, 2/5 & 2/12 7:30-8:30 p.m.

NEW!!! Felted Entrelac Bag: Theresa has explored yet another outlet for her entrelac tendencies. This time we'll knit an adorable shaped entrelac envelope bag which gets felted before adding the button and handle of your choice. Intermediate/Advanced level class in 2 sessions (note: first session is longer than second). $30 plus materials*.
Wed 1/16 9:00-10:30 a.m. & 1/23 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wed 2/20 10:00-11:30 a.m. & 2/27 10:00-11:00 a.m.
TUES 3/4 6:30-8:00 p.m. & 3/11 6:30-7:30 p.m.

NEW!!! Open Finger Gloves: Instead of getting peeved that your spouse insists on setting the thermostat down to 60, just knit up a pair of these delightful fingerless gloves to keep your hands warm. Knit on straight needles in myriad combinations of ethereal KidSilk Haze, these little gems will help you elegantly do your part to conserve energy. Cooking dinner may not be an option (sorry, honey), but with open fingers, knitting should be no problem… Pre-requisite: Knitting 201 or its equivalent. 2 sessions, $36 plus materials.*
Thur 1/17 & 1/24 9:30-11:00 a.m. Mon 2/4 & 2/11 1:30-3:00 p.m.

NEW!!! My First Socks: If you've always wanted to knit socks, now is the perfect time to learn. The yarn market is loaded with exciting sock yarns (hand dyed, self patterning, alternative fibers) and tools of the trade (Lantern Moon's revered Sox Stix and Bryson's comforting short dpns). Mary will assist you through the cast-on, turning the heel and grafting the toe. And don't forget you can stop by Sunday afternoon's ongoing Sock Club for camaraderie and assistance. Pre-requisite: Knitting 201 or its equivalent. 3 sessions (note: 2nd session is longer than the others), $36 plus materials.*
SUN 1/27 12:00-12:45 p.m., 2/3 12:00-1:30 p.m. & 2/10 12:00-12:45 p.m.

NEW!!! Finish off Your UFOs: OK, no more excuses. In this 2-hour workshop, we'll analyze what may have gone awry with your UFO (unfinished object) and give you suggestions to get yourself back on track to success. Bring along your project, pattern, needles and any notes you may have for the knitting doctor (Theresa) to use in her diagnosis and treatment. 1 session, $24.
TUES 2/26 6:30-8:30 p.m.

NEW!!! Make Your Own Stitch Markers: We team up with Bead Heaven next door for a fun evening of creativity in this one evening workshop. The result will be a set of custom beaded stitch markers that will adorn your knitting with proper respect it deserves. No pre-requisites. $25 plus materials*.
THUR 2/21 6:00-8:00 p.m.

NEW!!! Thrum Mittens: Make a pair of super-warm, colorful mittens for yourself or someone you love. "It's like Uggs for your hands!" exclaimed one astonished customer who donned our shop model. The technique of "thrumming" involves pulling bits of wool fleece through your knitting to create an insulating layer of warmth. The color-coordinated kits from Fleece Artist add extra visual appeal to the textural process. Pre-requisite: Knitting 201 or its equivalent. 2 sessions, $28 plus materials*.
TUES 1/15 & 1/22 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wed 3/12 & 3/19 9:30-10:30 a.m.

NEW!!! Surface Woven Bag: Theresa's latest published pattern is in the new book, Bag Style. The surface weaving technique for this bag would also make a great pillow cover (see our shop model). Stop by and see Theresa's bag in the Bag Style trunk show beginning 2/25 and then join her in making your very own version. Pre-requisite: Knitting 201 or its equivalent. 2 sessions, $36 plus materials*.
Wed 2/27 & 3/5 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

NEW!!! Stash Buster Afghan: Create your own masterpiece, customized to match your home's individualized color scheme and décor while using up all the leftover yarns you've collected over time. Theresa will help you organize your stash and choose the appropriate complementary yarns to supplement it for a fantastic outcome. The afghan will be a family heirloom for years to come. Beginning level class in 2 sessions. $25 plus materials*.
Wed 1/23 & 1/30 10:30-11:30 a.m. **TUES** 3/11 & 3/18 7:30-8:30 p.m.

NEW!!! Felted Mukluks: From the new book Folk Style (watch for the trunk show in May!), these indoor house boots are knitted like giant socks and then felted to look like Ugg boots. We've elected to finish with dry needle felting rather than embroidery and added a soft upper lining for extra coziness. Pre-requisite: Knitting 201 or its equivalent (experience knitting socks is a plus). $36 plus materials*.
Thur 2/14 & 2/21 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Felted Embellishments: Do you want to add a "folklorish" and personalized touch to your felted slippers, mittens, or purse? Try our new needle felted and embroidered embellishments class for some inspiration. We use this method to decorate the felted mukluks from Folk Style (see mukluk class listing above). No experience necessary. 1 session, $15 plus materials*.
Thur 2/28 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Prism Lacey Wrap: Prism's new lace weight hand-dyed wool shines in this statuesque wrap garment that features a simple 4-row repeat lace pattern. Karen has enhanced the pattern with provisional cast-on and all-inclusive ruffle. The wrap can be worn in different ways to suit your personal style. Pre-requisite: Lace Knitting or its equivalent. 3 sessions, $38 plus materials*.
Fri 1/25, 2/8 & 2/22 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Top-Down Sweater: If you've taken Beginning Knitting and Knitting 201 and you'd like to get your hands on your first sweater, this is the class for you. We will assist you through the steps in following the top-down sweater pattern of your choice, knit in the round on circular needles so that very little finishing need be done. Pre-requisite: Knitting 201 or its equivalent; swatching homework will be assigned prior to class start. 3 sessions (note: 1st session is longer than others), $42 plus materials*.
Mon 2/4 9:00-10:30 a.m., 2/11 & 2/25 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Einstein Coat: Everyone knows and loves the classic "Einstein Coat" from Sally Melville's first book, The Knit Stitch. We offer this class for the enthusiastic beginner who wants to practice the knit stitch and make a fantastic, wearable garment. The beauty of this pattern comes from its simplicity and the vast choices of suitable yarns. Pre-requisite: Beginning Knitting or its equivalent. 3 sessions, $38 plus materials*.
TUES 1/15, 1/29 & 2/12 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wed 2/6, 2/20 & 3/5 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Entrelac Scarf: This class is a great way to learn something new without the commitment of a large-scale project. We'll explore the basics of this intriguing method while making a stunning multi-color scarf from the latest new yarns. Intermediate/Advanced level class in 2 sessions (note: first session is longer than second). $30 plus materials*.
Thur 11/29 11:00-12:30 & 12/6 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Wed 2/6 10:00-11:30 a.m. & 2/13 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Cast-On Conundrum: Rumor has it that there are over 50 different cast-on methods! We'll cover a few of our favorites and the merits of each. 1 session. $18 plus materials*.
TUES 2/19 7:30-9:00 p.m.

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Ultra-Fab Panel Jacket: If you know how to knit a basic garter stitch scarf, you can make this fantastic swing jacket/cardigan. Sally Melville's ingenious concept utilized basic knitting skills to create a show stopping garment. Our shop model, knit up in vivid Malabrigo colors, was endorsed by Sally herself. Beginning level class in 3 sessions. $36 plus materials*.
TUES 1/22 6:00-7:30 p.m., 2/5 & 2/19 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wed 1/30 9:00-10:30 a.m., 2/13 & 2/27 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Beaded Knitting: Let Karen introduce you to the delicate and beautiful world of beaded knitting as you begin a beaded shawlette or scarf with lace-weight yarn. You will learn a hooked beading technique that avoids having to pre-string beads (please bring a tube of size 6 seed beads to class). Participants need to know basic knitting skills including cast-on, bind-off, knit and purl. 1 session, $18 plus materials*.
SUN 1/13 12:30-2:00 p.m. **MON** 1/21 5:00-6:30 p.m. Thur 2/7 9:30-11:00 a.m. Thur 3/6 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Lace Knitting: Learn how to read charted lace patterns and execute beautiful stitching with Karen, our resident lace expert. Participants need to know basic knitting skills including cast-on, bind-off, knit and purl. 2 sessions, $36 plus materials*.
Fri 1/11 & 1/18 9:30-11:00 a.m. Thur 2/14 & 2/21 1:00-2:30 p.m. **SUN** 3/2 & 3/9 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Troubleshooting: Okay, you asked for it. Let's make every mistake in the book and then learn how to fix them calmly, gracefully and with the greatest of ease! Mary will guide you through the most common mishaps and set you on the path to liberated knitting! 1 session. $25 plus materials.*
Mon 1/28 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **THUR** 2/28 5:00-7:00 p.m. **SUN** 3/16 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Private Lessons are available at $25/hour. This is a great way to get some personal attention on a particular project. 15% discount offered for second and subsequent participants in the lesson. Inquire at the shop to arrange a mutually agreeable time.

***General class information**: Please register at least one week prior to class start date. Payment at the time of registration will assure your spot in the class. If you need to cancel for any reason and are able to provide us with a 48-hour notice, we will gladly refund your registration fee. Cancellation after that, will incur a $10 processing fee and the remaining registration fee will be applied as "class credit" toward a future Knitche class. We may need to limit class size to optimize the experience. We reserve the right to cancel or alter a class based on enrollment and scheduling changes; every effort will be made to notify class registrants of any changes 48 hours prior to class start. Participation in a Knitche class entitles you to a **10% discount** on the purchase of yarn and notions directly associated with enrollment in the class. Use of yarn purchased at Knitche will ensure class consistency. When you register we can provide you with a list of needed supplies.*

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Knitche *Winter Sale Coupon*

January 24th, 25th or 26th only

Take an extra 5% off your purchase of $20 or more in Sale merchandise

Take an extra 10% off your purchase of $50 or more in Sale merchandise

Take an extra 15% off your purchase of $100 or more in Sale merchandise

One coupon per customer; in-stock purchases of Winter Sale merchandise only; no Yarn Yearnings credit given; no phone orders; cannot be combined with any other offer.

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Knitche Return Policy:

We accept returns on unused yarn and accessories in their original condition with receipt. Returns made within 30 days of original purchase will be credited in the form of original payment. Returns made between 30 and 60 days will receive a Knitche store credit. No returns after 60 days of original purchase. If you received "Knitche Yarn Yearnings" credit on your original purchase, your return credit will be 10% less than the original purchase price.

We accept returns on needles and notions in original condition within 10 days of original purchase with receipt.

We're sorry, but we cannot accept returns on wound yarn, books, patterns, food items, sale items, special orders or jewelry.