

## River Knits Classes – Fall 2018

*Payment reserves your space in the class. If you cannot attend the class, a full refund will be given if you notify us one week prior to the class start date. **No refunds or rain checks will be given after the one week cutoff.***

- *Materials for classes at River Knits must be purchased at River Knits so that we can remain in business to keep offering you more great classes!*
- *Classes may be cancelled at the instructor's discretion if minimum enrollment is not reached.*
- **Knitting Survival Kit** – *In addition to the specific materials required for your class, it is helpful to bring a “basic knitting kit” with you to most classes beyond Knit Basics. This kit should include a small pair of scissors, stitch markers, stitch holders, a crochet hook, a darning needle, pencil and “post-its”, and a tape measure.*

### **2014 Year Long Afghan in 2018 (And scarves too!!)**

Third Tuesday of the month September 2018 – September 2019; 7-9pm

Instructor: Amanda Gill

By knitting a square per month, you will learn lots of new stitch patterns end up with a lovely large afghan. Don't like afghans? That's cool! We'll cover each technique as a scarf as well. For more details, check out the full information sheet available at River Knits, or Amanda can email it to you if you send a request to

[gaeacreations1@gmail.com](mailto:gaeacreations1@gmail.com)

Materials: See the above-mentioned information sheet.

Cost: \$20 per class OR Sign up for the entire 13 months for \$220. It's like getting two months for free! And those who sign up for the full course will get a PDF copy of the complete pattern booklet at the end of the year.

**Technique of the Week**—This is a new class format that will include a short lesson on a fun or interesting technique at the beginning of class, and the remainder of the time will be spent either perfecting the technique OR as a UFO/help session/free knitting time. Not interested in the technique we're teaching? You're still welcome to join us and work on whatever project you like!

### **Technique of the Week: Kitchener Stitch**

Tuesday, November 13; 7-9 pm

Instructor: Amanda Gill

We'll spend some time at the beginning of the class talking about Kitchener stitch—what it is, why you would use it, and some of its most common applications. As explained in the TotW description above, the rest of our time will be spent either perfecting the technique or as UFO/help session/free knitting time.

Materials: Your current project, or one you would like help with. For our Kitchener stitch exercise, please complete the swatches as described below under “Homework.”

Homework: Make Two: Cast on 20 stitches. Row 1: Knit. Row 2: Purl. Repeat rows 1 and 2 twice. Final Row: Knit. Place stitches on hold. You may cut the yarn from one of the swatches, but please leave it attached to the other.

Cost: \$20/session

## **Help Session/Basic Knitting Intro (Note adjusted date)**

Saturday, November 17, 10am-12pm

Instructor: Heather Bernt

Cost: \$20

Want to learn a new skill but there isn't a class on the schedule for that skill? Do you have a project on the needles that is causing you stress? Need a little help understanding a pattern? Did you take Beginning Knitting and just need a little more support? OR are you interested in learning the basic knit stitch to see if you want more? Come to the Help Session!

Materials: Please bring the project you'd like help with, including the pattern and materials needed. If you are a beginner, please bring 1 skein of Lamb's Pride Bulky and size 10.5 wood or bamboo needles

## **YLA NOVEMBER: Mock Cables**

Tuesday, November 20, 7-9pm

It looks like cables, but it's actually strategically placed increases, decreases, knits and purls.

Skills Taught: reading a chart, increases, decreases.

Scarf: long, rectangular scarf, 8" x 56-70"

Materials: Square: 160 yards (Chartreuse), US 6 needles

Scarf: For a scarf measuring 8" x 56": 356 yards. For one measuring 8"x70": 445 yards (this could probably be done with 2 skeins of Cascade 220).

Homework: Square: Cast on 72 sts. Row 1 (WS): P2, (K4, p4) 8 times, K4, p2. Row 2: K2 (P4, K4) 8 times, P4, K2. Repeat rows 1 and 2 once. Work row 1 once more. (5 rows worked; ready to work a RS row).

Scarf: Cast on 40 sts. Row 1 (WS): K2, (p4, k4) 4 times, p4, k2. Row 2: P2 (k4, p4) 4 times, k4, p2. Repeat rows 1 and 2 once. Work row 1 once more. (5 rows worked; ready to work a RS row).

Cost: \$20 (or pay for the entire year in advance for a discount)

## **KnitCompanion Next Gen: Basics**

Tuesday, November 27; 7-9pm

Instructor: Amanda Gill

I've been using KnitCompanion for years to manage my pattern collection, set up projects, and keep track of where I am. Recently, the makers of KC created a whole new version that they are calling KnitCompanion Next Gen. (The old version is now called KnitCompanion Legacy.)

Interested in seeing what the new version can do? Or are you brand new to KC? Join us to go over the basics and see how things have changed.

Materials: iPad, iPhone, or Android device with KnitCompanion Next Gen downloaded (We'll talk about how to migrate your projects to the new version in class.)

Cost: \$20 (Note: Attendance for this class will be limited to 4 people.)

### **KnitCompanion Next Gen: Advanced**

Tuesday, December 4; 7-9pm

Instructor: Amanda Gill

So, you've taken the KC NG Basics class, and you want to see what else this amazing app can do? Join us for the Advanced class. In this class, we'll talk about how to merge charts, use smart counters, and so much more.

Materials: iPad, iPhone, or Android device with KnitCompanion Next Gen.

Prerequisite: KC NG Basics class

Cost: \$20 (Note: Attendance for this class will be limited to 4 people.)

### **Help Session/Basic Knitting Intro**

Saturday, December 8, 10am-12pm

Instructor: Heather Bernt

Cost: \$20

Want to learn a new skill but there isn't a class on the schedule for that skill? Do you have a project on the needles that is causing you stress? Need a little help understanding a pattern? Did you take Beginning Knitting and just need a little more support? OR are you interested in learning the basic knit stitch to see if you want more? Come to the Help Session!

Materials: Please bring the project you'd like help with, including the pattern and materials needed. If you are a beginner, please bring 1 skein of Lamb's Pride Bulky and size 10.5 wood or bamboo needles

### **Technique of the Week: Three-needle Bind Off**

Tuesday, December 11; 7-9 pm

Instructor: Amanda Gill

We'll spend some time at the beginning of the class talking about three-needle bind off—what it is, why you would use it, and some of its most common applications. As explained in the TotW description above, the rest of our time will be spent either perfecting the technique or as UFO/help session/free knitting time.

Materials: Your current project, or one you would like help with. For our Kitchener stitch exercise, please complete the swatches as described below under "Homework." Also, bring the needles you used to knit the swatch and an additional needle in the same (or a close) size.

Homework: Make Two: Cast on 20 stitches. Row 1: Knit. Row 2: Purl. Repeat rows 1 and 2 twice. Final Row: Knit. Place stitches on hold. You may cut the yarn from one of the swatches, but please leave it attached to the other.

Cost: \$20/session.

## **YLA DECEMBER: Log Cabin**

Tuesday, December 18, 7-9pm

Create a knitted copy of the famous quilt block by the same name.

Skills Taught: counting rows, picking up stitches.

Scarf: long, rectangular scarf or cowl, 10" wide x 60" long

Materials: Square: This square uses multiple colors. You can use all of your colors if you like. For mine, I used one color for the center square (the homework), and 4 colors for the bands around the center square. I used a total of 229 yds distributed as follows: Jack O'lantern: 7 yds, Purple Hyacinth: 47 yds, Lavender: 53 yds, Chartreuse: 62 yds, Citron: 60 yds. US 7 needles.

Scarf: If you are knitting the scarf or cowl, your options are more open. You can use any yarn you like, but I would recommend using a slightly larger needle size than you would normally use for that yarn in order to give the fabric some drape. I haven't knit a sample yet, so I can only give you a rough estimate of yarn quantity based on the square. If you are using worsted weight yarn and knitting your squares to 10" instead of 14," a scarf measuring 10" wide x 60" long will take about 700 yds.

Homework for both Square and Scarf/Cowl: With center color, cast on 10 sts. Knit 19 rows (10 ridges of garter stitch). Bind off 9 stitches. This leaves one stitch on your needle. Cut yarn to about 4-6" (enough to weave in later). Cost: \$20 (or pay for the entire year in advance for a discount)

## **YLA JANUARY: Twist Stitches**

Tuesday, January 22, 7-9pm (NOTE: This is the 4th Tuesday instead of the 3rd)

Often confused with cables, twisted stitches are accomplished by (what else?) twisting stitches and rearranging them through unique stitch manipulation.

Skills taught: right twist, left twist, reading a chart.

Scarf: close-fitting cowl; knitting in the round, about 10" deep x 20" circ.

Materials: Square: 185 yds (Lavender), US 7 needles

Cowl: About 200 yds, 16" circular US 8 needles

Homework: Square: Cast on 81 sts. Row 1 (WS): P2, (p1, k2, p1, k4, p1, k2, p2) 6 times, p1. Row 2: K1, (k2, p2, k1, p4, k1, p2, k1) 6 times, k2. Repeat Row 1. (3 rows have been worked, and ready to begin a RS row.)

Cowl: Using a 16" circular needle, cast on 117 sts. Join in the round, being careful not to twist sts around needle and placing a marker to signify the beginning of the round. Rounds 1: (K2, p2, k1, p4, k1, p2, k1) 9 times. Work Round 1 twice more. (3 rounds have been worked.)

Cost: \$20 (or pay for the entire year in advance for a discount)

## **YLA FEBRUARY: Entrelac**

Tuesday, February 19, 7-9pm

Knit connected little squares that fit together to look like basketweave. (No Homework)

Skills taught: picking up stitches, entrelac, knitting backward (optional).

Scarf: cowl; entrelac in the round, 10" deep x 28" or 60" circumference

Materials: Square: About 37 yards each of 6 colors for a total of 222 yards (if you are doing this square all in one color, you will be able to do it with one skein of Cascade 220, US 6 needles

Scarf: For a short cowl (about 10" deep by 30" around), about 400 yds of worsted weight yarn. For a longer cowl that you can double around your neck (60" around), about 800 yds, US 7 needles.

Cost: \$20

## **YLA MARCH: Cables**

Tuesday, March 19, 7-9pm

Cables are stunning and surprisingly easy to achieve!

Skills taught: reading a cable chart, cable stitches, using a cable needle, (optionally) cabling without a cable needle.

Scarf: seaman's scarf, about 10" wide x 52" long; provisional cast on

Materials: Square: 235 yards (Jack O'lantern), cable needle, US 7 needles

Scarf: about 600 yds, cable needle, US 7 needles

Homework: Square: Cast on 96 stitches. Row 1 (WS): (P1, K1) 4 times, k2, p 13, k3, p4, k8, (p4, k4) twice, p4, k8, p4, k3, p13, k2, (k1, p1) 4 times. Row 2: (P1, K1) 4 times, p2, k13, p3, k4, p8, (k4, p4) twice, k4, p8, k4, p3, k13, p2, (k1, p1) 4 times. Repeat Row 1. (3 rows have been worked, and you are ready to begin a Right Side row.)

Scarf: Provisionally cast on 64 stitches. Ribbing Row 1 (RS): K2, (p4, k4) 7 times, p4, k2. Row 2: P2, (k4, p4) 7 times, k4, p2. Repeat Ribbing Rows 1-2 until ribbing measures 10" from provisional cast on, ending ready to work a Wrong Side row. Set up for Cables: Row 1 (WS): (P1, k1) twice, k2, p9, k7, (p4, k4) twice, p4, k7, p9, k2, (p1, k1) twice). Row 2 (RS): (K1, p1) twice, p2, k9, p7, (k4, p4) twice, k4, p7, k9, p2, (k1, p1) twice. Repeat Row 1. (10" of ribbing plus 3 rows of Cable Set Up have been worked and you are ready to begin a RS row.

Cost: \$20

## **YLA APRIL: Mosaic Knitting**

Tuesday, April 16, 7-9pm

It may look like stranded color work, but you will only carry one color per row!

Skills taught: reading a mosaic chart, color work using one color at a time, slipping stitches.

Scarf: long, rectangular scarf, about 11" wide x 70" long

Materials: Square: about 100 yards each of two colors (Chartreuse and Purple Hyacinth), US 7 needles.

Scarf: about 385 yards each of two colors, US 7 needles

Homework: Square: Using background color (mine is green), cast on 70 sts. K1 row (WS).

Scarf: Using background color, cast on 54 sts. K1 row (WS).

Cost: \$20

## **YLA MAY: Embellishments**

Tuesday, May 21, 7-9pm

Learn how to embellish plain stockinette stitch to bring interesting features to a plain knit.

Skills taught: embroidering on knitting, surface crochet.

Scarf: seaman's scarf not requiring provisional cast on, about 8" wide x about 44" long

Materials: Square: 155 yds main color (Citron) plus scraps of other colors. US 6 needles. Darning needle, 4mm crochet hook

Scarf: About 300 yards of main color, plus scraps of other colors. US 7 needles

Homework: Square: CO 70 stitches. K 7 rows (4 ridges of garter stitch). Begin pattern: Row 1: K. Row 2: K4, p62, k4. Repeat rows 1 and 2 until piece measures 13.25" from cast on edge, ending ready to knit a WS row. K 7 rows (4 ridges). Bind off.

Scarf: CO 40 sts. K 7 rows (4 ridges). Begin pattern: Row 1: K. Row 2: K4, p32, K4. Repeat rows 1 and 2 until piece measures 10". Do not bind off. The rest of the scarf pattern will be provided in class.

Cost: \$20

## **YLA JUNE: Fair Isle**

Tuesday, June 18, 7-9pm

Begin at the perimeter and work to the center in stranded color work.

Skills taught: knitting in the round, reading a chart in the round, stranded color work, decreasing.

Scarf: close-fitting cowl, about 22" circumference x 11" high; knitting in the round

Materials: Square: MC (Main Color; this is the color I used for the patterning; Jack O'lantern): 110 yds. CC (Contrasting Colors, these are the colors used for the background; in mine, I striped all of these colors): A total of 120 yds, divided as follows: Chartreuse: 25 yds; Citron: 20 yds; Delphinium: 15yds; Purple Hyacinth: 35 yds; Lavender: 25 yds. , US 7 needles (Set of 5 DPN, 16" and 24" circular; some knitters might like to have a 32" or 40" circular to start on; square can be completed with just two circular needles; I used a 16" and 24"), 4 stitch markers (one should be different from the other three)

Cowl: About 160 yds each of MC and CC, US 7 16" circular needles.

Homework: Square: With longer circular needle and Main Color, cast on 288 sts. Join so that you are working in the round, being very careful to make sure the stitches aren't twisted around the needle; pm to indicate beginning of round. Round 1: \*(K1, P1) 36 times, place marker, repeat from \* three more times. You should have all 4 markers placed evenly, with 72 sts between markers. Round 2: \*K1, (k1, p1) 35 times, k1, slip marker, repeat from \* three more times. You now have two rows of seed stitch, and you are ready to start the Fair Isle portion of the square.

Cowl: Using 16" circular needles and Main Color, cast on 112 sts. Place marker and join, being very careful not to twist the stitches around the needle. Work K2P2 ribbing until piece measures about 1½".

Cost: \$20

## **YLA JULY: Lace**

Tuesday, July 16, 7-9pm

Create a beautiful lacey square that is knit in the round, beginning at the center and growing outward. (No homework!)

Skills taught: Emily Ocker's Cast On, reading a lace chart in the round, lace stitches.

Scarf: triangle scarf; provisional cast on

Materials: Square: 150 yards (Purple Hyacinth), US 8 needles (set of 5 DPN, 16" and 24" circular. may be done with just the two circular needles), crochet hook 5mm, 4 stitch markers (one should be different from the other three)

Scarf: 385 yards sport weight yarn, size 8 needles. (Sample was knit using Cascade Yarns Heritage 150 Paints, Celtic.)

Cost: \$20 (or pay for the entire year in advance for a discount)

## **AUGUST: Intarsia**

Tuesday, August 20, 7-9pm

Create vertical and diagonal stripes knitting with one color at a time.

Skills taught: reading a chart, intarsia.

Scarf: long, rectangular scarf, about 10" wide x 60" long

Materials: Square: 120 yds Main Color (Chartreuse), 80 yds Contrasting Color (Delphinium), US 6 needles.

Scarf: 300 yds MC, 275 yds CC, US 6 needles

Homework: Square: Cast on 72 sts. K 3 rows. (2 ridges of garter stitch worked and ready to start a RS row.)

Scarf: Cast on 48 sts. K 3 rows. (2 ridges of garter stitch worked and ready to start a RS row.)

Cost: \$20

## **YLA SEPTEMBER: Finishing and Assembly**

Tuesday, September 17, 7-9pm

We'll talk about different ways to assemble your afghan and how to add a nice edging.

Cost: \$20

## **Ongoing Events**

**Charity Knitting** – You're sure to have fun with the charity knitters! Bring something to work on for others and join the group! Aren't sure what to knit? The Wednesday group will give you lots of ideas! Every Wednesday from 12:00-2:00 at River Knits. Have lots of fun while working on a project to brighten someone's day!

**Knit Night** – Social Knitting time! Bring your current project and have fun seeing what everyone else is knitting! Everyone welcome. No instruction is given at Knit Night. 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month: 10/8, 11/12, 12/10; 7-9pm, Free.

*See class info updates on the website: <http://www.riverknitsyarns.com/Classes/index.htm>*

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