

River Knits Classes – Winter 2019

*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 2018/9 (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

Materials: See the above-mentioned information sheet.

Cost: \$20 per class

KnitCompanion Next Gen: Basics

MONDAY, February 18; 6:30-8:30pm

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.)

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

Memories Sweater (Cardigan)

Tuesdays, Feb 26, March 13*, April 2;9; 7-9pm

***Note – that this is a new date on a Wednesday, March 13**

Instructor: Amanda Gill

Designed for an extremely wide variety of sizes (from toddler to 4XL!), this seamless, top-down worsted weight cardigan is perfect for anyone in your life! Featuring a V-neck, tunic length, and long cuffs with thumb holes, the Memories Sweater is fashionable and easy to fit into any wardrobe. It's appropriate for knitters of all skill levels, and we'll discuss how to make adjustments to fit you perfectly! Classes are spaced widely to allow plenty of time to complete each step before we meet again. <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/memories-sweater-2>

Materials: Pattern (available at River Knits through Ravelry in-shop purchase), yarn, needles, and notions as listed in the pattern.

Homework: Choose your yarn and knit a swatch. Not sure how to knit a swatch? Here's a blog post that will help: <http://www.gaea-creations.com/2014/02/on-gauge-swatches-and-why-they-are-big.html>. For this sweater, which calls for worsted weight yarn and size US7 needles, I recommend casting on 30 stitches and working stockinette until your piece measures AT LEAST 4" from cast-on. The pattern calls for a gauge of 19.5 sts = 4". If you have more than that, you need to go up a needle size. If you have fewer than that, you need to go down a needle size. We'll talk more about gauge in class, but knitting a swatch and washing it is an important step to a successful sweater.

Cost: \$80

Help Session/Basic Knitting Intro

Saturday, March 9, 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 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

Help Session/Basic Knitting Intro

Saturday, April 13, 10am-12pm

Instructor: Heather Bernt

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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

Toe-Up Socks

Tuesdays, April 23, 30; May 7; 7-9pm

Instructor: Amanda Gill

Over the years, I've tried many different toe-up socks, and I think I've finally settled on my favorite, best fitting combination of toes, heels, and bind off. In this class, we'll start the toe with Judy's Magic Cast On, knit the foot, turn a short row heel, knit the cuff, and end with Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind Off. We'll also talk about the best way to measure your foot to get the best-fitting socks possible

Materials: 100 to 150g Worsted Weight Yarn. Needles: You'll need either a set of five Double Pointed Needles OR two circular needles OR a 36"-40" long circular needle in size US 3 – 5. If you tend to knit loosely, go with a size 3 (that's what I use for worsted weight socks), but if you tend to knit tightly, go with a size 5. You'll also need a safety pin style stitch marker. Pattern will be provided.

Cost: \$60

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, p6, 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, p3, 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

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; social knitting time only. 2nd Monday of the month.

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

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