

The Sow's Ear

January - March 2019 Classes

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Please call ahead or stop in to sign up, space is limited

Can't find a class/time that works for you? Set up a private lesson or group class with one of our excellent teachers.

Beginning Knitting with Liz Avery

Beginning Knitting 1: A Scarf!

Thursdays, January 10, 17 & 24, 6-8 pm OR

Mondays, February 18, 25 & March 4, 6-8 pm

Cast on, knit, purl and bind off while working on a scarf. Check out the sample in our store and sign up to see for yourself why so many people love to knit. Class includes needles and practice yarn. Yarn needed for class project will be discussed during the first class. \$70

Beginning Knitting 2: A Hat!

Mondays, January 21, 28 & February 4, 6-8pm OR

Thursdays, February 28 & March 7 & 14, 6-8pm

Have you learned how to knit, purl and cast on? Take the next step and learn how to use circular needles and double points, read a pattern, measure gauge, increase and decrease – all while making a warm hat. \$65

Beginning Knitting 3: Mittens!

Thursdays, January 31, & February 7 & 14, 6-8pm OR

Mondays, March 18, 25 & April 1, 6-8pm

You know how to knit in the round on double pointed needles, so hone those skills by knitting a charming pair of mittens. We'll learn to cast onto double points and the mysteries of thumb gusset shaping, both of which are easy to master! Prerequisites: Beginning Knitting 2 or equivalent. \$65

Beginning Knitting for Kids

Saturdays, February 16, 23 & March 2, 12:30-2:30pm

Kids ages 7 and up will learn to cast on, knit and bind off while making a treasure pouch. This class includes a knit kit containing all the student's supplies for his/her project. No prerequisites. \$70

Crochet and Tunisian Crochet

Crochet 1: Basic Stitches

Wednesdays, January 16, 23 & 30, 6-8pm with Kristy Russum OR

Tuesdays, March 12, 19 & 26, 6-8pm with Elizabeth Thompson

Join us for this introductory crochet class where we'll learn all the basics – and leave class with a great basic crochet booklet. This class is great for those who have never crocheted, or for those who would like a refresher. We'll cover basic stitches, pattern stitches, reading instructions, increasing, decreasing and some finishing techniques. \$70

Beginning Tunisian Crochet with Sylvie Schuresko

Thursday, January 24, 6-8pm

Learn the technique that has captured the attention of the yarn-crafting world! Even if you've never knitted or crocheted, you can learn Tunisian crochet, a complex-looking fabric that almost appears to be woven. Easy to learn and quick to work up, Tunisian crochet will take your creativity to new heights. No knit or crochet experience necessary, but beware, you just may get hooked! \$25

Crochet Cables with Kristy Russum

Wednesday, March 6, 6-8pm

Join us for a class exploring the use of cables in crochet! Learn several techniques for creating intricate-looking cables in your crochet, as well as some tips and tricks for success. Must have basic knowledge of crochet. \$25

Textured Beaded Cowl with Sheryl Thies

Thursday, February 28, 6-8pm

Accent this textured Tunisian Crochet stitch pattern with beads and you will have a fashionable cowl. Learn how to string beads on yarn, how to increase and decrease stitches and how to work the Tunisian purl stitch. \$25

Can't get enough crochet? Join us for crochet club the third Thursday of each month! Check out the details in the Clubs and Events section.

Knitting – Accessories

Stormcloud Beaded Mitts with Sylvie Schuresko

Sundays, January 13 & 27, 2-4pm

These beautiful mitts sparkle with glass beads and structural lace. You'll learn the crochet hook bead-as-you-go method for placing beads, practice your lace skills, and hone your mattress stitch to seam them at the end. Purchase and print your pattern on Ravelry before you come to class. Prerequisites: must be familiar with knitting basics and increasing and decreasing. \$45

Chromatic Brioche Cowl with Don Himpel

Sunday, February 24, 1-4pm

Keep yourself warm in fun style with this two-color brioche cowl. Pair a gradient or variegated yarn with a contrasting solid color, or use two solid colors! Brioche is squishy, decadent, and easier than it looks – it's easy to see why it's so popular. Prerequisites: must be familiar with knitting basics and knitting in the round. \$35

Annis Shawl with Sylvie Schuresko

Sundays, March 3 & 24, 2-4pm

This crescent-shaped shawl is easy to wear and fun to knit. You'll dive right in with a stretchy cast on and some interesting lace (and nups!), and then relax at the end with stockinette and short rows. Students must print out the free pattern from Ravelry before class. Prerequisites: must be familiar with knitting basics. \$45

Fish Hat with Don Himpel

Wednesdays, March 13 & 27, 6-8pm

Knit the charming Fish Hat [Dead or Alive?] by Thelma Egberts. You'll learn to work short rows, pick up stitches, and get some practice with double pointed needles. \$45

Knitting – Sweaters

Baby Surprise Jacket with Elaine Swartzentruber

Wednesdays, February 13, 20 & 27, 6:30-8:30pm

The Baby Surprise Jacket or BSJ is a perennial classic. With its cute, cozy styling, simple stitches, and unusual construction, it's no wonder that tens of thousands of these sweaters have been knit! \$65

Strange Brew Colorwork Sweater with Brian Spranger

Thursdays, March 7, 14 and 28, 6-8pm

Come brew up a colorwork yoke sweater that's 100% unique to you, even if it's your first. We'll use a pattern framework that does all the math for you! \$65

Knitting – Socks with Elaine Swartzentruber

Basic Socks from the Cuff Down

Tuesdays, February 5, 12 & 19, 6-8pm

There is nothing like a hand knit pair of socks. Using our favorite sock pattern and learning a few tips and tricks along the way, discover the basics of cuff down sock construction while completing your first pair. Prerequisites: must be comfortable working in the round on double pointed needles. \$65

Two at a Time Socks from the Toe Up

Tuesdays, March 5, 12 & 19, 6-8pm

Do you suffer from Second Sock Syndrome? Learn to knit two socks at once! Toe-up construction means you can use every last yard of a special yarn. \$65

Knitting – Essential Techniques

Problem Solving and Fixing Mistakes with Liz Avery

Tuesday, January 8, 6-8pm

Are you uncertain about the proper way to pick up a dropped stitch? Still not sure about the proper stitch mount? Do you need to learn how to “un-knit”? Discover holes and don’t know how they got there? This is the class for you! We will concentrate on the most common mistakes that happen in knitting and the most efficient ways to fix them. Students call this the “fearless knitting” class! Prerequisites: must be familiar with knitting basics. \$25

Blocking Basics with Liz Avery

Tuesday, February 12, 6-8pm

Make your knitting look more polished and bring it to its desired finished shape! In this class we'll look at why we block our handknits and what makes it a necessary finishing touch to any project. We'll look at special tools knitters use for blocking and how different fibers and fabrics should be blocked to avoid damage and bring out the best in your knits. \$25

Cast On, Bind Off with Sylvie Schuresko

Thursday, February 14, 6-8pm

Are your cuffs too tight or your necklines too floppy? Most of us learn just one cast on and bind off when we're new knitters, but there are hundreds more out there, each serving different purposes – stretch, firm, decorative, etc. Learn a variety of useful cast ons and bind offs, as well as which ones to use when. Prerequisites: must be familiar with knitting basics and the longtail cast on. \$25

Magic Loop and Two Circulars with Sylvie Schuresko

Thursday, February 7, 6-8pm

Sick of double pointed needles? Or maybe you just want more options in your circular knitting toolbox? Try the Magic Loop and Two Circular Needles methods for small-circumference circular knitting. Prerequisite: must be familiar with knitting basics and have some experience with double pointed needles. \$25

Ravelry for Beginners with Tina Kaspar

Wednesday, January 9, 6-8pm

Ravelry has revolutionized how we pick projects, learn about yarn, and buy patterns. It is an amazing tool for knitters and crocheters, but like any technological innovation there is a learning curve. We'll walk you through the site and show you how to use its many tools to enhance your yarn filled life. \$25

Lace with Kaylin Hokanson-Fasig

Monday, March 25, 6-8pm

You know the basics of knitting but now you're ready to take on something more challenging. How about some lacework? You'll knit the "Lydian" cowl as we talk about common stitches in lace knitting, how to read a chart, and tips for making lace a breeze. \$25

Color 101 with Tina Kaspar

Wednesday, February 6, 6-8pm

Does a certain color bring you immense joy or remind you of your grandmother long since gone? Color has the power to evoke emotions and affect our mood like almost nothing else. It can also be one of the most daunting decisions when starting a new project. Many crafters are afraid of making the "wrong" color choices. If you would like to feel more confident in making your own color choices then this is the class for you! We'll talk color theory and how to use it when choosing yarn for your projects. \$25

Cables 101 with Tina Kaspar

Wednesday, March 13, 6-8:30pm

Cables add a wonderful texture and movement to knitting. Ranging from basic crosses to intricate motifs, they are much simpler to execute than they appear. In this class you will cover how to knit cables flat and in-the-round. Other topics will include: how to choose the best yarn to make your cabled project shine, different types of cable needles, and how to read written and charted patterns. We will also share some of our favorite chart reading tips and tricks so working them is more intuitive. \$30

Sweater Consultation with Sylvie Schuresko

Need help with measurements or modifications, swatching or seaming? Whether you're starting, finishing, or somewhere in the middle, Sylvie can help you with your sweater project in a private lesson. \$30/hour

Other Fiber Arts

Weaving on a Cricket Loom with Liz Avery

Saturday, February 2, 12:30-4:30pm OR

Sunday, March 24, 12:30-4:30pm

Expand your fiber arts skills by learning to weave on a small, beginner-friendly rigid heddle loom from Schacht. Create a scarf or table runner as you learn the parts of the loom, how to set up the loom, and how to weave a simple, tabby fabric. Finally, learn to finish your fabric when it is off the loom. The Sow's Ear will have looms to borrow for the class or you can pre-order one of these economical, workhorse Cricket looms for yourself. No experience necessary. \$45

Needle Felting for Teens and Adults with Liz Avery

Saturday, March 23, 11:30-1:30pm

Needle felting is a simple and easy-to-learn process that takes a lump of wool and turns it into a piece of felt that can be used to make a multitude of projects. In this fun workshop, you'll learn different techniques for making flowers, jewelry, ornaments, etc. All materials are included and no previous experience necessary. \$30

Needle Felting for Kids with Liz Avery

Saturday, March 23, 2:30-4:30pm

Needle felting is a simple and easy-to-learn process that takes a lump of wool and turns it into a piece of felt that can be used to make a multitude of projects. In this fun workshop, you'll learn different techniques for making flowers, jewelry, ornaments, etc. All materials are included and no previous experience necessary. Ages 8 and up. \$30

Introduction to Spinning on a Spindle with Sylvie Schuresko

Sunday, February 17, 2-4pm

Turn fluff into yarn! We'll use simple tools, gravity, and opposable thumbs to start making your very own yarn. \$30

Intro to Wheel Spinning with Sylvie Schuresko

Begin your spinning career or come in for a refresher! Call to set up a private lesson and Sylvie will take you through the basics of spinning wool into yarn on a spinning wheel. Class includes use of our spinning wheel unless you would prefer to practice on your own wheel. Fiber is available for purchase. \$30/hour

Clubs and Events

Please check Facebook or Ravelry or call the store to confirm clubs and events – occasionally we do have to cancel.

Late Night – We're open until 10pm the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. Come in and join the fun – we have food, coffee, yarn, and great company.

Crochet Club with Elizabeth Thompson – Hang out and crochet together on the third Thursday of each month from 6-8pm.

Men's Craft Meet with Don Himpel – Are you a man who knits, crochets, spins, or does some other craft? Get together with kindred spirits the first Wednesday of each month from 6-8pm.

Craft-alongs

Join us for one of our free craftalongs! **Registration is free, but please sign up in advance so we know to expect you.**

Caitlin Hunter Knitalong with Tina Kaspar

Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 22 & 29, 6-8pm.

Pick your favorite Caitlin Hunter pattern and join us for this "choose your own adventure" KAL. Caitlin Hunter of Boyland Knitworks is probably best known for her lovely Tecumseh sweater, which has been featured on a number of blogs and instagram accounts. Whether you are a garment, shawl or accessory knitter you will have lots of beautiful projects to choose from! Supplies needed will be based on which pattern you decide to knit. Most of her patterns are available through In-store Ravelry purchase.

Kate Davies' Carbeth Knitalong with Kaylin Hokanson-Fasig

Mondays, February 4, 11, 18 & 25, 6-8pm

Join Kaylin this February and make a Carbeth sweater or cardigan in just 4 weeks! Kate Davies' design is knit at a large gauge so you can finish faster and be warm sooner. Pick either the sweater or the cardigan and let's see how fast we can #bangoutacarbeth! Both patterns are available for Ravelry in-store purchase.

Fifth Friday Finish or Frog – Friday, March 29, 6-8pm with Tina Kaspar

Have some UFOs (unfinished objects) lingering in your project pile? Bring them in and we'll help you decide whether to finish or frog! We've got advice on how to rescue a project that isn't working quite right, or can provide moral support if something isn't salvageable and you need to rip it out. It's not late night, but we'll still have a great time!

Do you struggle with sweater sizing? Make a CustomFit sweater!

What is CustomFit?

CustomFit is a web program that makes sweater patterns especially for you – your fabric, your body, your design choices. You don't have to worry about changing sleeve lengths, or matching someone else's gauge, or adding extra shaping, or any of the myriad fit issues that most of us run into.

All the patterns produced are bottom up with set in sleeves. They can be knit in pieces or almost seamlessly. CustomFit now has options for women's, men's, and children's sweaters.

What do we provide?

You can buy a CustomFit pattern through the Sow's Ear. We provide some additional complementary services – measurements and mini-consultations, private lessons/long consultations, and knitalongs. If you run into a minor issue, we offer free knitting advice for small questions every day after 9am.

How do I start?

Most customers will just need the mini-consultation/measurements and a pattern. Knit up a large swatch (6"x6" or larger!) and block it – wash it however you will eventually wash your finished sweater. Once you are happy with your fabric and your swatch is totally dry, bring it in! We'll help you with the rest.

Price List

- CustomFit pattern – \$10
- CustomFit recipe – usually \$2.99
- Measurements and mini-consultation – \$5. Must be scheduled in advance.
- Long consultations or private lessons – \$15 per 30 minutes. Must be scheduled in advance.

Any other questions? Contact us at yarn@knitandsip.com or [608-848-2755](tel:608-848-2755)!

For more information about CustomFit or Amy Herzog, check out the FAQ here:

<https://customfit.amyherzogdesigns.com/faq/general>

The Sow's Ear Class Policy

Payment is due at the time of sign up. Many of our classes fill up quickly. To guarantee a space please register as soon as possible. We accept payment in the store, over the phone or by check via mail. We consider your registration a commitment to take the class. We order supplies and make a commitment to the teacher based upon your registration.

Please be sure you can attend the first session before you sign up for a class. The first class session provides the foundation of skills for the entire class. Classes start promptly, so be sure to have all materials ready to go. Only registered students are permitted in the classroom during instruction.

Students under 18 are welcome to sign up for our kids' classes. All other classes are for adults, though individual instructors may occasionally accept younger students at their discretion. Please get permission from the instructor before placing a minor in an adult class.

Get a 10% discount on yarn purchased for any of our classes! Just let us know what class it's for when you check out.

Cancellation policy

If you cancel your registration a week or more ahead of time, you can receive a full refund or transfer to another class.

If you cancel less than a week but more than 48 hours ahead of time, you may transfer to another class or receive store credit towards another class (to be used within 1 year).

If you cancel less than 48 hours ahead of time, the cost of the class is neither refundable nor transferable.

If we cancel a class for any reason, you may choose to receive a full refund, store credit, or transfer to another class.

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