The Sow’s Ear
October-December 2017 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.

Begining Knitting with Liz Avery

Beginning Knitting 1: A Scarf!
Mondays, October 16, 23 & 30, 6-8 pm OR
Wednesdays, November 29, December 6 & 13, 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, November 20, 27 & December 4, 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!
Wednesdays, October 25, November 1 & 15, 6-8 pm
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, the mysteries of thumb gusset shaping, and even throw a cable in the mix if you like – all of which are easy to master! Prerequisites: Beginning Knitting 2 or equivalent. $65

Beginning Knitting for Kids
Saturdays, October 28, November 4 & 11, 11:30am-1:30pm
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
Thursdays, September 21, 28 & October 5, 6-8pm with Kristy Russum
Wednesdays, November 1, 8 & 15, 6-8pm with Kristy Russum
Tuesdays, December 5, 12 & 19, 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 Sheryl Thies
Thursday, November 9, 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

Cade Cap – Intermediate Crochet with Elizabeth Thompson
Tuesdays, November 7 & 14, 6-8pm

Round out your basic crochet skills while making a cute and cozy hat! You’ll learn to increase, decrease, read a pattern, and crochet in the round. $45

Fan Dance Tunisian Wrap with Sheryl Thies
Thursday, November 16, 6-8pm

Tunisian crochet that is light as air, delicate as a feather, soft as a cloud and so pretty! If you know the basics of Tunisian crochet, this class will show you how to get these stitches to dance playfully off your needles. $25

Crochet 1.5: A Headband with Kristy Russum
Thursday, December 7, 6-8pm

Can you do a single crochet? You can learn to make this cute headband or earwarmer! This class is perfect for new crocheters or as a refresher for more experienced folks. $25

O Tannenbaum Tunisian Wall Hanging with Sheryl Thies
Thursday, December 14, 6-8pm

Deck the Halls with this seasonal wall hanging worked in a creative variation of Tunisian crochet entrelac. The side triangles are limited to create the Christmas tree shape. Personalize your creation with buttons, bows, crochet ornaments or whatever your heart desires. Pattern provided as class handout. $25
Knitting – Essential Techniques

Two-Color Stranded Hat with Sylvie Schuresko  
Friday, October 13, 6-8pm
This gorgeous colorwork technique is easier than it looks! We’ll discuss how to hold your yarn, choosing effective colors, yarn dominance, and a variety of other topics to help make your first stranded project (a hat or headband) a success. Prerequisites: must be familiar with knitting basics and knitting in the round. $25

In Threes Baby Sweater with Liz Avery  
Wednesdays, October 18 & November 8, 6-8:30pm
Create an easy, top-down infant cardigan with simple cap sleeves and a shape that grows with baby. Advance your skills as you knit a quick heirloom for a lucky newborn. Prerequisites: basic knitting skills. $55

Problem Solving and Fixing Mistakes with Liz Avery  
Monday, November 6, 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

Holiday Gift Bag – Intro to Intarsia with Elaine Swartzentruber  
Mondays, December 4 & 18, 6-7:30pm
Learn basic intarsia and make a festive gift bag! Prerequisites: must be familiar with knitting basics and knitting in the round. $35

Koolhaas Hat with Don Himpel  
Tuesday, December 5, 6-8pm
The geometric, structural pattern was inspired by architect Rem Koolhaas, who designed the Seattle Public Library. You’ll learn about twisted stitches and cabling without a cable needle. Purchase and download your pattern on Ravelry before you come to class or let us purchase it for you—your choice! Prerequisites: must be comfortable knitting in the round on both circular and double pointed needles. $25

Stranding: The Sequel with Sylvie Schuresko  
Friday, December 8, 6-8pm
Take your stranded or Fair Isle colorwork to the next level! This cute coffee cozy is a great place to practice more complex color schemes and working stranded knitting on double pointed needles. You’re still just using two colors per round, so it’s easier than it looks. You provide the main color, and we’ll bring lots of options for contrasting colors! Prerequisites: must be familiar with basic stranded colorwork, and have experience with double pointed needles. $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
Knitting – Scarves and Shawls

**Maya’s Shawl with Don Himpel**
**Thursdays, October 19, 6-7:30pm & November 16, 6-8:30pm**
Have you ever admired a beautiful lace shawl and thought it was just too intimidating? Maya’s Shawl is the perfect first lace project! You'll learn a common shawl construction method, some basic lace stitches, and how to read written and charted directions - all while making a gorgeous shawl. With chunky yarn and larger needles, you'll be finished sooner than you expect. $45

**Intermediate Brioche Scarf with Don Himpel**
**Thursdays, October 26, November 2 & 9, 6-8pm**
Bored with basic brioche? Try your hand at something a little trickier – the Jacki Revisited Scarf by Nancy Marchant! You’ll learn all about brioche increases and decreases, plus the nuances of working brioche flat. $65

**Hitchhiker Scarf/Shawl with Liz Avery**
**Saturday, November 4, 2-5 pm**
You've seen this shawl hanging in the shop or in Ravelry's most popular patterns. Hitchhiker is a little chunk of squishy garter stitch that invites you to modify its size – scarf or shawl – and play with those gorgeous 2-row stripes that are so beautiful. You’ll learn what pitfalls to avoid and be well on your way to a lovely accessory! Prerequisites: basic knitting skills. $35

**Intro to Entrelac with Liz Avery**
**Thursdays, December 14 6-8:30pm & 21 6-7:30pm**
This beautiful method of knitting resembles strips of basket woven knit fabric and is actually quite simple, fun, and a perfect way of showing off self-striping yarns. Liz will show you how to make this lovely scarf and teach you a few tricks along the way – like how to knit backwards to avoid turning your work, and how to pick up stitches knitwise and purlwise. Prerequisites: must be familiar with knitting basics. $45

Knitting – Socks with Elaine Swartzentruber

**Basic Socks from the Cuff Down**
**Mondays, October 16, 23 & 30, 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**
**Mondays, November 6, 20 & 27, 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
**Other Fiber Arts**

**Weaving on a Cricket Loom with Liz Avery**
*Sunday, December 3, 12-4pm*
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. We 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 Felted Ornaments for Teens and Adults with Liz Avery**
*Sunday, December 17, 11am-1pm*
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 make festive holiday decorations! All materials are included and no previous experience necessary. $30

**Needle Felted Ornaments for Kids with Liz Avery**
*Sunday, December 17, 2-4pm*
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 make festive holiday decorations! All materials are included and no previous experience necessary. Ages 8 and up. $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

Stop by the store or check out our Facebook gallery to see class samples!
https://www.facebook.com/sowsear/photos
Clubs and Events

Late Night – We’re open until 11pm the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. Please check Facebook or Ravelry or call the store to confirm – occasionally we do have to cancel.

Spinning Club – Bring your wheel or spindle and make yarn together! We’ll meet the first Tuesday of every month from 6-8pm. Wheels, spindles, and fiber are also available for purchase or special order.

Crochet Club – Hang out and crochet together on the 2nd Sunday of every month from 1-4pm.

Men’s Craft Meet – Are you a man who knits, crochets, spins, or does some other fiber craft? Get together with kindred spirits the 4th Monday of each month from 6-8pm.

Craft-alongs

Join us for one of our free craftalongs! Please sign up in advance so we know to expect you.

Tea House/Coffee Shop Wrap with Elizabeth Thompson

Thursdays, October 19, 26, November 2 & 9, 6-8pm

Choose the crocheted Tea House Wrap or the knitted Coffee Shop Wrap, or make one of each! Alexandra Tavel’s sister-patterns both make stylish, comfortable wraps with eyelet rows and color changes interspersed throughout. These easy and fun patterns are a great way to stash bust or to hone your skills in your non-dominant craft.


Print out the free pattern(s) before the Craft-along.

West Knits with Tina Kaspar

Tuesdays, October 3, 10, 17 & 24, 6-8pm

Back by popular demand! I have had a lot of requests for another Stephen West KAL series because there are so many fun and funky patterns to choose from. There’s even a new West Knits Mystery Knitalong starting September 29! Stephen West’s patterns are great ways to explore texture and color as well as new techniques. This is a “choose your own adventure” knitalong, so grab your favorite Stephen West pattern, pick out appropriate yarn and supplies, and get knitting! Most Stephen West patterns are available for Ravelry in-store purchase.

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The First Light with Tina Kaspar  
Tuesdays, November 7, 14, 21 & 28, 6-8pm

Garter stripes! Speckles! Simple lace! Once again, I’m smitten! The First Light by Veera Valimaki is reminiscent of her ever popular Color Affection but speckled yarn and lace make this shawl even more enchanting.

Supplies: 790 yards fingering weight yarn, 1 skein speckled or variegated, 1 skein solid or tonal in a contrasting color; US size 7 circular or size needed to get 18 sts and 36 rows=4 inches in garter stitch. Purchase and print the pattern in-store or at home before the knitalong.

Fifth Friday Finish or Frog – Fridays, September 29 & December 29, 6-8pm.

Have some UFOs 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!
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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