



# The Sow's Ear

July-September 2018 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!**

**Tuesdays, July 17, 24 & 31, 6-8 pm OR**

**Mondays, September 17, 24 & October 1, 6-8pm**

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!**

**Thursdays, August 16, 23 & 30, 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 for Kids**

**Thursdays, September 13, 20 & 27, 4-6pm**

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**

**Monday, August 13, 20 & 27, 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

### **Crochet Edges for Knitters**

**Saturday, August 18, 1-3pm with Jen Davis**

Have you ever wanted to finish off your knitting project with perfect edging. Perhaps a crochet edge is what you need. In this class you will learn the ins and outs of crocheting the perfect edging. \$25

## **Beginning Tunisian Crochet with Sylvie Schuresko**

**Monday, July 16, 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

## **Corded Summer Fruit Shawl with Sheryl Thies**

**Thursday, August 2, 6-8pm**

You may have been in the store and admired Interlacements' Rick Rack yarn, a drapery, hand dyed yarn with incredible yardage. Make this fashionable summer shawl with incredible drape using the Tunisian extended knit stitch (aka corded stitch). Worked from side to side, increase until you have the length that's just right for you, then decrease until you are back to the number of cast on stitches. Check out Sheryl's lovely, shimmery shawl sample in the store. Pattern provided. \$30

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**

### **Maya's Shawl with Sylvie Schuresko**

**Mondays, July 9, 6-7:30pm, & July 30, 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

### **Chromatic Brioche Cowl with Don Himpel**

**Saturday, August 18, 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

### **Koolhaas Hat with Sylvie Schuresko**

**Tuesday, August 21, 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

# **Knitting – Socks with Elaine Swartzentruber**

## **Basic Socks from the Cuff Down**

**Thursdays, August 9, 16 & 23, 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, August 14, 21 & 28, 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. Prerequisites: basic knitting skills, experience with circular knitting, some sock experience (does not need to be toe up). \$65

## **Heel Turn Workshop - Top Down Options**

**Thursday, July 26, 6-8pm**

A one day exploration of ways to turn a heel when knitting socks from the top down. We'll cover a variety of turn and gusset variations including short-rows, heel flaps, afterthought, and fish kiss heels. We will also discuss the various shapes our heel flaps might take (round? square? rectangle?). You should have made at least one pair of socks before this class. \$25

## **Heel Turn Workshop - Toe Up Options**

**Thursday, September 13, 6-8pm**

A one day exploration of ways to turn a heel when knitting socks from the toe up. We'll cover a variety of turn and gusset variations including round heels, short row, square heels, and band heels. You should have made at least one pair of toe-up socks before this class. \$25

# **Knitting – Essential Techniques**

## **Yarn 101 with Elaine Swartzentruber**

**Thursday, August 30, 6-8pm**

Are yarn weights worrisome and fiber content confusing? Elaine will take the mystery out of yarn lingo and interpreting labels, and give you the confidence to make decisions about your next project! Some experience with knitting, crochet, spinning, weaving, or some other fiber craft is helpful. \$25

## **Problem Solving and Fixing Mistakes with Liz Avery**

**Thursday, August 9, 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

## **Ravelry for Beginners with Tina Kaspar**

**Wednesday, July 18, 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. I'll walk you through the site and show you how to use its many tools to enhance your yarn filled life. \$25

## **Color 101 with Tina Kaspar**

**Wednesday, September 19, 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

## **Lace with Kaylin Hokanson-Fasig**

**Monday, August 20, 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

## **Cables 101 with Tina Kaspar**

**Wednesday, July 25, 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 we 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. I will also share some of my favorite chart reading tips and tricks so working them is more intuitive. \$30

## **Cast On, Bind Off with Sylvie Schuresko**

**Tuesday, August 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

## **Continental Knitting for English Style Knitters with Sylvie Schuresko**

**Tuesday, August 28, 6-8pm**

Continental style knitting is smooth, efficient, and makes colorwork easier to handle. If you knit English style (aka American style aka "throwing"), take this crash course in continental knitting. Prerequisites: must be familiar with knitting basics \$25

## **Blaithin (Junior) with Elaine Swartzentruber**

**Tuesdays, September 11, 18 & 25, 6-8pm**

Does the idea of steeking make you anxious? Are you afraid of short rows? Try out these techniques on a smaller scale cardigan. This worsted-weight, soft Donegal child's cardigan features a colorwork yoke, inset pockets, i-cord edging, and a steeked front opening. \$65

## **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**

**Sunday, July 15, 12-4pm OR**

**Saturday, September 15, 12-4pm**

Expand your fiber arts skills by learning to weave on a small, beginner-friendly rigid heddle loom from Schacht. Create a 5" wide fabric, which can be worn as a scarf or used as a narrow 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 Felting for Teens and Adults with Liz Avery**

**Thursday, September 6, 6-8pm**

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

### **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

## **Fiber Arts First Aid with Sylvie Schuresko**

**Sunday, July 22, 2-4pm OR**

**Sunday, August 26, 2-4pm OR**

**Sunday, September 23, 2-4pm**

Need some extra help with a knitting, crochet, or spinning project? Whether you need help with a new technique, modifying a pattern, or fixing a mistake, Sylvie is here for you! Bring whatever you're working on and get the advice you need – all skill levels are warmly welcomed.

Please register in advance – we will cancel if there are no signups. Drop-ins are welcome, space permitting. \$15

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

### **Avebury Knitalong by Kirsten Kapur with Tina Kaspar**

**Tuesdays, August 7, 14, 21 & 28, 6-8pm**

This lovely little shawl pairs ribbing and eyelets in stunning simplicity. It also boasts a picot bind off to add that special touch of elegance. It's named after a town in England known for its Neolithic stone circles. I love taking virtual knitting trips and I hope you'll join me! Let's go on an armchair exploration of Avebury through our knitting.

Materials: 485 yards of DK weight yarn, US size 7 40 inch circular needles or size needed to get gauge of 16 stitches and 25 rows = 4 inches in k2,p4 rib, notions

### **Anything Andrea Mowry Knitalong with Kaylin Hokanson-Fasig**

**Mondays, July 9, 16, 23 & 30, 6-8pm.**

Do you love all things Andrea Mowry? If so, pick out your pattern and join Kaylin for a knitalong starting July 9. Dive into your stash for a Find Your Fade, prepare your fall wardrobe with a new sweater, or keep it simple with a beanie. Many of Ms. Mowry's patterns are available for in store purchase through Ravelry. Bring along your pattern, yarn and the necessary notions and join a group of like minded individuals!

### **Fifth Friday Finish or Frog – Friday, August 31, 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](mailto: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.

### **Keep up with all the news, sales, weather closings, etc. on email, Facebook, or Ravelry!**

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