



# The Sow's Ear

July - September 2019 Classes

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*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**

### **Beginning Knitting 1: A Scarf! With Liz Avery**

**Mondays, August 5, 12 & 19, 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! With Liz Avery**

**Thursdays, August 29, September 5 & 12, 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! With Liz Avery**

**Mondays, September 23, 30 & October 7, 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

### **Mama and Baby Mornings with Emily Dean**

**Mondays, September 9, 16 & 23, 8:30-10 am**

Moms, bring your babies and learn new knitting techniques while your wee ones play. We'll explore different stitch patterns while working up soft washcloths. Bite-sized projects are perfect for when you don't have a ton of time for knitting, but still want that satisfaction of completing a project. Please let us know the age of your child at registration. Prerequisites: Should be able to cast-on, knit and purl. Materials: 1 skein of cotton or linen worsted weight yarn and size 7 or 8 needles. \$60

## **Fiber Arts for Kids (ages 8 & up)**

### **Early Knitters: Bracelets with Michelle Morrison**

**Sundays, July 21, 28, & August 4, 2-4pm**

We'll use a combo of finger knitting and knitting i-cords to create different kinds of wrap bracelets. We'll practice casting on, some simple knitting, and casting off. This class includes a knit kit containing all the student's supplies for his/her project. No prerequisites. \$70

### **Early Knitters: Finger Puppets with Michelle Morrison**

**Saturdays, September 7, 14 & 21**

We'll take our skills up a notch and practice knitting in the round to make little finger puppet friends! There's lots of little skills to practice with this project- casting on, knitting, purling, casting off, and simple sewing. This class includes a knit kit containing all the student's supplies for his/her project. \$70

### **Needle Felting for Kids with Liz Avery**

**Saturday, September 28, 12:30-2:30pm**

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. Parents are welcome to sign up for class, too! \$30

## **Crochet and Tunisian Crochet**

### **Crochet 1: Basic Stitches with Elizabeth Thompson**

**Wednesdays, August 14, 21 & 28, 6-8pm**

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

### **Crocheting in the round series I: Basics with Jen Davis**

**Tuesday, August 13, 6-8pm**

This class will focus on tips and tricks on crocheting in the round: how to get started, how to finish off and everything handy to know in between. In this class we will make an amigurumi cat. Students should already know how to chain, and single crochet. Materials needed: H hook and worsted weight yarn. \$25

### **Crocheting in the round series II: Granny Squares with Jen Davis**

**Monday, August 19, 6:30-8pm**

This class will recreate the magic of the granny square. It will cover how to get started, how to put the squares together, and how to use granny squares in different ways. Students should know how to chain and single crochet. Materials needed: H hook and worsted weight yarn. \$20

## **Crocheting in the round series III: Flowers with Jen Davis**

**Tuesday, August 27, 6-8pm**

This class will make a basic flower shape and explore different ways to make the flower unique and beautiful. Students should know how to chain and single crochet. Materials needed: H hook and one or many colors of worsted weight yarn. \$25

## **Tunisian Crochet 2: Washcloth Workshop with Brian Spranger**

**Thursday August 29, 6-8pm**

Master the Tunisian Purl Stitch, Crossed Stitch, and other textured patterns perfect for all kinds of articles, but especially our practice project: classic, practical (and small!) washcloths. Materials: A ball of cotton worsted weight yarn. An appropriate size Tunisian hook, cable or no cable. L hook works great for this, the same hook used in Intro to Tunisian Crochet. \$25

## **Tunisian Corded Shawl with Sheryl Thies**

**Wednesday, July 17, 6-8pm**

Go beyond the basics and learn the Tunisian corded stitch, how to increase and decrease and create a beautiful shawl with incredible drape. Worked from side to side, the shawl can be made as big or as small as you desired.

Note: this is not a learn how to work Tunisian crochet class, however it is a perfect next step to expand your basic Tunisian skills. Materials needed: 1 skein Interlacements Rick Rac or Zig Zag (or similar sport or dk weight yarn), Size K/10 ½ (6.5mm) or size L/11 (8mm) Tunisian crochet hook. \$25

Join us for Crochet Club night with Liz Thompson! See Clubs and Events section for details.

## **Knitting – Accessories**

### **Beginners Brioche Cowl with Emily Dean**

**Thursdays September 19 & 26, 6-8 pm**

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 warmer than it looks – it's easy to see why it's so popular. Use of a bulky yarn means this knits up quickly. Prerequisites: must be familiar with knitting basics and knitting in the round. Materials: 2 colors bulky weight yarn 106 yds/90 yds, US 11 16" circular needles, stitch marker \$40

## **Knitting – Socks**

### **Basic Socks from the Cuff Down with Elaine Swartzentruber**

**Thursdays, August 1, 8 & 15, 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 with Elaine Swartzentruber**

**Wednesdays, July 17, 24 & 31, 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**

**Monday, July 15, 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

### **Working with Hand-Painted Yarns with Christina Kantor**

**Sunday, September 15, 1-4pm**

Do you have a luscious multi-colored artisan skein you are not sure how to use? Or have you ever been disappointed with how a handpainted yarn looked when knit up? This class is for you. We will learn to analyze yarns to identify the dyeing technique used and how these affect the finished fabric. Then we learn tools and techniques for making these yarns look their best. We will work swatches, and do in-class exercises to help you understand and apply these techniques, and how to find or create patterns using them. Includes two free patterns that can be adapted to many yarns. No homework, but please bring some hand-painted yarns wound into balls or cakes and ready to knit. (This class does not address self-striping yarns.) \$45

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

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

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**

**Saturday, August 3, 12:30-4:30pm OR**

**Sunday, September 8, 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**

**Thursday, July 25, 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 the 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 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 Thursday, August 15, 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.**

### **Papillon Knitalong with Laurie Flom**

**Tuesdays, July 9, 16, 23, & 30, 6-8p**

Have you admired the colorful Papillon shawl by Marin Melchior displayed in the shop, but were a little hesitant to start it on your own? Consider joining the knitalong group, led by Papillon-addict Laurie Flom, who has completed several of these striking shawls. If you'd like a little support in keeping track of the short rows, wonder how to modify the shawl to be a little smaller, or have other questions about the pattern, this would be a great group for you.

### **TinCanKnits Knitalong with Kaylin Hokanson-Fasig**

**Thursdays, August 1, 8, 15 & 22, 6-8pm**

This Canadian design team surely has something for everyone: cables, lace, colorwork, hats, mittens, sweaters! They're known for beginner level patterns like the Flax Sweater and the Barley Hat, but have more complicated designs for the knitter looking for a challenge. Pick your favorite project and join Kaylin for this all-level-friendly knit along! Patterns available for in-store Ravelry purchase.

### **KnitGraffiti Knitalong with Kaylin Hokanson-Fasig**

**Thursdays, September 5, 12, 19 & 26, 6-8pm**

Ready to play with color and create your own wearable work of art? Pick any pattern from Leslie Anne Robinson of KnitGraffiti for this knit along. Leslie's patterns tend to be eye-catching brioche designs full of exciting stitch patterns and bright colors. Not a brioche knitter? No problem, pick one of her multiple patterns without brioche and join in on the fun. Patterns available for in-store Ravelry purchase.

### **Fifth Friday Finish or Frog – Friday, August 30, 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.

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