

Needles 'n Pins Yarn Shoppe

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Greetings to Everyone!

Welcome to 2020! I have never been so happy to start a New Year! Hopefully this one will be much quieter and calmer.....I don't think anyone in my family can go through another year like last year. That was definitely a difficult year. Gordon's check-ups at Mayo Clinic have been scheduled, so we are now able to schedule more classes. Gordon and I will head to Mayo the first week of March. Numerous appointments and tests are scheduled and hopefully they will confirm that all is well and no more surgery is required.

Over our holiday "break" I was fortunate to be chosen to test knit one of my favorite designers, Ambah O'Brien, latest shawl design. "Lacy Business Shawl" is a beautiful 2-color fingering weight shawl that beginner knitters as well as more advanced knitters are going to absolutely love! I loved knitting it so much that I am offering it as a class for those of you who have never ventured into lace or chart knitting before. This shawl is the perfect first project for that!!

You will find a new class schedule in this newsletter!!! Thanks to those of you who answered our request for class ideas...we now have a wide variety to offer you! Class sizes are limited in order to provide individualized attention so PLEASE don't wait until the last minute to sign up...you may end up disappointed.

Bailey and I have been extremely busy working on new project ideas and displays!! With so many new and fun projects to pick from, we have had to try and refrain ourselves from starting too many. Personally, I do really good until Bailey is out of the shop....for even one day. Then, all bets are off. There is no one to control me. But, then, can one ever really have TOO many projects?? I think not 😊

We are also able to hold our "Clear Your Clutter" days this Spring. Look for information further on in the newsletter!! This is a fantastic time to find a new home for some of that yarn that has outlived its time at your house 😊 Yarns received will be donated to "new homes", and various charities/organizations throughout our area. It's a win/win for everybody!!

SHOPPE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Closed on Tuesday & Thursday

Please note we will be closed..... Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020

UPCOMING CLASSES

Beginning Knitting---We will start with the basics and go from there. Small class size allows for very individualized attention. \$50---includes instruction leaflet. 4 sessions Monday, February 17, 24, March 2 & 9 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Double Knitting---Learn the basics of reversible two sided knitting! \$35---includes pattern. 3 sessions Sunday, April 19, 26 & May 3 1:00-4:00 p.m. **OR** Monday, April 20, 27 & May 4 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Lacy Business Shawl---This new shawl design is perfect for a “first” shawl project as well as an intro to lace knitting and learning to read a chart! \$40---includes pattern 4 sessions Sunday February 9, 16, 23 & March 1 1:30-4:00 p.m.

Basic 1-Color Brioche---Learn basic brioche stitch. \$20---includes pattern for scarf. 1 session Saturday, March 7 9:30-11:30 a.m. **OR** Monday, March 16 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Basic 2-Color Brioche---Now that you know the basic brioche stitch, let’s do it with two colors!! \$20---includes pattern for scarf. 1 session Saturday, March 14 9:30-11:30 a.m. **OR** Monday, March 23 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Brioche in the Round---Make a 2 color cowl while learning to do brioche in the round. **MUST KNOW BASIC 2-COLOR BRIOCHE.** \$20---includes cowl pattern. 1 session Saturday, March 21 9:30-11:30 a.m. **OR** Monday, March 30 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Advanced Brioche---Being able to increase and decrease in brioche opens up an entire new world!! **MUST KNOW 2-COLOR BRIOCHE.** \$30---includes scarf pattern. 2 sessions Saturday, March 28 & April 4 9:30-11:30 a.m. **OR** Monday, April 6 & 13 1:30-3:30 p.m.

2-Hand/2-Color Knitting---Once you learn to knit using **BOTH** hands, two-color knitting is a breeze! The hat pattern we’ll be using is sized baby through large adult so you can pick a size that suits your needs! \$30---includes pattern. 2 sessions Sunday, March 15 & 22 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. **OR** Friday, March 20 & 27 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Basic Knit Socks---Learn the basics of sock knitting. Warning: One pair and you will be addicted! \$40---includes pattern. 3 sessions Friday, February 28, March 13 & 27 9:30-11:30 a.m.

2 Socks/2 Circulars---Do you suffer from second sock syndrome? This is the perfect class for you. **MUST KNOW BASIC SOCK CONSTRUCTION.** \$40---includes instruction leaflet. 3 sessions Friday April 3, 17 & May 1 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Knit Sock Heels---Explore numerous different types of heels for your knit socks, including the afterthought heel, strong heel, and more! \$30---includes instructions. 3 sessions Wednesday, April 1, 8 & 15 9:30 a.m. –noon

Open Knitting/Crocheting---Join fellow fiber enthusiasts during this informal gathering time. No registration is required so come when you can! \$1/hour. Wednesdays 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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Pre-registration is required for all classes except open knitting/crocheting. You can register in person, by mail, e-mail or telephone. Please note that with the number of classes we offer, we generally are not able to re-schedule for missed classes (unless we have to cancel due to sickness or weather). Therefore, we request you check your own schedule carefully before committing to a particular class. We also cannot re-schedule or refund for “no shows”. Supply lists will be provided at time of registration and we request that any necessary supplies are purchased from Needles ‘n Pins.

CROCHET CLASSES----WHERE ARE THEY???

You will note that we do not have any crochet classes offered. This is definitely NOT because we dislike crocheting. We just aren't sure what Crocheters would like as far as classes are concerned.

We have offered classes in the past, but for some unknown reason, no one signs up for them. Then, we have crocheters come into the Shoppe requesting crochet classes. After checking what days work best for them and what they are interested in.....we offer crochet classes again....and still no one signs up.

That being said, if you are a Crocheter and you would like us to offer some classes, PLEASE contact us and let us know what type of classes you would be interested in and when you would be available to take such classes.

We will be happy to incorporate them into our class schedule!!!

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Annual 'Clear that Clutter' Event!

Bring in those partial balls or the "What was I thinking?!" skeins and earn some credit towards that new yarn you've been drooling over!!

- We are taking any yarn you may have; partial to full skeins/balls. If labels are still attached, that is a plus!
- YARN **MUST** BE CLEAN, FREE OF SMELL (I.E. SMOKE, MOTHBALLS, PETS, ETC.), AND IN USABLE CONDITION!!

****Management reserves the right to reject any yarn not deemed suitable for donation****

*Earn \$1.00/lb for **Full** labeled skeins/balls

*Earn \$.75/lb for partial skeins/balls or full skeins without labels

- "De-Stash Dollars" can be redeemed towards any product that is in stock at the Shoppe.
 - Dollars can be redeemed starting the day received until September 30, 2020.
- Yarns will be donated to various local organizations including Charity Knitting Groups, Senior Centers, and Local Schools.
- Yarn may be brought in **March 15th through April 4th** during normal Shoppe Hours. We will have a scale available and weights will be rounded to the nearest pound.

Limit 10 pounds per customer per visit

Hopefully this advanced notice will give you plenty of time to "attack your stash"!



Malabrigo "Caprino" is a luxurious DK weight Super Fine Merino/Cashmere blend containing 164 yards and retails for \$18.00/hank. We will be making the 'Autumnal Mitts' Pattern by Jo Bangles (Free on Ravelry) with this yarn...takes just one skein!



Ella Rae Yarns "Sequinicity" from **Knitting Fever** and **Euro Yarns** is a fingering weight polyester with sequins, contains 295 yards and retails for \$10/ball!! The "Leilani Shawl" is made using 3 balls of the Sequinicity & 4 balls of Silky Kid.
Pattern is available for purchase in store or at Ravelry.com.



New colors of the following yarns are now available....

Knitted Wit 'Victory Sock'

Ella Rae 'Cozy Alpaca'

Noro 'Geshi'

Hikoo 'Simplicity Spray'

James C. Brett 'Rustic Aran Tweed' & 'Flutterby Chunky'

Eden's Lacey Scarf

Designed by Doreen Marquart

- 1 skein of Lana Gatto "Eden"

(Sample done in color #8803) entire skein was used for scarf

- US 6 needle
- Finished Size: approx. 6" x 92"

Cast on 29 stitches

Knit 4 rows. Begin pattern as follows:

Row 1: Slip 1 (as if to purl), knit 1; yo, k2tog; repeat from to last stitch, knit 1.

Repeat Row 1 for pattern.

Work until just short of desired length.

Knit 4 rows.

BO loosely. Weave in ends and block!





Time for a Knit Along!

Malabrigo will be hosting a Knit Along in March to coincide with 'Malabrigo March'.

The Pattern is the "Odyssey Shawl" by Joji Locatelli and will be using 1 skein each of 3 different colors of 'Dos Tierras'

We will have kits here available for sale, along with 3 brand new surprise colors....we don't even know what they are! 😊

Sign up is not required, although you are encouraged to post progress and completed photos of your shawls on Instagram and Ravelry in order to be eligible to win weekly prizes, as well as a final mega prize basket at the end of the KAL on March 31st (Prizes and progress

requirement is requested by Malabrigo, NOT Needles 'n Pins). We are scheduling time on Wednesday Mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m. beginning March 4th to work on this KAL as a group. It would be a great time to get any questions answered

The pattern is FREE and available on Ravelry.com. Yarn can be purchased in store or online at needlesnpinsyarnshoppe.com.

Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for the announcement/arrival of the new colors!