



Ziggurat Immersion

With Åsa Söderman of Åsa Tricosa

May 15-17, 2022

An exciting 8hr+ workshop with in-depth
hands-on knitting and guidance

Three Days, Two Nights, All-Inclusive



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Ziggurat Method

At a Micro Yarn Mill on Beautiful Block Island!



Block Island & North Light Fibers

Block Island is a beautiful destination with a Micro Yarn Mill, gorgeous beaches, great food, nature walks, and time to relax. Come visit the ultimate knitting destination.



Ziggurat Immersion

Knit Your Own Ziggurat Sweater

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Over two days, you will practice the Ziggurat steps & techniques to either complete a mini workshop-sized Ziggurat or start your own adult-sized Ziggurat. You will walk away with the basic Ziggurat steps and skills to navigate any Ziggurat pattern. Find out where and how to pick up stitches for beautiful sleeve caps, master at least one short row method, learn the perfect neck cast on, directional increases, get acquainted with the handy Helpful Table, and learn to think differently about how to choose the correct sweater size. Acquire or finesse some precise and detailed techniques that let you knit with abandon. Åsa will guide you through each step and technique, and you are invited to ask as many questions as many times over as you wish or need.

DAY 1

- The basic Ziggurat steps that create the tailored neck and shoulders, and set-in sleeve. Knitters who are not entirely new to the ziggurat technique, may cast on their own sweater on Day 1.



- German short rows & Japanese short rows
- How & exactly where to pick up stitches to create a beautiful faux seam shoulder cap
- A special edition of the crochet cast on for a perfect neckline (and underarm cast on)
- Directional increases (M1L/M1R & Backward and Forward Loop)
- Where to place Ziggurat increases
- Brief overview of the Helpful Table



DAY 2

- Brief overview of the Ziggurat method and its variants (sweater, cardigan, sleeveless)
- How to choose the correct size
- How to read and make use of the Helpful Table (a feature in all Ziggurat patterns) to modify/adjust the size for a sweater that fits *you* well
- Cast on and start knitting a Ziggurat sweater or cardigan with individual assistance for each step along the way
- Provisional winding cast on
- My favorite built-in button band and buttonhole
- Cuff/hem/collar considerations
- Pocket considerations



Notes

- Skill level: intermediate and adventurous knitters
- Homework: knit and block a swatch or two with the skein of yarn provided by North Light Fibers (in preparation to knit an adult size sweater)
- Handout: Zigguratlettissimo pattern
- Pattern: each participant receives a Ziggurat pattern of their choice
- Note: on Day 2, knitters may choose to complete the mini ziggurat and save their larger project for later if they prefer

Explore, Learn, Enjoy, Knit & Relax

Explore with new friends

New Knitting Techniques: outstanding designers & workshops

A Micro Yarn Mill: handcrafted minimally processed yarns

The Animals: pat a yak or feed an alpaca!

The Island: tour a lighthouse, tour the historical society

Enjoy the Beach & Nature Trails (48% of the island is protected!)

Tentative Retreat Schedule

Sunday – May 15

- Arrive on the ferry (Afternoon ferry)
- Check into Hotel
- Micro Yarn Mill Tour – 4pm
- Store Hours: Open till dinner
- Wine & Nibbles – 4:30
 - Åsa presentation during wine & nibbles
- Gourmet Dinner

Monday – May 16

- Breakfast
- Store Hours: 10:00 – 5:00
- Workshop I with Åsa (9:00 – 12:00)
- Lunch
- Workshop II with Åsa (1:30 – 3:00)
- Island Activities - Afternoon
 - SE lighthouse tour, guided nature walk, historical society
 - Explore the island, shop downtown, rent a bike
 - Relax, knit, shop, enjoy
- Wine & Nibbles
- Gourmet Dinner

Tuesday – May 17

- Breakfast
- Store Hours: 10:00 – 5:00
- Workshop III with Åsa (9:00 – 1:00)
- Lunch
- Free afternoon
- Depart on the ferry (Tentative: 3pm or 5pm)

We are very excited to announce that during this in-depth retreat with Åsa, a parallel retreat will also be taking place by Romi Hill. We will all eat together, share island activities and exchange learnings and experiences. We are pleased to offer a workshop where we can get into the material and have much closer designer/knitter time.

2022 Block Island Knitting Retreat Details



The 3-day/2-night event is all-inclusive –we take care of everything! All you need to do is to get to the ferry (Pt. Judith, RI). Once there, we coordinate all the delicious meals, great rooms, special island activities, tours, etc. Oh, and yes, fantastic knitting workshops! Please let us know of any allergies or special needs. Walking shoes are recommended so you can enjoy the whole island and there is walking during the retreat between buildings.

There will be only 15 +/- knitters in a workshop and the rooms are all around the 1661 and mill. There are only a few rooms available in each type so please register as soon as possible. The retreat fees for Bronze rooms are \$1,700, Silver rooms are \$1850, Gold Rooms (formerly Ocean View) are \$1,975 and the three platinum rooms (Adrian, Superior, etc.) are \$2,300. We always enjoy it when companions join the retreat and have priced that reservation at \$525. Please see the next page with more detailed descriptions of each room and please e-mail or call Sven with questions.

What to bring/wear – Block Island is a very relaxed and informal destination. We recommend bringing walking shoes and attire for enjoying the trails, beaches and farm. And you will walk through the exotic animals (ever pat a yak or alpaca) to get to the mill and workshop!

Yarn for homework is supplied by North Light Fibers! We will mail everything in advance so all you need to bring are needles and notions!

Companions are encouraged - We usually have 4-5+ non-knitters join the small single designer retreat which is a lot of fun as they participate in all the activities, tours and meals.

Health and Safety – It was great to get everyone back together in 2021 but through that experience we have learned how to ensure a healthy environment and reduce anxiety in order for a great event. So, we are requiring that all attendees be vaccinated and be ready to follow the CDC/State/North Light Fibers' guidelines. This may include masks for indoor activities or other precautionary measures. Our goal is to follow appropriate health and safety guidelines. Thanks for your understanding.

Space is limited so please sign up early - The retreat will be capped to have 18+/- knitters/workshop and reservations are accepted on a first come – first served basis. All cancellations must be made by February 1, 2022 for a partial refund and must be received in writing. No refunds will be issued after March 1, 2022. If you are suddenly unable to attend, substitute requests must be received by April 1, 2022 and approved by North Light Fibers.

Travel. Please plan to arrive on the island mid-day Sunday as we have arranged for a mill tour and wine & nibbles that start at 4:30. This evening we will have a presentation by Åsa.

Please sign up early - The retreat will be capped to ensure no more than 18/19 knitters in each workshop and reservations are accepted on a first come – first served basis.

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**Room description in more detail –
Please feel free to call Sven (401-932-8510) for more information**

All-inclusive reservations are available for knitters and we will take care of all the details like we have for over 10 years. There are 15 +/- knitters in each workshop and we have reserved a limited number of Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze rooms that can be viewed on-line. These rooms are at the center of the retreat, all surrounding the mill, farm, classrooms and lunches. All rates are fully inclusive including ferry tickets and yarn for homework! All rooms are single knitter occupancy with queen or king beds.

- Platinum rooms (The Adrian, Harbor View and Superior View) are absolutely lovely – stunning. These rooms are available at \$2,300 for the retreat. For those that know the rooms, they are amazing....for those that do not know it, they are the best rooms on the island, if not the whole east coast ☺!
- Gold rooms are unique and located near the 1661. These rooms are lovely and truly a great experience. They are very spacious, have a beautiful view, a luscious breakfast and often a deck to enjoy the island. The all-inclusive rate for the two night/three-day workshop is \$1,975.
- Silver rooms are in and around the 1661 and are very spacious and lovely. Most of these rooms have decks and outside sitting areas with views of the farm, island or side ocean view and include a luscious breakfast. The all-inclusive Luxury room rate for the two night/three-day workshop is \$1,850.
- Bronze rooms are lovely and are located in and around the 1661 premises. The rooms are lovely yet are a bit smaller than the luxury rooms. The all-inclusive Premium room rate for the two night/three-day workshop is \$1,700.