



# Ziggurat Masterclass

With Åsa Söderman of Åsa Tricosa  
May 16-19, 2023

An exciting 12hr workshop for  
those with Ziggurat experience

Four Days, Three Nights, All-Inclusive



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Ziggurat Method

**At a Micro Yarn Mill on Beautiful Block Island!**



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## Retreat Overview



We will cast on right away and over two days we will learn and refine techniques that go into the making of a favorite sweater. The focus will be on personalizing your sweater for a good, comfortable, and wearable fit. We will learn or refine techniques for adding the just-so details – a pocket, a seamless lined hem, a gather, a neat pick-up, a fine neckline, a sleek button-band.

Everyone will work at their own pace and have plenty of opportunities for asking questions and receiving guidance. Take part in some or all of optional techniques sessions or keep your head down and knit away on your chosen Ziggurat.

You will walk away with the skills and techniques you need to navigate any Ziggurat patter along with techniques for customizing other top-down (and some bottom-up) sweaters.

We decode the handy Helpful Table – and you may learn how to think differently about how to choose the correct sweater size.

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.

This workshop is aimed at knitters who have knitted one or two Ziggurats and want to raise their skills to a “masters” level. There is an immersion workshop earlier in the week. Please call with any questions.

# Retreat Plan

## Beginning

- Showcase Ziggurat and general overview of the technique and what we will accomplish together
- Choosing the right size – don't fixate on that bust!
- Adjusting the fit – with a tilt to the rear view
- Cast on your chosen Ziggurat
- Guidance through the basic Ziggurat steps if and as needed
- Refine your pickup for a neat sleeve cap
- Review of German & Japanese short rows



## Middle

- Make progress on your Ziggurat with personal guidance
- Review of directional increases (M1L/M1R & Backward and Forward Loop)
- Brief overview of the Helpful Table
- Optional technique sessions:
  - Crochet cast on
  - Flap pocket
- Helpful Table again (a tool in all Ziggurat patterns): tips on how to customize Ziggurat patterns to your liking for a sweater that fits your body
- Personal guidance through any obstacles or hurdles
- Optional technique mini sessions:
  - provisional winding cast on
  - Flap pocket



## End

- Personal guidance continues
- Cuff/hem/collar considerations
- Pockets you might consider
- Optional technique mini sessions:
  - KSK edging
  - Åsa's favorite built-in button-band and buttonhole
  - Seamless lined hem & 3-needle bind off
- Personal guidance
- Lingering questions

# The Workshop Schedule (Tentative)

## Tuesday – May 16

- Arrive on a morning ferry (Please contact us if you want to come in early)
- Check into Hotel – Drop off luggage
- Workshop I: 2:00 – 4:00pm
- Store Hours: Open to 5:00
- Wine & Nibbles – 4:30
- Gourmet Dinner



## Wednesday – May 17

- Bird Banding (subject to weather)
- Breakfast
- Store Hours: 10:00 – 5:00
- Workshop II: 9:00 – 12:00
- Lunch
- Island Activities – 2:00 – 5:00
  - Nature walk with The Nature Conservancy, SE lighthouse tour, etc.
  - Explore the island, shop downtown, rent a bike
  - Relax, knit, shop, enjoy
- Wine & Nibbles
- Gourmet Dinner

## Thursday – May 18

- Breakfast
- Store Hours: 10:00 – 4:00
- Workshop III 9:00 – 12:00
- Lunch
- Workshop IV: 2:00 – 4:00
- Enjoy a walk or knitting with friends
- Wine & Nibbles
- Gourmet Dinner

## Friday – May 19

- Breakfast
- Store Hours: 10:00 – 4:00
- Workshop V 9:00 – 11:00
- Depart on the ferry or stay an extra night:
  - Current schedule: 3pm or 5pm

# 2023 Block Island Knitting Retreat With Åsa Tricosa - Details



The 4-day/3-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, a fantastic knitting workshop!

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 a maximum of 15 knitters in the workshop and all the hotel rooms are around the 1661 and mill. You are able to place your reservation on our website – included are links to the rooms via the 1661 hotel and you can directly reserve the room you want! We have three tiers of retreat packages:

- Adrian Room: \$2,825 all inclusive
- Luxury Rooms: \$2,400 all inclusive
- Premium Rooms: \$2,150 all inclusive
- Companion: \$650 all inclusive

Call with questions but the Luxury rooms have ocean views and other amenities like a deck and extra space. The premium rooms are large and lovely, just not an ocean view. All rooms are on the 1661 property.

**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 enjoy the exotic animals to get to the mill and workshop!

**Yarn for preparation work 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 has been great to get everyone back and we are thrilled for 2023. To ensure a healthy environment and reduce anxiety, we are requiring that all attendees be vaccinated and be ready to follow the CDC/State/North Light Fibers' guidelines. We do not anticipate any unique conditions and we thank you for your understanding.

**Space is limited** so please sign up early - The retreat will be capped to have 15 knitters and reservations are accepted on a first come – first served basis. All cancellations must be made by February 1, 2023 for a partial refund and must be received in writing. No refunds will be issued after March 1, 2023.

**Travel.** Please plan to arrive on the island mid-morning Tuesday - workshops begin that day.

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