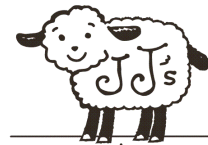




Knit Wits

Monthly Newsletter



Children's Knook

From the Owners

Hello Again! Have you been knitting and/or crocheting hats and scarves for months? Are you satisfied with your projects when you're finished? Would you like to increase your skill level and do more challenging work? If so, then you know one of the reasons we're here! We want to help you increase your knowledge and skill level with a craft gives you a lot of pleasure over your lifetime. Check out our class schedule and sign up for one—give it a try. If the scheduled times don't suit, we do offer private lessons as well. Taking a class not only increases your skills but you also get to meet other knitters to share your successes (and failures) with. It also gives us a chance to get to know you.

With all the beautiful yarns and wonderful fibers at your fingertips, there has never been a better time to take the leap to try something new! (Have we convinced you to take a class?)

Rich blessing to you,
Jane and Jessi

Specialty Class Information

Pre-registration required.

Specialty classes change every month.

Cost: \$10/person Class Time: 10-11:00am

Conquering Cables (February 2):

Daunted by those beautiful curved and twisted stitches? After this class, you will fear no more!

How To Alter Patterns (February 9):

In this class, you will learn how to alter the pattern(s) that you love to fit your body, or the body of the loved one for whom you are making a garment. This is information you can't do without!

Conquering Cables 2 (February 16):

Expand your knowledge of cabling with some intricate work! You will be amazed at what you can create!

Bring-Your-Child-To-Knit Day (February 23):

Learn to knit and make matching scarves or hats. Or, if you are already a knitter, we have a kit for you! You and your child will outfit for an *adorable* pose-able teddy bear - you make a sweater and beret and your child makes a scarf and vest. The boxed kit is \$40 (includes class cost), and contains the bear, pattern(s), and yarn.

Winter Yarn Sale!

Select yarns reduced 25%-75%!

February 12th - 23rd.

We're clearing out winter yarns to make room for spring and summer yarns!

Featured Fiber
In February
Is...

Corn



Did you say
CORN?



YES!
We sure did!

Corn Yarn: how'd they do that?

Corn produces large amounts of starch, which are broken down into sugars, fermented and separated into polymers. The result is a paste-like substance that is extruded into fine, delicate strands that are processed and spun into yarn. Simple, right?

Corn Benefits:

- Yarn is from a renewable resource (corn) and is biodegradable
- Has a fluid feel and a beautiful drape
- Yarn has the soft and comfortable feel of cotton
- Light-weight and very absorbent
- Great for warm weather garments

Interesting Fact:

The same technique used to make yarn from corn may eventually be used on products like wheat, maize, and even sugar! Imagine, a sugar sweater!

Tips and Tricks

1. For a neat and firm edge: Pattern to the end of each row, stopping at the last stitch. Yarn forward and slip the last stitch. Do this on every row. This will create a tighter and smoother edge.
2. For extra button stability: When sewing on a large button, sew a clear flat button to the backside or your button band at the same time you sew on your visible buttons.
3. What size again?: When working with a pattern where size changes are given in parentheses, circle or highlight all of the changes for the size you are making before you start the garment.
4. Eliminating ends: When crocheting, you can eliminate the need to run in ends. Take the loose end, lay it along the top of the last row, and work right over it. This works great if you have a pattern that changes color frequently. No muss, no fuss, no ends sticking out.

Day at the Knook

Our featured project is a *very* cute striped Market Bag! Made with Cornucopia, this bag is a perfect size for toting around all your goodies! Join us on February 16 to knit on this enjoyable project!

February Free Pattern SIMPLE Crocheted Belt

With this simple concept, you can create a belt in a very short amount of time! This is a great way to use up left-over yarn, and also have an accessory that matches your garment!

1. Measure your waist in inches and add 12 inches.
2. Make a chain equal to your measured length.
3. Single crochet in second chain from hook and in each chain across. Chain 1, turn.
4. Single crochet in each stitch across.
5. Repeat step 4 until the belt measures the width you desire.

If you come by the shop Tues., Wed., or Thurs., you will get to meet our new helper, (and avid crocheter), Shelia Green. Please stop by to say hello. You'll be glad you did- she's a super lady!

"Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good, blessed is the man who trusts in Him!"

Psalm 34:8

Instructional Class Information

Pre-registration now required.

Beginning Knitting : \$15/class or \$50/4 sessions

Class session times are: T 10-11am, Th 6-7pm

Beginning Knitting 1 (February 5 & 7):

Fundamentals of knitting, purling, and ribbing.

Prerequisites: none

Beginning Knitting 2 (February 12 & 14):

Fundamentals of casting on, binding off, increasing and decreasing.

Prerequisite: Beginning Knitting 1 or equivalent skills

Beginning Knitting 3 (February 19 & 21):

Fundamentals of checking your gauge, learn various stitches, and how to read patterns.

Prerequisite: Beginning Knitting 1 and 2, or equivalent skills

Beginning Knitting 4 (February 26 & 28):

Learn how to pick up stitches and finishing techniques.

Prerequisites: Beginning Knitting 1, 2, 3, or equivalent skills

Beginning Crochet : \$12/class or \$40/4 sessions

Class session times are: T 6-7 pm, Th 10-11am

Beginning Crochet 1 (February 5 & 7):

Fundamentals of chaining and single crochet.

No prerequisites or experience needed

Beginning Crochet 2 (February 12 & 14):

Expand your stitch base knowledge. We will cover double, half-double, and triple crochet stitches.

Prerequisite: Beginning Crochet 1, or equivalent skills

Beginning Crochet 3 (February 19 & 21):

Learn how to read patterns.

Prerequisite: Beginning Crochet 1,2, or equivalent skills

Beginning Crochet 4 (February 26 & 28):

Come to learn some common stitch combinations (such as shells and waves) and we will also be covering finishing techniques.

Prerequisite: Beginning Crochet 1,2, or equivalent skills

Product Spotlight

One Skein Knits for Baby: 8 Quick & Easy Designs is a perfect addition to your collection! This book features easy designs for little gems up to 18 months old, and also some precious shower gift ideas for those awaiting arrival. Less than \$15, this is a must have!