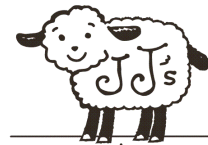




# Knit Wits

Monthly Newsletter



Children's Knook

## From the Owners

We would like to encourage you to bring your knitting or crocheting project and join us for some laughter and fellowship in a non-stressful atmosphere. Come keep us company!

We now stock Mission Falls wools and patterns. Come see all the beautiful colors, get inspired, and select your next project!

## Demonstration Day

We are excited to offer our knitters and crocheters something new on Saturdays at the Knook – demonstrations! These informative sessions are designed to introduce you to different techniques and answer some commonly asked questions.

These half-hour demonstrations will be held Saturdays at 11:00, 1:00 and again at 3:00. Bring a friend, notebook and a pen, because you are sure to learn something new!

*See which one you are interested in...*

### Knitting Cast On Methods - February 7<sup>th</sup>

We will show you at least six different ways to cast on, including the Norweigan (or long-tail), the two ball long-tail, the German, the provisional, the knitted, and the cabled. We will discuss the benefits and common uses of each.

### Crochet Stitch Sampler - February 14<sup>th</sup>

During this demonstration we will show you various crochet techniques and terminology. We will introduce you to no-fail ripples, the linked double crochet stitch, and join-as-you-go granny squares.

# !! SALE !!

Come in the week of February 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> for our **Fall Yarn Sale!** Test your luck and take a spin at the wheel to determine your discount! We will take an **additional 10 – 30%** off your total purchase.

This discount is given to you in addition to any previously reduced prices on in stock yarns, which could mean savings of **50%**!

We are making room for new spring garment models in the shop. All current shop models are being sold for just the cost of the yarn! Take advantage of this sale to add a hand knitted garment to your wardrobe!

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## Product Spotlight

### Knit Light

This amazing and adjustable little light will travel with you wherever you go. It is the perfect alternative to knitting by the dome light in your vehicle at night, which really annoys the driver. ☺

You can now work in low light or dark places without disturbing others. Light up your work in progress with the bright, white, and poseable light.

The Knit Light is designed to hang from your shirt or placket, or you can use the lanyard provided, which helps hold the light stationary and adjusts to the length right for you. When not in use, you can store your light in the DP Needle Tube carry case also provided. Grab yours while they're still available!



**Valentine's Day  
Is almost here.  
Be kind to your sweetheart  
The one you hold dear.**

## Point(s) to Ponder

You know you knit too much when...

You think that a stitch or row counter that you can work with your feet is a really brilliant idea!

You hear about a breed of miniature sheep that grows to be only 16" in height and weighs only 50 pounds, and immediately try to figure whether you can convince your spouse it's a dog.



## Tips and Tricks

1. Yarns that are labeled pure new wool or virgin wool are often more harsh to the touch. These yarns generally contain a heavier amount of lanolin and will soften *significantly* after the first washing.
2. For a custom designed pattern for your socks, check out this website: <http://www.panix.com/~ilaine/socks.html>. On this website, you will enter several measurements and the gauge you are getting with your yarn. With a simple click, you have your very own custom sock pattern.
3. Blocking can be a life saver! If your sleeves are just a little too short on your wool sweater. You can increase the length about an inch by dampening the garment, stretching the sleeves to the desired length, pin in place, and then let it dry completely.

## February's Free Pattern

### Fingerless Gloves

With this pattern concept, you can design your own fingerless gloves!

#### Materials:

Yarn: Your choice – yardage varies with weight

Needle: Use sizes that are recommended on the yarn label or one that works best for your pattern stitch.

Gauge: This will vary with each yarn used, so make a swatch with the needles and yarn you will use. You will need to know how many stitches you have per inch.

#### Pattern:

You will be making two rectangles that should measure approximately 5 inches wide and at least 7 inches long.

Here are some tips for incorporating a pattern:

1. For a 1x1 ribbing, cast on an odd number of stitches.
2. For a 2x2 ribbing, cast on a number of stitches that is divisible by 2 and not by 4.
3. For a lace pattern add 2 stitches and always knit the first and last stitch of every row.

#### An example:

*You have: Lace pattern over 8 stitches.*

*Gauge is 5 sts per inch*

*Calculate cast on:*

1. According to your gauge, you should cast on 25 sts.  
--  $5 \text{ (sts per inch)} \times 5 \text{ in (glove width needed)} = 25 \text{ sts}$
2. According to your pattern stitch, you should have a number divisible by 8, so consider 24 sts.  
--  $24 \text{ divided by } 8 = 3 \rightarrow \text{needs to be divisible}$
3. Add two stitches for a lace pattern,  
--  $24 + 2 = 26 \rightarrow \text{You will cast on } \underline{26 \text{ stitches.}}$

Once you have calculated the number of stitches to cast on, work until the glove measures at least 7" from the beginning. Bind off loosely.

To finish: Sew up along the 7" side, leaving at least a 1" opening for your thumb.

## Specialty Classes

### February

Does a fast project with large needles and bulky yarn sound good to you? If you're interested in a fun project that offers a quick reward, consider joining us for a felting class. We are hosting a beginning knitter level and intermediate/advanced knitter level class. **Advance registration is required.**

#### Felting – Beginner Knitter Level

Class Date: Saturday morning, February 14<sup>th</sup>

Class Times: 8:30-11:00am

Class Cost: \$20 + supplies

Class Description: You will have the option of choosing between three different projects: a clutch for your purse, a cell phone holder, or coasters. Choose to stripe your project, add a fun novelty yarn, or just keep it simple.

#### Felting – Intermediate/Advanced Knitter Level

Class Date: Saturday morning, February 28<sup>th</sup>

Class Time: 8:30-11:00am

Class Cost: \$20 + supplies

Class Description: You will have the option of choosing between two different projects: a totally seamless French Market bag with integrated handles or a polka-dot purse perfect for gifting wine or to use as a handbag.

### March

A sneak peak to get you prepared a month ahead! In March, we are exploring the Mobius. This beautiful accessory can be worn several different ways, and makes a wonderful addition to any outfit. You will learn all you need in one class, which will be offered throughout the month, so there is sure to be a date that will suit you!

There will be more demonstrations and classes scheduled in March, so keep an eye on our website for more updates!

*When you participate in a class at the Knook, you will receive a 10% discount on all purchases the day of the class!*



“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”

Romans 12:2