



Knit Wits

Monthly Newsletter



Children's Knook

From the Owners

Happy New Year! We are kicking the new year off with *lots* of classes, and new yarns will be arriving soon!

We would like to encourage you to share your ideas with us – which yarns and supplies would you like to see, what classes would you like to take, what can we do better for you? We value your insights and suggestions so that we may serve you better.

Our second annual knitting retreat will be the first weekend of February. We will be traveling to Sandbridge Beach for a 3 night stay in an incredible house that sleeps 28 guests. The list is currently full but we are just starting a waiting list. For more information, please feel free to contact us!

As a reminder, we will be closed New Year's Day.

We recently discovered that we are unable to add any more contacts to our email list through our internet provider. So, we are changing/updating our newsletter email distributor. If you have provided us your email, but did not receive this newsletter via email, please take a moment to visit our web page to re-sign up for the newsletter. Thank you and we apologize for the inconvenience.

Demonstration

This demonstration will last approximately ½ hour and is designed to introduce you to concepts that will hopefully assist, encourage, and inspire you.

Fixing Common Knitting Mistakes

We will demonstrate how to fix dropped stitches and incomplete stitches, how and when to tinker ('knit' backwards), when to frog it (rip-it, rip-it), how to correct yarn over's and decreases, and more.

January 8th and/or 9th 10:00am

New Return Policy

Returns must be made within
60 days of purchase.



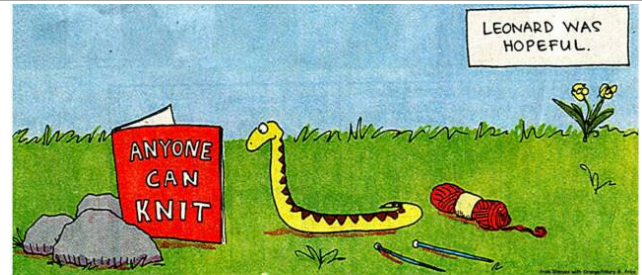
Yarn of the Month is...

Zara by Fibra Natura

This high quality merino wool from Tahki Stacy Charles has a heavenly feel. Zara has the ease of superwash care, so it is appropriate for even the smallest member of the family. The inherent spring in this yarn helps you maintain incredibly even tension, and it is a joy to work with. Enjoy a 20% discount during the month of January on all colors (including Zara Chine) filling our shelves*. Pick out a project for dk weight yarn (#3), and head on down to pick your colorway before someone else does!

*in stock only

This month, ALL ROWAN Books 25% off!



Product Spotlight

Akapana by Mirasol

Akapana is 65% baby llama, 25% alpaca, and 10% Donegal. A wonderful feel and a light worsted weight



make this yarn perfect for scrumptious scarves and elegant garments. How are these two animals different? The llama is roughly twice the size of the alpaca, and the llama has a very coarse outer coat over a softer inner coat - as opposed to the alpaca, which has a very fine, single coat. In addition, the llama produces far less fiber per animal than the alpaca, despite its much larger size. Both are friendly and curious, and they do spit!

Tips and Tricks

1. A needle threader is a very handy tool for running in ends.
2. Before beginning your project with a new circular needle, dip the cord (not the tips) of your circular into boiling water. This will take the 'coil' out of the cord, making it supple and easier to work with.
3. When crocheting, always work under both loops unless the pattern states otherwise. This will strengthen your project and make it look smooth.

January's Specialty Classes

1. Portuguese Knitting 101

Date(s): Monday, January 11th 6-7:30pm OR
Saturday, January 16th 1-2:30pm

Description: This method of knitting is *the* solution to cramped, arthritic, numb, and even fumbly hands and fingers. You will learn the Portuguese Knitting style while covering basics such as the knit and purl stitch, increasing, decreasing, and binding off. This is a *wonderful and useful* technique to have in your repertoire of skills.

Materials: size 8 or 9 needles and worsted yarn
Cost: \$15

2. Portuguese Knitting 201

Date(s): Monday, January 25th 6-7:30pm
Saturday, January 30th 1-2:30pm

Description: Go beyond the basics as we introduce colorwork and cabling with the Portuguese method.

Materials: size 8 or 9 needles and worsted yarns
Cost: \$15

3. Socks

Date(s): Thursdays, January 14th, 21st, 28th OR
Saturdays, January 16th, 23rd, 30th

Time(s): Thursdays 5:30-8:30pm
Saturdays 9:00am-noon

Description: Choose the method you want to learn – double points, magic loop, two circular, or in the round – and let's make a sock! During this 3-session class you should be able to complete the first sock of your pair. Warning – they're addictive!

Cost: \$30 (not including supplies)

4. Knit One Below

Date: Monday, January 4th OR
Saturday, January 9th 9-10:30am

Description: Colorwork is easy with this new technique. You will be working with two colors at once, and will definitely be impressed with how simple this new skill is! We will be making the Inside Out scarf which features a purled loop bind off.

Cost: \$15, not including supplies

5. Beginning Knitting

Date: Monday, January 25th
Time: 6-7:30pm

Description: You will learn how to do the basic stitches, cast on, and more. We provide the supplies you need to introduce you to knitting. If you would like to start a project, we will have time to get you going!

Cost: \$15

Some Notes About Classes at the Knook

1. Preregistration is required
2. We require a 4 person minimum to host a class
3. Attendees must be at least 6 yrs of age
4. You will enjoy a 10% discount on all purchases for the day when attending a class

“ I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world! ”

John 16:33

Looking Ahead February's Classes

Design your Own Sweater – A Workshop

Dates: Monday evenings, February 8th, 15th, and 22nd

Time: 6-8:00pm

Cost: \$45

Materials: Bring a notebook, pencil, calculator, and be ready for some math!

Description: Come learn about the basic construction of sweaters as we will guide you through the design process. We will cover concepts such as how to calculate yardage, measure your body properly, determine ease, and select which fiber to use. We will discuss the importance and use of your gauge. Attending this workshop will give you the knowledge you need to alter patterns to fit your body – after all, that is why we make custom garments!

Learn to Felt

Dates: Saturday, February 13th and 27th

Time: 9 – 11:00am

Cost: \$15 (not including supplies)

Materials: Varies per project

Description: Choose your own project to felt ~ a purse, a pair of slippers, a flower, a hat ~ whatever you desire. We will meet on the 13th for class to begin your project, and then when you return on the 27th, we will travel to the laundry mat in Stuarts Draft and literally show you how to felt! This is a perfect class to do with your young knitter!