



Knit Wits

Monthly Newsletter



Children's Knook

From the Owners

June brings many reasons to celebrate... school is out, the weather is warm, the garden is planted, the flowers are blooming, and VACATIONS ABOUND!!! Make sure you make a pit stop at the Knook to get that project ready to travel with you. We have some unique and beautiful project ideas that travel well and don't take up too much room in the suitcase. ☺



In case you aren't traveling in June, here are some fun events right in the middle of the month:

June 18th – International picnic day

June 19th – Father's day

June 21st – First day of summer!!!!

These are good reasons to take time to spend with loved ones and enjoy the beautiful weather that this season brings.

Speaking of vacations, Jane and Jessica will be out of town from June 23rd to July 4th. But don't worry, the shop will remain open!

June's Featured Yarn Is...

Ruca

By Araucania

This dk weight, 100% sugar viscose yarn has a magnificent flow and drape. The lustrous sheen and incredible softness make this yarn irresistible. Available in solid and multi colors, you're sure to find one you will love.



Enjoy a 25% discount all month long!



Take time to browse through this book dedicated to Ruca. Find a project that you love, get the yarn, and the book is yours at a whopping **30% discount!**



JUNE kicks off our very first knit along!

Entwined

This project is knit in one piece and features knit and purl stitches, I-cords, and a picot bind off. It's great over a tank top on a cool evening. This project takes about 600 yards of a worsted weight yarn and a size 9 needle. The pattern is provided free, and you

will receive a 10% discount on any purchase made at JJ's for this project. If you are interested in participating, we will be meeting at the Knook every other Thursday evening beginning June 2nd. We will meet the first and third Thursdays through the summer. If you would like to see a completed sample, just stop by the Knook to try one on!



Get Ready, Get Set, SALE!!!

It's that time of year again for our HUGE summer sale. This is a week-long event, so be sure to make plans to visit us!

July 18th – 23rd

More details will follow in next month's newsletter.

*"With God all things are possible."
Matthew 19:26*

June Demonstrations

Portuguese Knitting

Date: June 11th

Time: 1pm

Cost: FREE

Details: Jane will demonstrate knitting basics using the Portuguese style. This technique has literally been in existence since the time of Christopher Columbus, and it takes all the pressure from your hands. This is a great technique to learn and use if you find that you have hand cramps, numbness, and can even help those with carpal tunnel or arthritis.



Embellishments

Date: June 18th

Time: 1pm

Cost: FREE

Details: Let us show you some unique ways to embellish simple projects to make them spectacular! We will demo how to incorporate beads, use some simple embroidery stitches, and needle felt onto a completed project. These simple tools are a great addition to your arsenal of skills!

There will be a sign up sheet at the end of each demonstration. If you are interested in taking a class related to the demo topic, be sure to leave your name and contact information.

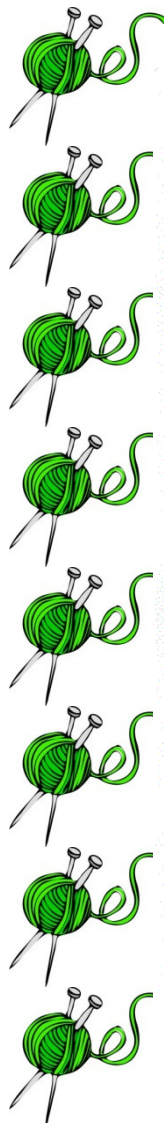
July's Workshop

The February Lady Sweater

This sweater is a hit sensation from Ravelry! It looks good on all body shapes and in many different yarns. The sweater is worked from the top down, so it is a perfect project for the enthusiastic beginner and an interesting knit for the more advanced! This workshop will be a four session class in which we address the importance of proper fit and how (and where) to make pattern adjustments, and much, much more. The pattern features a garter stitched yoke with a beginner-level lace bodice. This will surely be a go-to sweater in your wardrobe. Use a wonderful cotton yarn for Spring/Summer or a nice wool or wool blend for Fall/Winter. Fair warning, many knitters have made more than one! The workshop will be four Saturdays in July: the 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th. We know that vacations may interrupt your schedule, but we are willing to set times for make-up sessions. For more details, or to register for this workshop, give us a call! 540-337-3770



All Jokes on the Side...



The Progressive Procrastinations of a Knitter:

Row 1. I'll just cast on, then start supper. **2.** I'll just do the ribbing to get through my least favorite part. **3.** I'll just put it on the larger needles. **4.** I'll just do a few rows to see the pattern. **5.** Just to the next increase (decrease) so I don't forget to do it. **6.** I'm almost to the underarm decrease — may as well.... **7.** I'll just cast on the sleeves. **Rows 8-12.** Repeat Rows 2-6. **13.** I'll just put the sleeves onto the body. **14.** Just to the first yoke decrease. **15.** Just through the first pattern to see it. **16.** So few stitches left, I'll whiz through the neck. **17.** Two inches of ribbing and cast off — I can do that quickly. **18.** I'll just try it on. **19.** I'll just get out the needles and yarn for the next project.

Rep Rows 1-19 for pattern.

This pattern can begin on any Row 1-19; however, the beginning row must end with "then start supper."

A variation of the pattern will produce similar results if Row 1 ends on "then I'll go to bed."

Abbreviated versions include "Just one more round," "Just to the marker," and "I prefer to end on a knit (purl) row."

Gauges and swatches are an excellent insertion, but only between the first and second repeat.

—Carol Delaney
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