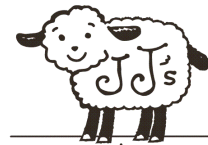




Knit Wits

Monthly Newsletter



Children's Knook

From the Owners

We are in, and boy are we excited! We can't thank everyone enough for your encouragement, support, and help with this new venture. We can't wait to welcome each of you!

Come take advantage of our Open House Event on **Friday, May 1st**. On this day, we will have extended hours until 8pm, and you will be able to purchase one item of your choice at a 30% discount! It's the perfect time to purchase that luxurious hank of yarn, new project bag, or something to spoil your best friend. Feel free to bring a project, pull up a chair, and enjoy some refreshments and fellowship.

Announcing....

Summer Camp – for Kids!

Start making plans to join us for a summer knitting day camp! All camps are open to youth from age 8. The camp fee covers all supplies and lunch will be provided each day.

The first camp will kick off the week after July 4th, and is geared for beginners. They will learn the basics of how to cast on, knit, purl, and bind off while *completing* a project during the week span.

The second camp will be for those who already know the basics, and will be the week of July 13th. The project will offer a little more challenge, but still be able to be completed within the week.

More details will follow in the June edition of Knit Wits, and as always, feel free to call for more information!

Product Spotlight

Yo-yo makers have arrived! These contraptions make very unique fabric shapes that can be used in various applications. We now stock different shapes and sizes.

May's Featured Yarn

Rowan's Natural Silk Aran

This yarn is truly beautiful! It is the perfect yarn for a garment for Spring or Summer. A blend of silk, cotton, and viscose makes it a very classy and sophisticated yarn.

You are sure to find patterns in Rowan's Natural Silk Aran dedicated book, Mother and Baby, to be perfect for the expectant mother, the new mother, and the beautiful little addition.

The weight of this yarn is perfect for all types of garments!

Come see the colors before they are gone!

Natural Silk Aran is discounted 25%.

Demonstrations

Demonstrations will last approximately ½ hour and are designed to introduce you to concepts that will hopefully assist, encourage, and inspire you.

Sock Knitting Methods

Date: Saturday, May 9th and 23rd

Time: 1:00pm

Description: We will demonstrate how to knit socks using the double point method, the Magic Loop method, and the 2-circular method.

We will also demonstrate a popular cast on for toe-up socks and discuss the three main types of toe-up heels that are used in patterns.



Something New at The Knook...

The Swap Box

Have a yarn, bring a yarn. Need a yarn, take a yarn! The Swap Box will provide you the opportunity to exchange that yarn you've been stashing for another yarn that you have been longing for. ☺

You may just find that one special yarn you have been searching for!



Free Pattern
Father's Day Gift Idea
Golf Club Cover

Notes:

- The cover is knitted back and forth on straight needles.
- The pattern is written to include a cable panel. (If you do not want to do a cable, simply work in stockinette on 50 stitches *after* initial 9" ribbing.)
- You can change yarn colors and stripe the cover to match your husband's favorite team or school.

Materials: Worsted weight yarn
Size 4 needle, or size needed to obtain gauge

Gauge: 28 sts and 24 rows to 4"

Pattern:

Cast on 36 sts. Work in k1, p1 ribbing for 9 inches. Increase 14 sts evenly across last WS row (50 sts). Then continue as follows:

Row 1: (Right Side): K20, p2, C6B, p2, k 20.

Row 2: (Wrong Side): P20, k2, p6, k2, p20.

Row 3: K 20 sts, p2, k6, p2, k20.

Row 4: Repeat Row 2.

Rep these 4 rows 8 more times (36 rows total). Cut yarn, leaving an 18" end for sewing. Thread yarn end and slip each st separately from knitting needle onto yarn; gather the sts tightly and secure end.

If you did not work the cable, you can stitch numbers onto the cover using the duplicate stitch (1, 3, or 5), centering numbers in the stockinette section.

Sew back seam. Attach a pom-pom or tassel to top of cover.

Abbreviations:

Stockinette – Knit all sts on right side, Purl all sts on wrong side

Sts – stitches

K – knit

P - purl

C6B – cable 6 back: sl first 3 sts onto cable needle and hold to back.

Knit 3 sts then knit 3 from cable needle.



“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”

Romans 12 : 9-15

Tips and Tricks

1. When a pattern says ‘pick up and knit’, you do not pick up the stitch and then knit it. Simply pick up the stitch *as to* knit. For a smooth transition, when you have completed picking up your stitches, purl across the wrong side, and then begin your pattern on the right side.
2. Laughter each day laughing lowers blood pressure, reduces stress hormones, and boosts immune function. Laughter also triggers the release of endorphins, the body's natural painkillers, and produces a general sense of well-being. Just fifteen minutes of laughter each day will make you lose 4.5 pounds in one year. Make time for giggles! Be joyful!

May's Specialty Class

Preregistration required.

Sweater Workshop

Class Date(s): Saturday: May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd
Monday: May 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

Class Time(s): Saturday mornings 9:00-11:00
Monday evenings 5:30-7:30

Class Cost: \$50 + supplies

Class Supplies: DK weight yarn

Crochet hook and waste yarn

24" circular needle in size 4 and 6
1 stitch holder

4 ring markers (2 each of 2 colors)

Class Description: Join us for either the Saturday or Monday class to learn how to make this wonderful top down garment. You will learn how to do a provisional cast on, how to complete short row shaping, and how to alter the pattern to suit your personal taste. This is a sweater that looks very well on everyone that has tried it on. Call for more details. Spaces are filling up, so register today!

June's Specialty Class

Fair Isle Knitting using the 2-Handed Technique

No bobbins, no twisting, no tangles! Once you master this technique, colorwork will not be so daunting. We will be making a sampler purse using the 2-Handed Technique by Anne Bourgeoise. This will be a 4-hour class, which will include lunch. You only need to bring yourself and your size 8-16" circular needle! The rest will be supplied!