



Class Schedule Winter 2012

Classes at the Tucson Yarn Company are a great way to learn new techniques and have fun with other knitters. Register in person or by telephone (229-YARN) to hold your reservation, payment is due at the time of registration. All classes are held in our classroom at the shop, 6330 N.Oracle, Suite D-242. We reserve the right to cancel a class due to insufficient enrollment. For full class descriptions go to www.tucsonyarn.com. **Sorry, no make up sessions or credit for missed classes.**

Knit A-longs (KAL) (free of charge)

Join us for a new Knit Along Program at Tucson Yarn Co. Each month there will be a variety of new projects to knit in a friendly, social setting hosted by a TYC staff member. KAL sessions start at 9am (an hour prior to shop opening). Spend two hours working on the KAL project each week, meet fellow knitters, and be inspired! When you register for a KAL, you'll receive a coupon for a discount on the project materials you choose. Please remember this is not an instruction class, but rather a hosted knitting event. Most KAL series run 3-4 weeks but we're planning some special topic KALs for beginners, quick knit projects, and gift knitting so check out the latest KAL along projects in the shop each month. Make a date with yourself for productive and fun knitting!

Tuesdays, January 10, 17, 24	9-11am Focus on Afghans
Wednesdays, January 11, 18, 25	9-11am The Bono Kimono Jacket
Wednesday NIGHT January 11, 18, 25	5-7pm Un-Finished Object Workshop (UFO)

Knit Ins \$10 session or \$50 for 10-session punch card

- Mondays 10:30am-12noon
- Wednesdays 2-3:30pm
- Fridays 12noon-1:30pm

Need some assistance on a project that's stuck? Want to share some knitting time around the table with other knitters? Knit-Ins are for you! The Knit Doctor is **in** during these hours where you'll be able to get that little extra help to get the project done. Take advantage of savings when you purchase a Knit-In card with 10 sessions (there's no expiration date) and you can drop in for Knit-Ins when you're ready.

Knitting 101: Beginning Knitting \$50

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21 10:30am-12noon
- Thursdays, March 8, 15, 22 10:30am-12noon
- Fridays, April 13, 20, 27 10:30am-12noon

Jump into knitting now with this fast track to learning the fundamentals of knitting. Learn the basic nuts and bolts (casting on, knitting, purling, increasing, decreasing), how to read a pattern, and how to select the perfect yarn for your project. Emphasis here is on helping you become a successful and relaxed knitter. Great for returning knitters, too! (*Suggested text: Knitter's Companion by Vicki Square*)

Prerequisites: None

Materials: #8 or #9 straight needles
4 oz. worsted weight yarn in light color
paper and pencil

Beginning Crochet \$50

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21 1-2:30pm
- Fridays, March 9, 16, 23 10:30am-12noon

Start your crochet career right with the basics. Pattern reading, yarn selection, and gauge are also covered. This is even a terrific refresher if your crochet skills are a bit rusty-you'll make a swatch samples for your future reference as you work through the basics of single, double, treble crochet and granny squares.

Materials: crochet hook size H or I
plain worsted weight yarn in light color
Crocheter's Companion

Passport to Freeform Knitting/Crochet \$65

3 sessions: 90 minutes

- Thursdays, February 9, 16, 23 1-3pm
- Tuesdays, March 6, 13, 20 1-3pm

Ready for a creative stretch? If you know how to knit AND crochet, you're in for the ultimate creative boost in our new series, Passport to Freeform! Some call it freeform, some say scrumbling, but either way, you'll learn the basics of this exciting new pattern-less way to create spectacular texture/color/surfaces you can apply to accessories or garments. We'll approach this like a game to make your creative leap less scary, fiber treasure packs will be available for purchase from the instructor or you can bring your own mix of stash to work with. Future freeform playdates will follow for those who have completed this basic course.

Prerequisites: knitting skills & crochet skills

Materials: At least 5 yarns in a coordinated palette (mix of weights and textures-fuzzy, smooth, thin, thick)

3 sizes of knitting needles appropriate to your yarn choices

3 sizes of crochet hooks appropriate to your yarn choices

Freeform Crochet & Beyond by Renate Kirkpatrick strongly recommended

Freeform Playdate (NEW!) \$15

Freeformistas unite! In these Freeform Playdates, expect serendipity, surprises, swaps, show and tell and lots of new ideas to push your freeform knitting and crochet to new levels. We'll play the Passport to Freeform game that you started in the original introductory course and consider it a studio session set aside just for freeform work.

- Wednesday, February 22 10:30am-12:30pm
- Saturday, March 10 11am-1pm

Prerequisites: Passport to Freeform or experience with freeform/scrumbling
knitting skills & crochet skills

Materials: Bring your stash and appropriate needles/hooks

Map Your Knitting \$30

1 session: 90 minutes

- Wednesday, February 8 10:30am-12noon
- Saturday, March 3 10:30am-12noon
- Tuesday, April 10 10:30am-12noon

You can't take a road trip without a good map, why try to knit without a good "map" of your pattern? In this unique non-knitting workshop, learn how to create a map for any pattern to simplify your project. Row by row preparation helps to make even complex directions more clear. If you've ever spent more time figuring out where you are in your knitting than you spent knitting, this will make your knitting time more productive and enjoyable and SUCCESSFUL. Cyd's original book *Mapping Your Knitting* is included. A TYC exclusive!

Prerequisites: basic knitting skills

Materials: paper/pencil

Yarnopoly \$30

1 session: 2 hours

- Wednesday, February 15 10:30am-12:30pm
- Thursday, March 22 1-3pm
- Saturday, April 14 10:30am-12:30pm

Part game show, part yarn-play, this workshop will have you selecting and substituting yarns like a pro. Once and for all sharpen your skill when it comes to knowing the answer to "can I make this with that?" Work out real yarn shopping "challenges" and have fun doing it. No knitting in this one, but we'll "use" the TYC stash to play with as you make sense out of fiber content, gauge, and what the heck patterns mean when they tell you what kind of yarn to knit with. Fun, unique and nowhere else but TYC! Cyd's *Yarnopoly* book is included.

Prerequisites: all levels of knitters/crocheters

Materials: thinking cap, common sense & sense of humor
calculator/pencil

Shortcut to Short Rows (NEW CLASS TIMES ADDED!) \$30

2 sessions: 90 minutes

- Mondays, January 30, February 6 12:30-2pm
- Wednesdays, February 1, 8 12noon-1:30pm

Short rows in knitting create wonderful and unexpected shaping possibilities in all sorts of projects, especially scarves and shawls. In this class, you'll get a great introduction into how short rows work, how to create short rows without those pesky holes, and even how to follow the mysterious instruction "wrap and turn". The "Just Enough Ruffles" scarf is a great accessory and will have you making short work of short rows!

Prerequisites: strong basic knitting skills

Materials: 360 yards of worsted weight yarn that is blockable (should be primarily natural fiber-not acrylic)
Circular needle to obtain gauge (pattern calls for a US9 at least 47" long)
Cosmicpluto Pattern "Just Enough Ruffles" available for purchase at TYC

Introduction to Magic Loop Knitting in the Round (NEW!) \$20

1 session: 90 minutes

- Monday, January 9 12:30-2pm

Curious about Magic Loop knitting that lets you skip the double point needles and makes knitting in a tube shape a snap? This class will show you how to use a single long circular instead of those pesky double points for whipping up hats, sleeves, and even socks! To get you started, we'll be making a cute little drawstring bag perfect for carrying small treasures or use as a little gift bag.

Prerequisites: basic knitting skills

Materials: worsted weight yarn (about 100 yards)
Circular needle size 7 or 8 in 32" or 40" length
Stitch marker

Ripple Beret (NEW!) \$30

2 sessions: 90 minutes

- Tuesdays, January 10, 17 3-4:30pm

Hats are great practical projects for knitters of all levels. Take a swing at knitting in the round with a little bit of flair as you work through this classic beret pattern. We'll use an Oat Couture Pattern (AC-30) that features a ripple beret with a matching scarf and cover the basics of hat construction. Finish with double points or magic loop as you complete decreases to close the top and add a decorative tab top.

Prerequisites: strong basic knitting skills

Materials: worsted weight yarn (250 yards for hat, additional yarn required for scarf)
Oat Couture pattern AC-30 available for purchase at TYC
Circular needles size 5 & 8 16" length, double point needles size 8 (or long circular 8 for magic loop method)

Fabulous Felted Slippers: Duffers (NEW CLASS TIMES ADDED!) \$30

2 sessions: 90 minutes

- Thursdays, February 6, 13 3-4:30pm

They've taken Ravelry by storm and we've fallen in love with these delightful little felted slippers that are perfect for all ages. Make them plain or jazz 'em up with embellishments of all sorts-there's only 19 rows of knitting with bulky weight yarn that gets felted to make cozy slippers. Learn the fabulous Judy's Magical Cast On to make the start easy, learn all about the felting process, and finish it off with some brainstorming and samples of innovative embellishment to make yours one-of-a-kind.

Prerequisites: strong basic knitting skills

Materials: bulky weight yarn that felts - 2 colors 125 yds. each - total 250 yards (we recommend Lamb's Pride Bulky)
Size 11 circular needles 24" (**two circular needles needed for Magic Loop Method, but they don't have to be the same length**)
Pattern to be purchased BEFORE class on www.ravelry.com (please purchase the **Duffers Revised version** and bring printout to class-TYC does NOT have copies available)

Knitting From Charts the EZ Way (NEW!) \$35

2 sessions: 90 minutes

- Saturdays, March 3, 10 3-4:30pm

Knitting from charts makes lace, cables, and color knitting a breeze. Get the inside track on how charts "work", how they can make your knitting easier to keep track of and in the end, make it easier to follow all sorts of pattern instructions. Whether you knit socks and shawls or lace and cables (or just want to!) this non-knitting class will have you jumping into charts of all types and will really clarify the symbols, the logic,

and the reading of them. Includes lots of hands-on work with a variety of chart forms and ushers you through a terrific guide, *Charts Made Simple* by J.C. Briar.

Prerequisites: basic knitting skills

Materials: non-knitting class, bring paper and pencil to make notes

Charts Made Simple by J.C. Briar required (available for purchase at TYC)

Web Wonders: An Intro to Ravelry, Knitty, and Internet Resources for Knitters \$20

1 sessions: 90 minutes

(NEW CLASS TIMES ADDED!)

- Wednesday, February 1 10:30am-12noon

Did you know the Internet is a treasure trove of information, patterns, advice, and how-to for knitters and crocheters? Did you know that over one million knitters/crocheters call Ravelry their knitting home for all things related to their favorite obsession? The Internet offers up great info 24/7 to knitters around the world with free patterns, terrific videos, comprehensive reference tools, and handy tips all at your fingertips. Don't miss this great interactive introduction to how you can tap into the goodies on the Internet. Learn how ravelry.com can make your knitting more exciting and productive, clarify mistakes in patterns, teach you almost anything you want to know, and give you a multitude of ways to link to a huge community of fellow knitters/crocheters. Prepare to be amazed!

Prerequisites: none

Materials: paper/pencil

Bring a laptop or iPad with wifi if you'd like to surf along, but it's not required for class

Pattern Sense \$30

1 session: 90 minutes

- Tuesday, January 24 10:30am-12noon
- Thursday, April 12 10:30am-12noon

"I can knit and purl but can't follow a pattern." Sound familiar? In this class, we'll leave the knitting needles behind and just focus on taking the mystery out of reading and interpreting patterns. Pick the right size, understand gauge, and make sense of decreasing schemes they always toss in! Brief review of finishing strategies, blocking, and care of knitted garments.

Prerequisites: basic knitting skills

Materials: paper, pencil, tape measure, calculator

your favorite tank top or tee shirt for measuring

Finishing Fast: Simple Seams \$25

1 session: 90 minutes

- Tuesday, January 24 1-2:30pm
- Friday, February 10 10:30am-12noon
- Saturday, March 3 1-2:30pm

You've finished the sweater, now the fun part – finishing it! Don't wing it! Learn four methods of creating the perfect final finish for seams. Perfect your technique on small swatches and then go finish your UFO's (unfinished objects). **Bring 5 small stockinette stitch swatches (two with live stitches on the needles) in light color worsted weight yarn – this is what you'll be seaming together.** Mattress stitch, three needle bind off included: see registration form for more details.

Prerequisites: basic knitting skills

Materials: **Five stockinette stitch swatches of 20 stitches each (approx. 4" of knitting) – two should be on your needles, three should be bound off – light color worsted yarn strongly suggested**

Bent-tip tapestry needle & scissors

Fearless Knitting Part I \$50

3 sessions: 90 minutes

- Tuesdays, March 6, 13, 20 10:30am-12noon

A great next step in your knitting career! In **Part I** we'll demystify more complex knitting skills and break you out of "scarf-land". Explore the ins and outs of knit and purl patterns, knitting from stitch charts (yes, you can!), how to conquer increasing/decreasing techniques and even get into basic cables-master it with swatches! Jennifer Seiffert will be our guide as we'll start working our way through the exercises in her new book, ***Fearless Knitting, The Step by Step Guide to Knitting Confidence.***

Materials: *Fearless Knitting* by Jennifer Seiffert (available for purchase at TYC)

Worsted weight wool yarn in a light or medium color (no variegated or mohair)

Size 7 or 8 needles for the swatches

Fearless Knitting Part II \$50

3 sessions: 90 minutes

- Saturdays, February 4, 11, 18 3-4:30pm

In **Part II**, the journey continues as we get into a bit of “hole-y” knitting (yarnovers and lace), how to decipher lace charts, and even making a small cabled hat with circulars and double point needles. Fearless knitters can knit anything! **Fearless Knitting Part I required before Fearless Knitting II.**
Materials: *Fearless Knitting* by Jennifer Seiffert (available for purchase at TYC)
Worsted weight wool yarn in a light or medium color (no variegated or mohair)
Size 7 or 8 needles for the swatches

***Together Forever: Kitchener Stitch & 3-Needle Bind Off Unraveled* \$20**

1 session: 90 minutes

- Monday, February 13 1-2:30pm

Call it *Grafiing* or *Kitchener Stitch*, getting it right can make or break your project finish. Get it down pat once and for all and then learn how to do the nifty 3-needle bind off method as a bonus. **Bring four swatches on needles to practice on: Cast on 24 stitches, work at least 4” worth of stockinette stitch on each swatch (K one row, P one row). Worsted weight on an appropriate size needle is best.**

Prerequisites: basic knitting skills

Materials: swatches knit before class (see above)
bent tip tapestry needle

***Sock It To Me: Socks on Circulars* \$50**

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Fridays, January 13, 20, 27 10:30am-12noon
- Saturdays, February 4, 11, 18 10:30am-12noon
- Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 21 10:30am-12noon

Self-striping yarns and good old circular needles simplify sock knitting. From cuff to toe, the simple sock is transformed into a beautiful accessory. This technique is also great for sleeve knitting! Cyd’s pattern book and step-by-step guide is included. Most people finish one sock in class and get a start on the second one. **Very strong basic knitting skills required.** Pattern booklet included. (Suggested text: Sensational Socks by Charlotte Schurch)

Prerequisites: **Very strong knitting skills** including cast-on, ribbing (1x1), ssk

Materials: pattern & booklet provided in class
two 24” circular needles in size for gauge (#1 or #2) **Cyd strongly suggests one Addi Turbo and one Addi Turbo Lace needle**
400 yards of sock weight yarn (fingering)
locking stitch markers

***Toe Up Socks* \$35**

2 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Tuesdays, February 7, 14 3-4:30pm
- Mondays, March 5, 12 12noon-1:30pm

Knitting socks toe-up is a great way to get socks that fit! Ava shows you an easy way to get going with cast-on at the toe, gradual increasing and short row heels. **This course assumes you already can knit in the round either with double points or two circular needles. Very strong basic knitting skills required.**

Materials: pattern provided in class
double point needles OR two 24” circular needles in size for gauge (#1 or #2)
400 yards of sock weight yarn (fingering)
locking stitch markers

***Wonderful Wallaby: A Kid-size Hoodie Sweater* \$50**

4 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Thursdays, February 9, 16, 23, March 1 10:30-12noon

An oldie but goodie, this hoodie sweater is a perennial favorite of kids and adults, and the folks who knit for them. Knit in the round, there is almost no finishing. Lots of opportunities to play with color, too. We’ll take it step-by-step on a kid’s size 2 or 4 (we want to get it done!) and then you’re set to take on a bigger size (sizes for the whole family included in pattern book). Many techniques lend themselves to other projects.

Prerequisites: Strong basic knitting skills, experience knitting in the round helpful

Materials: Wonderful Wallaby booklet (available for purchase at TYC)
Worsted weight yarn for size 2 or size 4 sweater as per pattern
Circular needles (24”) appropriate for gauge (usually #6 & #8)

***Beginning Lace* \$50**

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Wednesdays, January 11, 18, 25 10:30am-12noon

Take the leap into lace! Learn the basics of decoding charts, “reading” your knitting, lifelines, and making yarn-overs behave! No itty-bitty needles and lace yarn here, we’ll start on DK or worsted weight and big needles to get you going. Start with swatching, then start a simple lace scarf in week two. Cyd’s booklet *Beginning Lace* is included

Prerequisites: strong basic knitting skills including yarn overs, decreasing, increasing
Materials: Fiber Trends Easy Lace Scarves & Wraps(available for purchase @TYC)
DK or worsted weight for swatches – DK weight for scarf in week two
needle appropriate for yarn (#6-#8)

My First Garment: The Albion Vest

\$50

3 sessions: 90 minutes

- Thursdays, March 1, 8, 15 1-2:30pm

Finished with beginning knitting and looking for a good place to start your garment knitting career? This is the perfect project, The Albion Vest. Written clearly, it uses some typical garment shaping and will help you sharpen your pattern reading skills, introduce you to mapping, basic finishing, and deliver a great little vest perfect for layering.

Prerequisites: basic knitting skills (Knitting 101)

Materials: Oat Couture Albion Vest Pattern (available at TYC)
Yardage in worsted or bulky weight yarn for your size (see pattern)
Needle(s) to obtain gauge – can be long straights or 24” circulars
Bent tip tapestry needle
Graph paper for mapping

English to Continental \$30

1 session: 2 hours

- Monday, February 20 1-3pm
- Thursday, April 5 10:30am-12noon

If you’ve always wondered about knitting Continental style, this is the perfect chance to try it. Great to knit “both ways”, especially when you’re doing color work. Continental is also somewhat faster, but it is certainly easier to manage ribbing and lace knitting when you eliminate “throwing” the yarn between stitches. Great to reduce elbow/shoulder strain, too.

Prerequisites: basic knitting skills

Materials: DK or worsted weight yarn
needles appropriate to yarn, straights or circulars

Knitting from the Inside Out: Adventures in Knitting Circular Shapes (Pi Shawls) \$50

- Fridays, February 17, 24, March 2 10:30am-12noon

Some of the most interesting shawls and afghans are large circle shapes that begin in the center with just a few stitches and expand outward with virtually no purling!. Learn how to wrestle those double point needles under control as you explore the “easy” way to make a clean start in the middle and get onto circulars faster to let the real knitting joy begin! We’ll look at samples of Elizabeth Zimmerman’s famous Pi Shawl to give you ideas on designing your own round beauty (easier than you think!). In the last class you’ll get a chance to try a knitted on border to eliminate cast-off blues. Once you get started it can be as easy as Pi (pie)!

Materials: DK or fingering weight yarn 800-1500 yds depending on finished size
Double point needles in size7 or 8 (bamboo or wood only)
Circular needles size same as double points, 16”, 24” or 26” length
Elizabeth Zimmermann’s *Knitter’s Almanac* (available for purchase at TYC)
Paper, pencil, patience
Cyd’s project map included

Knitting-on-Your-Schedule

TYC teaching staff offers many of the above classes on an individual basis to fit your schedule. Fees are based on hourly \$25 rate.