

Jimmy Beans Wool Adult Classes- April 2015

Greetings!

We welcome all levels of knitters, crocheters, weavers, & spinners to join us in the shop for all activities and events! If you are an out-of-town customer visiting the area, please feel free to attend any of our classes, walk-in sessions or our **JBW Knit Nights! Knit Nights are on both the 2nd Thursday AND the 4th Thursday of each month from 6 – 8pm!** Bring your knitting, crocheting, weaving, spinning, tatting or whatever - we would love to include you!

General information

- **All classes are \$25 per person for 2 hours unless otherwise indicated.**
- Please register by the **day before the class you wish to take.** You may register over the phone. *Payment is due at registration. We can take credit cards over the phone.*
- **Classes without preregistered students are subject to cancellation.**
- Please be considerate of your classmates! **Purchase and prepare ALL materials BEFORE class** so you are fully prepared at the scheduled start time. **Classes begin promptly.**

If something you want to learn isn't offered as a scheduled class, we have **Personalized class times** available by reservation for Mondays & Wednesdays. We also have a list of private teachers. Please ask and we will be happy to put you in contact with an appropriate teacher. All private class arrangements, including location and cost will be negotiated between you and the teacher.

Children's classes: Children require more one-on-one help to be successful in learning fiber arts. We love helping kids learn and have several very good teachers who love working with kids. Please ask about classes for children.

For more information please call, locals - 775-827-9276, toll free – 1-877-529-5648 or email Terry at askTerry@jimmybeanswool.com

Free Drop-in Help Sessions:

Free-walk-in help times:

- Tuesday: From 11 am until 1 pm
- Thursday: From 11 am until 1 pm
- **Friday: From 3pm until 5 pm (continuing through April)**
- Sunday: From 2 pm until 4 pm

During these times we will have an instructor on hand to give you their full attention! These sessions are meant for project help and general instruction. This is **not** a good time for beginners, as there are many different requests that the teacher needs to address and a beginner will not get the attention needed to be really successful. If you are stuck on a project, need help getting a project started or mistakes fixed, have confusion about a pattern, need moral support, or whatever - bring your project! No RSVP needed, just show up!

(Note: We are always happy to help at anytime. Outside of these scheduled, free walk-in hours our staff may need to be helping other customers while they are also helping you with your project. Please be patient and we'll do our very best for you! And please remember we need to eat too and may not be able to extend sessions and classes past scheduled times.)

Class materials and prerequisites:

Materials are not included in the price for the classes unless specifically stated otherwise.

Please purchase ALL materials and have yarn wound into balls BEFORE class start time. Classes start promptly at the scheduled time.

101 Beginning Crochet Skills – 1st Saturday of each month - Learn all the basic skills of crochet from how to tension the yarn and the 6 basic stitches while we work samplers that can be used as coasters. If time allows we'll include how to crochet in the round.

Materials:

Light colored worsted weight wool yarn, not superwash.**

Crochet hook in size G, 7, or H.

****Note:** *If you have a sensitivity to wool, then a synthetic or cotton will work, as long as it isn't splitty. Please ask the retail staff to help you select an appropriate yarn. Your yarn will need to be in a skein or ball before you can knit or crochet. The retail staff will be happy to wind a hank into a ball for you before the class.*

Sock Lab! – 1st Saturday of each month - This is an **ongoing workshop/lab type class** in which you are free to experiment and learn the sock knitting process step-by-step, at your own pace. You may join this class at anytime no matter what stage you of your pattern. During this time you can learn the structure of a sock, how to read sock patterns, how to knit socks cuff down and/or toe up, using any or all of the different needle configurations used for knitting socks. You can also learn how to knit socks either one at a time or two at a time! If this is your very first sock, we recommend knitting a worsted weight sock on double points. On the other hand, if skinny yarn doesn't intimidate you, then you may choose fingering weight socks.

Materials:

200 - 300 yds of worsted weight yarn **OR** 400 - 450 yds of fingering weight yarn

US #5 or #6 needles for worsted weight **OR** US #1 or #2 for fingering weight

A basic sock pattern for the yarn weight and sock size you've chosen (we sell several)

Stitch markers

Prerequisites: How to cast on, knit, purl, and bind off. You will learn joining in the round, increases and decreases, among other skills.

101 Beginning Knitting Skills - 2nd Saturday of each month - Learn the basic skills of knitting – casting on, making knit stitches, making purl stitches, alternating between knits & purls, stockinette stitch, garter stitch and binding off, while we begin a sampler or set of coasters. Repeat this class until you feel ready to advance, then move on to Knitting 102 Beyond Knit & Purl.

Materials:

Light colored worsted weight wool yarn, not superwash.**

Straight or 24" circular needles in size US 7 or 8. Bamboo or wood is recommended as metal & plastic needles are slippery and can cause frustrations for beginners.

****Note:** *If you have a sensitivity to wool, then a synthetic or cotton will work as well as long as it isn't splitty. Please ask the retail staff to help you select an appropriate yarn. Your yarn will need to be in a skein or ball before you can knit or crochet. The retail staff will be happy to wind a hank into a ball for you before the class.*

Project of the Month - 2nd Saturday this month - For the first class of April we will **continue** to work on **Backshore** by Alicia Plummer. This will part 3 of this class. This relaxed fit, top down pullover has some simple yet lovely design elements and can be worked in stripes or a solid color. In this class you will learn top down sweater construction, 3 different types of increases, wraps & turns, the half linen stitch (aka woven stitch), and a stretchy bind off. This sweater is intended to be worn with 3"- 4" of positive ease at full bust. The sweater's finished bust sizes are: 33 [37, 41, 45, 49, 53]".

4th Saturday this month - For the second class in April we will be making **Felt Dryer Balls!** Felt Dryer Balls are a natural replacement for chemical laden dryer sheets. Adding them to your clothes dryer reduces drying time, softens clothes and reduce static. In this class we will assemble a number of dryer balls and you will have the option of using any of several different methods. You will then take them home to felt, using your washing machine or by boiling them in hot water. This is a great project to use up odd scraps of wool yarn, fabric, roving, or other natural protein fiber items.

Materials for Backshore:

DK weight yarn **Main Color (MC):** 425[460, 500, 600, 700, 800] yds **AND Contrast Color (CC1):** 400[500, 550, 650, 750,850] yds

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US #6 & #8 in both 24" & 16" circular needles, DPNs in US #6 & #8 may be needed for sleeves on smaller sizes.

5 stitch markers (one of which is unique)
darning needle

Prerequisites: Knitting 102 Beyond Knit & Purl or equivalent.

Homework for Backshore only: Swatch until you get gauge: 18 sts and 28 rows = 4"/10 cm in stockinette on US #8 needles. Please ask for assistance if you've never done a gauge swatch. We have a helpful video on our website too, [Knitting Instructional: How to Measure Your Gauge Correctly](#)

Materials for Felt Dryer Balls:

worsted weight 100% wool yarn
US #10 (6.0 mm) DPNs or 40" circular for magic loop (optional depending on style of dryer ball made)
US size J hook (6.0 mm) (optional depending on style of dryer ball made)
yarn needle
stitch marker
scrape wool yarn, fabric, (acrylic can be used but tends to make balls that are a little too light weight)
wool roving (optional depending on style of dryer ball made)
needle felting tools (optional)
old pantyhose, stockings, or nylon socks (for use during felting)
Your imagination & creativity!

Prerequisites: None but basic knitting and crocheting knowledge will be needed if you choose to try either of those two methods.

Focus on Technique - 3rd Saturday each month - Each month we'll focus on learning a new knitting or crochet technique. **This month** – Learn how to work **Short rows** using the wrap & turn method. If time permits we may explore other short row methods. We will be working swatches, placing the short rows in different positions for different effects.

Materials:

DK or worsted weight yarn in a light to medium color so you can see your stitches clearly
Needle(s) appropriate for your yarn weight
Stitch markers

Prerequisites:

Knitting 102 or equivalent

102 Knitting - Beyond Knit & Purl - 3rd Saturday each month- **Simple Swan Island Hat** - You've already learned how to cast on, knit, purl, alternate knit with purl and bind off. Now, you would like to make something beyond simple scarves! We have 2 versions of this free pattern – one for worsted weight and one for bulky weight.

Materials:

Swan Island Hat or Bulky Swan Island Hat (both available on the Free Pattern page of our website)
Worsted or bulky yarn of your choice.
16" circular & double point needles suggested for your pattern or the one that gives you gauge
Stitch markers

Prerequisites: Must know how cast on, knit, purl, alternate between knit & purl and bind off.

Knitting Lab - 4th Saturday each month – This month – How to Weave in Ends Invisibly Learn how to hide yarn ends invisibly and make them just as stretchy as your knitted fabric so that they won't work their way out easily or show on the front! This same technique can also be used to create colorful designs and work minor repairs on your knitted items!

Homework before coming to class:

Knit loosely in stockinette stitch (*knit on right side, purl on wrong side!*) two large washcloth sized swatches. Please knit them in solid, light colors with several single row stripes of a contrasting color, spaced at least 10 rows apart.

Materials:

additional 2-3 other colors of yarn, they should be very different from the two colors used in your swatches.

Darning needle

Notebook & pen or pencil

Good glasses if you need them

Prerequisites: How to cast on, knit, purl, change colors, and bind off.

Personalized Classes

For you and/or your friends and family! Learn what **you** want to learn! Choose your own topic or pattern!

Available times:

Mondays from 2-4 pm with Jen A.

Wednesdays from 3-5pm with Terry

These classes are by **reservation only!** Just give us a call or stop by!

Other private classes are available, please ask and we'll put you in contact with the appropriate teacher.

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