

Jackie E-S Knitting Workshops

Multicolor Techniques in Lace Knitting



An exploratory class in color theory, techniques and tips for lace knitting with multiple colors (e.g. changing colors and hiding ends), design schemes based on Fibonacci numbers and the Golden Ratio, working lace intarsia, and using variegated yarns (what works for lace, what doesn't and why).

Prerequisites: None

Additional per student fee: \$10 (includes class workbook)

Students bring samples of their own yarns and other knitting supplies.

Duration: 3 - 6 hours

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Simply Elegant Knitted Lace



Knitting lace is easier than you might think — even the simplest lace patterns look impressive and invite awe. In a series of skill-building activities together with inspiration from lace knitting past and present, you will learn to knit lace with confidence and pleasure, compile a sampler reference workbook and design your own beautiful lace scarf. Longer version of class allows more design time and more thorough coverage of topics.

Prerequisites: Basic knitting skills. Some experience using double point and circular needles is preferred, but not necessary.

Additional per student fee: \$25 (includes class workbook and yarns for sampling)

Students bring yarn for their scarf and other knitting supplies.

Duration: 12 - 18 hours

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Knitted Lace Edgings



Knitted lace edgings are a beautiful addition to garments, linens, and accessories. Because these trims are typically done on just a few stitches, they are a practical way to explore the structure and techniques of knitted lace. Great for introductory lace knitters, as well as those wanting to advance their understanding of what knitted lace is all about. Students will use both written and charted patterns, and learn to make their own charts. Methods for attaching lace, mitering, grafting, and blocking will be covered. More in-depth coverage of topics is covered in the longer class.

Prerequisites: Basic knitting skills. No experience in knitting lace needed.

Additional per student fee: \$10 (includes class workbook)

Students bring thread and other knitting supplies.

Duration: 6 - 12 hours

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Filet Lace Knitting (planned for Fall 2005)

An inventive class to learn knitting techniques from the simple to the sophisticated in replicating even-count lace designs from other media such as filet crochet and embroidery, understand which approach to use in what situations to create the look you prefer, and practice designing your own.

Prerequisites: Basic lace knitting and charting skills

Additional per student fee: \$10 (includes class workbook)

Students bring yarn and other knitting supplies.

Duration: 3 - 6 hours

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What to Look for in a Yarn

Whether you shop for yarn at a local yarn store, over the internet, or even in your own stash, this workshop will help you ask the right questions and choose wisely. Learn how to judge with more confidence whether a particular yarn will be successful in your intended project. Like a treasure hunt, you will practice assessing a yarn's characteristics and conducting tests on it in an organized fashion. We will play with a variety of yarns during class, and you will complete a personal set of yarn reference cards for ideas and future yarns you wish to compare.

Confused about what the different yarn weight designations mean, what "count" means, wraps per inch, or the various yarn structure terms such as ply, S-twist, Z-twist, boucle, cabled, etc.? And why should you care? Are you concerned about using singles yarn for fear of skewing or being too fragile? Do you wonder what size knitting needle to choose for the gauge with your yarn? Do you have a mystery yarn that you don't know what it is made of? In the longer session, we get into more depth and examples, and will even learn how to combine yarns to make unique designer yarns. Great for people with yarn stashes!

Prerequisites: None

Additional per student fee: \$10 (includes class workbook)

Students bring samples of their own yarns and other knitting supplies.

Duration: 3 - 6 hours

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Lace Socks



Is there a mystique about lace socks that brings romantic summer evenings to your mind? Can you just imagine a pair of lacy socks adorning your feet, but have been hesitant about striking out on your own? Come along with the class and we will explore the pleasure of making our own lace socks! For the class project, we will be knitting handsome lace socks that look more complicated than they really are. In the longer class, we will also explore ideas for your own lace sock designing.

Prerequisites: Experience knitting a plain basic sock. No experience in knitting lace needed.

Additional per student fee: None

Students bring yarn and other knitting supplies.

Duration: 3 - 6 hours

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Dolly Faroese Shawl



Fun — Fitted — Flattering — Fabulous — Faroese shawls are unique in their “butterfly” shape and flattering fit. They can be plain or fancy, sturdy and warm, or lacy gossamer. You will learn the design structure of the traditional shawl, and proven methods for adapting to neck-down knitting. Guidelines for sizing, shaping, yarns, stitch choices, and lace design placement will be discussed and demonstrated. You will get a chance to practice by making a Faroese shawl suitable for 18" dolls, bunnies and bears.

Prerequisites: Basic knitting skills

Additional per student fee: None

Students bring yarn and other knitting supplies.

Duration: 3 - 6 hours

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Technique Teddy Bear



Let Teddy teach you knitting techniques used in shaping 3-dimensional forms. Students will knit a small adorable teddy bear, while learning and practicing:

Double Knitting - a technique that can be used to work in the round on 2 straight needles. Double Knitting is useful for projects with small tubular shapes where it may otherwise be more finicky to work in the round on double point or circular needles, such as our bear's legs and body.

Kitchener Stitch and Knit-together Bind Off - techniques for seaming knitting which the stitches are still live, such as along the top of our bear's arms and shoulders

Circular Short Rows - a method for more complex shaping of 3-dimensional forms in knitting, such as our bear's face.

Ideas for personalizing your teddy will also be discussed, including variations in forms, stuffing ideas, features, and wardrobe.

Prerequisites: Basic knitting skills

Additional per student fee: None

Students bring yarn and other knitting supplies.

Duration: 6 hours

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Toe-to-Cuff Socks



Learn basic construction for knitting socks beginning at the toe, as well as lots of tips and guidance on knitting socks in general. Introduction to various techniques for seamless toes and turned heels in traditional, ethnic, and eclectic sock styles. A mini-sock will be knit as a practice project. Students will also learn how to plan and make basic toe-to-cuff crew socks in any choice of yarn and size, so they are well on their way to making socks for everyone!

Prerequisites: Basic knitting skills and some experience using double point needles.

Additional per student fee: \$10 (includes class workbook)

Students bring yarn and other knitting supplies.

Duration: 6 hours

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Knitting with Beads 101



Explore the exciting possibilities of beaded knitting. Learn about bead choices, proper yarn selection, plus tips for stringing and efficient handling of beads while knitting.

In the first part of this class we will make a small sampler in a variety of basic bead placement techniques. Then we will begin a larger project knitting beads into a garter stitch base using even-count charts. Ideas for finishing your samplers into useful items will also be covered.

Prerequisites: Basic knitting skills. No experience in knitting with beads needed.

Additional per student fee: None

Students bring yarn, beads and other knitting supplies.

Duration: 3 - 6 hours

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Beautiful Beaded Cuffs



The fun of knitting combined with beads to add a fabulous touch! Knowing just the basics of knitting, you can easily create colorful designs with beads. In this workshop, we will make beautiful bejeweled wrist warmer cuffs. You'll also learn how to create your own original colorful beaded designs, and to adapt favorite designs from even-count charts in other fiber disciplines such as cross-stitch, needlepoint, and filet crochet.

Prerequisites: *Knitting with Beads 101* or equivalent recommended but not required

Additional per student fee: None

Students bring yarn, beads and other knitting supplies.

Duration: 3 - 6 hours

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Beaded Lace Knitting



So delicate and exquisite, the beauty of lace combined with tiny beads! This is a class in advanced bead placement techniques to complement and enhance the knitted lace fabric.

Learn about design approaches for embellishing lace stitch patterns with beads, selecting beads and thread, stringing and efficient handling of beads while knitting. A sampler of several techniques will be made during class – an ideal way to clearly see the effect of each technique and learn when and where you want to use in your own designing. Students have the choice of working in miniature scale, or with larger beads and needles. Ideas for finishing your sampler into a useful item of your choice will also be covered.

Prerequisites: Some experience in knitting lace. *Knitting with Beads 101* or equivalent recommended but not required.

Additional per student fee: None

Students bring yarn, beads and other knitting supplies.

Duration: 6 hours