



## Winter/Spring 2010 Class Schedule

### Registration and Student Information

- Payment in full for all classes is required at registration. This ensures your space is reserved. Classes fill quickly, so register as soon as you can.
- We can register over the phone with a credit card. Call 360.993.2200 to register.
- Our **cancellation policy** is for a full refund within 7 days of the first class. If you cannot attend your class, and it is within that 7 day period, we will fill your seat with a wait listed student and you will receive a full refund. If we do not have a wait listed student, have a friend come in your stead.
- Our teachers like students to purchase their materials prior to their first class. This ensures you get started on time. We are happy to help you select your class materials before class begins. You will receive a class materials list when you register. **Students receive a ten percent discount on all merchandise for their class.**
- Class size minimums and maximums are determined by the teachers.
- Private lessons are available at \$25 per hour.

*Our Winter/Spring 2010 classes are designed to increase your stitching repertoire. Included is lace – just in time for spring and summer. There are three sock classes and two cross-stitch classes.*

### Always

#### 1. Thursday Night Open Project Class – Drop In!

Every Thursday night is our Open Project Class. Bring one project, it can be anything (sweaters, socks, cables) and we will help you through it. This is a good class for beginners too; you can learn to knit or crochet. Each time you attend it is \$15. You can drop in anytime.

*Prerequisites:* None.  
*Dates:* Thursday nights  
*Time:* 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
*Fee:* \$15  
*Instructors:* Nicholette and/or Christa and/or Jilian

#### 2. Soiree's (Open Stitching Times and Charity Knitting Nights)

Do you want to meet other people that stitch, knit or crochet? Then pull up a chair at one of our Soiree's. There are two each week. And, on one Thursday night of each month, you are invited to do some charity knitting. The new charity project for this year is the Knit a Square Campaign for children affected by AIDS in Africa. You knit or crochet a square that's 8"x8" and we send it off. They really want 100% wool yarn for this project. Please bring your remnant wool for this project. We will provide a basic square pattern for knitting or crochet.

Every Thursday: 6:00pm – 8:30pm  
Every Friday: 11:00am – 3:00pm  
Charity Nights: January 28<sup>th</sup>, February 25<sup>th</sup>, March 25<sup>th</sup>, April 29<sup>th</sup>, May 27<sup>th</sup>

## Needlework

### 1. **Counted Cross Stitch Basics and Beyond – Stitch Your Initial**

Learn to make lovely pictures with embroidery floss on linen or aida cloth. We discuss how to read a chart, how to stop and start threads, when to use what type of thread, partial stitches, hoops, frames and needles. You stitch your initial. Choose either Session I or II.

*Prerequisites:* None, just the desire to learn and have fun.

*Dates:* Session I, Sunday, March 14

Session II, Sunday, May 16

*Time:* 12:00pm – 4:00pm

*Fee:* \$30

*Instructor:* Jean

### 2. **Beginning Punchneedle – Spring-Themed Cone**

Punchneedle is an old needle art worked with a special needle that has a hollow tube. Embroidery floss is used in the needle and you punch fabric with the needle, while loops of embroidery floss appear on the opposite side of the fabric. The end result of this needlework is similar to a miniature rug. Most designs are small – under 10”.

*Prerequisites:* None, just the desire to learn and have fun.

*Dates:* Sunday, April 18

*Time:* 12:00pm – 4:00pm

*Fee:* \$30

*Instructor:* Jean

### 3. **Beginning Embroidery – Needle Book**

Make a functional and beautiful item while learning the basics of embroidery. We discuss what fabrics to use, transferring designs, threads and frames to hold your work. You make a needle book using a sample of stitches on cotton and lined with wool felt.

*Prerequisites:* None, just the desire to learn and have fun

*Dates:* Sunday, February 21

*Time:* 12:00pm – 4:00pm

*Fee:* \$30

*Instructor:* Jean

## Knitting

### 1. Learn to Knit

In this introduction class, we learn all the key elements to knitting; how to cast on, the knit stitch, the purl stitch and how to cast off. While we're practicing, we talk about yarn and gauge and different types of needles you can use. Learn and practice your skills to complete a knitted scarf. Anyone can learn to knit. Men and lefties welcome. Choose Session I or Session II.

*Prerequisites:* None  
*Dates:* *Session I:* Saturdays, January 23, 30 (two classes)  
*Session 2:* Tuesdays, March 2, 9, 23 (three classes)  
*Time:* *Session I:* 10:00am – 1:00pm  
*Session 2:* 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
*Fee:* \$45  
*Instructor:* Amy

### 2. Your First Socks Workshop (Beginning Socks on Two Circular Needles) with Betsy McCarthy

Add the joy of knitting socks on two circular needles to your repertoire! Learn to knit durable, attractive, top-down socks that fit by knitting a mini-sock in class. Gain confidence and the skills needed to size socks, select yarns, turn heels and finish toes. You leave class with a basic sock pattern to enable you to move into adult sized socks. Many socks on display will help you plan future projects and trigger your creativity. Choose Session I or Session II.

*Prerequisites:* Know how to cast on, bind off, knit and purl, increase and decrease. Previous knitting in the round is helpful, but not prerequisite. You should have completed several knitting projects before knitting socks.  
*Dates:* *Session I:* Sunday, January 31  
*Session II:* Friday, March 12  
*Time:* 9:00am – 4:00pm  
*Fee:* \$60  
*Instructor:* Betsy

### 3. Lace Fingerless Gloves for Spring

Make these charming, just in time for spring, lace fingerless gloves. You learn lace-in-the-round basics. Make long gloves or the shorter version.

*Prerequisites:* Intermediate knitter that knows how to knit, purl, cast on, bind off, increase and decrease.  
*Dates:* Tuesdays, February 9, 16  
*Time:* 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
*Fee:* \$40  
*Instructor:* Leah

### 4. Learn to Knit in the Round

In this class, you carefully join into the round and learn to shape knitting with decreases. You make a simple, stylish, ribbed hat. If you took the "Learn to Knit" class, this is the next step for you. Choose Session I or Session II.

*Prerequisites:* Beginners that know how to cast on, bind off, knit and purl.  
*Dates:* *Session I:* Saturdays, February 20, 27 (two classes)  
*Session II:* Tuesdays, April 27, May 4, 11 (three classes)  
*Time:* *Session I:* 10am – 1pm  
*Session II:* 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
*Fee:* \$45  
*Instructor:* Amy

**5. Toe Up Baby Socks**

Do you have a special baby in your life? Do you have a desire to learn to make socks from the toe up? Then this is a class for you. Learn a seamless cast on for the toe and continue to the heel where we will walk you through short rows. All of the skills learned in this class apply to adult-size toe up socks.

*Prerequisites:* Know how to cast on, bind off, knit and purl.  
*Dates:* Saturdays, March 20, 27  
*Time:* 1:00pm – 3:00pm  
*Fee:* \$45  
*Instructor:* Leah

**6. Going To The “Dark Side”; Knitting With Your Non-Dominant Hand**

This is a Continental (picking) or American (throwing) knitting class. Learn to knit with your non-dominant hand and open a world of color knitting such as Fair Isle or Bohus techniques. When you use your non-dominant hand regularly, you can reduce repetitive motion injuries.

*Prerequisites:* You must know how to knit.  
*Dates:* Tuesday, April 13  
*Time:* 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
*Fee:* \$25  
*Instructor:* Nicholette

**7. For All Knitters or Crocheters: Yarn Substitution and Understanding Your Ball Band**

Have you ever picked up a pattern to find the yarn it calls for is discontinued? How do you find a substitute? What about washing instructions? What do those symbols mean? What if you don't like the yarn that a pattern calls for, but you like the pattern? In this class, we study a ball band and discuss the important information you find there, and how it applies when choosing yarn for your project.

*Prerequisites:* Beginning knitting or crochet skills and/or the desire to learn more about yarn.  
*Dates:* Wednesday, April 21  
*Time:* 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
*Fee:* \$25  
*Instructor:* Nicholette

**8. Step Into Lace Workshop with Betsy McCarthy**

Do you know the basics of knitting and want to increase your skill level? Lace isn't as complex as it looks – really! In this class you learn how to knit several easy and attractive patterns perfect for lace scarves or rectangular shawls for all seasons. You learn how to knit from a chart and leave with a plan for a lace scarf or shawl.

*Prerequisites:* Beginners that know how to knit, purl, cast on, increase, decrease and bind off. You should have completed several other knitting projects.  
*Dates:* Sunday, April 25  
*Time:* 9:00am – 4:00pm  
*Fee:* \$60  
*Instructor:* Betsy

**9. Knit and Felt a Handbag**

Have you always wanted to try felting? This is the perfect class for you. You can take this class if you're a beginning knitter as well. You pick your own felted handbag pattern and Leah will guide you through the construction process. Felting is great for hiding mistakes! After knitting the bag, you wet-felt it in your home washing machine.

*Prerequisites:* You've never knit before and want to learn, or you just want to make something felted.  
*Dates:* Saturdays May 8, 15, 22  
*Time:* 10:00am – 12:00pm  
*Fee:* \$45  
*Instructor:* Leah

**10. Beginning Double Knitting: Angora Baby Booties**

You've seen these booties in the shop and you adore them. Make these cute, tiny baby booties while learning the technique of double knitting. Double knitting can make reversible color patterns, or you can use the technique to knit in the round on two needles. Yes! Knitting in the round on two straight, double pointed needles! You complete one bootie in class. You must invest in the book *Last Minute Knitted Gifts* or have it in your stash to take this class. We chose this pattern because many of you already have the book.

*Prerequisites:* Knitters that know how to cast on, bind off, knit, purl, increase and decrease. Knitting in the round experience is a plus.  
*Dates:* Wednesday, May 19  
*Time:* 6:00pm – 9:00pm  
*Fee:* \$35  
*Instructor:* Nicholette

## Crochet

### 1. **Beginning Crochet: Retro Scarf**

In this class you learn basic crochet stitches and vocabulary, how to read a pattern, choosing yarns for projects and the tools involved. You make a scarf with retro flair. Choose Session I or Session II.

*Prerequisites:* None  
*Dates:* *Session I:* Fridays, January 29, February 5, 12 (three classes)  
*Session 2:* Saturdays, April 24, May 1 (two classes)  
*Time:* *Session I:* 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
*Session II:* 10:00am – 1:00pm  
*Fee:* \$45  
*Instructor:* Christa

### 2. **Crochet In The Round: Your First Crochet Hat**

In this class you make an adult size hat while learning to crochet in the round. Ear flaps are optional. You will receive instructions on how to make a baby and child's size hat from this pattern. This is a quick and easy project.

*Prerequisites:* You know how to chain, slip stitch, single crochet and double crochet.  
*Dates:* Fridays, March 5, 12, 19  
*Time:* 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
*Fee:* \$45  
*Instructor:* Christa

### 3. **Crochet Baby Booties**

Do you want to enhance your crochet repertoire? Do you have a baby in your life? Make this adorable baby bootie and learn new skills. This class helps you to read patterns. You go home with one complete bootie. Choose Session I or Session II.

*Prerequisites:* Beginning crochet skills; chain, sc, dc.  
*Dates:* *Session I:* Saturday, April 10  
*Session II:* Friday, May 14  
*Time:* *Session I:* 10:00am – 1:00pm  
*Session II:* 6:00pm – 9:00pm  
*Fee:* \$30  
*Instructor:* Christa

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## Our Instructors

### Nicholette Hoyer

Nicholette started crocheting at age seven; knitting, sewing and embroidery soon followed. She taught herself from library books. In 2003, Nicholette started designing knitwear and teaching knitting and crochet classes in the Portland, OR area. Nicholette is a published knitwear designer. She's been published in *Interweave Knits* magazine and has self-published patterns and expects to design more in the future. Nicholette owns StitchCraft which won the Southwest Washington's Business Growth Award for the Best Start-Up Business of 2008. Prior to her current knitting career, Nicholette was an environmental, health and safety professional, professional ballet, jazz and modern dancer, and is mother of two. Nicholette loves to share these creative arts with others, hoping to pass them on to future generations.

### Christa Kangas

Christa has crocheted for 20 years. Her mother taught her to make potholders. She still loves the quick and easy projects, but we at StitchCraft have seen her crocheted sweaters! Christa lives with her husband and 12 parrots in Vancouver. She owns a parrot-sitting service. Christa has experience rescuing and rehabilitating birds.

### Betsy McCarthy

Betsy knits socks in coffee shops, movie theaters, dentist chairs, and on the sidewalks of her neighborhood. She is a knit designer and instructor who has loved fiber since she learned to knit at age five. Over the past 11 years, she taught at national, regional and local knitting events, including Stitches, the Black Sheep Gathering and Sock Summit 2009. Betsy lives simply in downtown Vancouver, Washington with her husband and two dogs. Her book *Knit Socks!* was first published by Storey Press in 2004.

### Leah Moog

Leah is a lifelong resident of the Northwest who taught herself to knit at a young age from a book she found at the library. Since then she knits obsessively and loves to make things for family and friends. When not knitting, Leah enjoys sewing, quilting, spending time with her dog Alex and working on her house and garden.

### Jean Drevdahl-Orchard

Jean has taught needlework classes for over 20 years. She's done a little of many different types of needlework over the years from basic to advanced. One of the highlights for her is to see new stitchers get excited about what they can create.

### Amy Pope

After many years of knitting the same simple pieces, Amy began branching out in 2004 and never looked back. She appreciates knits in many forms; cables, lace, entrelac and hand-spinning. Her only regret? Her husband likes hand-knit socks for his giant feet and her dog is too hairy to need a knitted sweater.

### Charlene Sabin

Charlene is a lifelong knitter, with peaks and valleys of activity. She has two adult children, who like to wear knitted things. She loves to teach knitting because it brings out everyone's personality. The things she loves most about knitting are playing with color and texture. Charlene is one of the most renowned instructors in the Portland/Vancouver area.

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#### HOURS:

Tues., Wed.: 10:00am – 6:30pm

Thurs.: 10:00am – 8:00pm

Fri.: 10:00am – 5:30pm

Sat.: 10:00am – 5:00pm

Sun.: 12:00pm – 4:00pm