

# ***Jimmy Beans Wool Adult Classes- June 2014***

## **Greetings!**

We welcome all levels of knitters, crocheters, weavers, & spinners to join us in the shop for classes! 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 – NOW WE HAVE TWO NIGHTS! Knit Nights will now be held on both the 2nd Thursday AND the 4th Thursday each month from 6 – 8pm!** We would love to include you!

- **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 you're local, please call 775-827-9276. For long distance, please call toll free 877-529-5648 or email Terry at [askTerry@jimmybeanswool.com](mailto:askTerry@jimmybeanswool.com)**

If a subject isn't offered as a regularly scheduled class, we have available a list of teachers and the subjects they teach. Please ask and we will be happy to put you in contact with the 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. For the summer, we are offering 1 hour classes specifically for children. Please see our separate **Kid's Class Calendar** for details.

**Family classes:** Along with our children's classes, each Thursday afternoon through the summer we're offering a class for adult family members to learn along with the kids. This class is limited to a **total** of 6 seats and we ask that there be no more than two children per adult. Please see our separate **Kid's Class Calendar** for details.

## **Free Drop-in Help Sessions:**

Free-walk-in help times:

- Tuesday: From 11 am until 1 pm
- Thursday: From 11 am until 1 pm
- 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 these 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** – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month - Learn all the basic skills of crochet from how to tension the yarn through the 6 basic stitches and if time allows, 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.*

**No prerequisites**

**Sock Lab!** – 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 are at in your pattern. During this time you will 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** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday - 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. Repeat this class until you feel ready to advance, then move on to 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.*

**No prerequisites**

**Dolls & Toys** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month - This month we will be crocheting an amigurumi bear with the 'Arthur the Polar Bear' pattern by Janet McMahon, a free pattern available on Ravelry.com.

**Materials:**

Approximately 150 yds of DK weight yarn, white or color of choice  
Small amount of variegated yarn for bear's scarf  
US C (2.5 - 3mm) crochet hook or size to give gauge (although gauge is not super critical for this project)  
Toy stuffing  
small amount of black embroidery floss

*(Note: this pattern is written with British English abbreviations. In British English they call what we call a single crochet stitch a double crochet. If you find it less confusing you can go through the pattern and change all 'dc' abbreviations to 'sc'.)*

**Prerequisites:**

This is a beginner level project. You will need to know single crochet & slip stitches. Some sewing will be required to assemble the various parts.

**Knit Lab** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month – This month – Seaming & Finishing. Your project is knit and now you need to put it together and finish it off! In this class you will learn how to pick up stitches, create buttonholes, sew the various types of seams, weave in ends invisibly and embellish your work if desired.

**Materials:**

A project that needs seaming and/or finishing  
OR  
4 - 6" x 6" swatches worked in a light color yarn in stockinette stitch (knit on right side, purl on wrong side)  
Additionally, if you want to learn to weave in ends, knit another swatch in stockinette with a light color adding a contrasting row knit every 10<sup>th</sup> row.  
Contrasting yarn  
Tapestry or Darning needle  
Handitool or crochet hook  
Scissors  
Good eyeglasses if needed  
Notebook & pen

**Prerequisites:** How to knit & purl.

**102 Knitting - Beyond Knit & Purl** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month- You've already learned how to cast on, knit, purl, alternate knitting & purling and bind off. Now, you would like to make something beyond simple scarves! This is the perfect class to take you to the next step! Learn increases, decreases, joining in the round... whatever you would like to move onto the next project on your knitting journey!

**Materials:**

Pattern of your choice (optional)                      Yarn of your choice  
Needle appropriate for the size yarn and project      Stitch markers  
Notebook & pen

**Prerequisites:** Beginning Knitting Skills classes, must know how cast on, knit, purl, alternate between knit & purl and bind off.

**Zoom Loom Weaving** – 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday this month – Join in on this new portable weaving craft!!! It's simple and a great way to use up stash leftovers! The possibilities of what you can make are limited only by your imagination! We'll start off learning how to use the loom to create squares which we will sew into a small bag then you'll take it home and felt it!!! Then you'll be set to let your imagination run wild, making pillows, blankets, place mats, table runners, clothing, bags, or whatever you come up with!

**Materials:**

Schacht Zoom Loom  
approx. 200 yds of 100% feltable wool yarn in as many colors as you would like to use.  
Tapestry or Darning needle  
Scissors  
Notebook & pen

**Picovoli Summer T-shirt** – 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday this month – Picovoli by Grumperina is a free pattern on Ravelry. This is a good project for your first garment. It's a super easy top-down cap-sleeved T-shirt that can be completely customized to your fit & tastes. Designed to fit bust sizes 30" - 50" with 2" of negative ease (which means it's designed to knit up 2" smaller than the wearer's bust size, but this can be modified if you prefer a looser fit.)

**Materials:**

Picovoli pattern, a free and downloadable from Ravelry.com  
500 – 1000yds of DK weight yarn (plant fiber yarn is recommended but wool or wool blends will work too.) (extra yardage is for gauge swatching)  
US #4 (3.5 mm): 16" circular (for the first few rounds of the smaller sizes) and 24" circular (for the rest of the sweater)  
Tapestry or Darning needle  
Stitch markers in two different colors or styles  
Waste yarn  
E or F Crochet hook if a crocheted edging is desired

**Gauge:** 22 sts and 30 rnds = 4 inches (10 cm) in **circular stockinette stitch (after blocking)**.

**Homework: VERY IMPORTANT** Before class, make sure you can get gauge with your yarn and needles. Knit a gauge swatch 30 – 40 stitches around and 4" tall in the round with your chosen yarn and needles, bind off, wash & block. Then measure gauge. If too many stitches, go up a needle size, if too few, down a needle size and swatch again. If you need advice or help please ask.

**Prerequisites:** Beginning Knitting – Beyond Knit & Purl or equivalent. Must know how to cast on, knit & purl. Knowledge of joining in the round and increases is helpful but can be learned with this project. Complete gauge swatch homework **before** class.

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