

Jimmy Beans Wool Adult Classes- November 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! Knit Nights are now held on both the 2nd Thursday AND the 4th Thursday each month from 6 – 8pm!** Bring your knitting, crocheting, weaving, spinning, tating 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 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

If something you want to learn isn't offered as a regularly scheduled class, 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.

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 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.*

No prerequisites

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 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 - 2nd 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 while we begin a set of sampler coasters. 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

Project of the Month - 2nd & 4th Saturday each month - This month in conjunction with Blue Sky Alpaca we will be knitting **Bulky Hats!** These fast and fun hats make great holiday gifts! And as an extra bonus, each participant will get a code to receive a **FREE online PDF** of the **Bulky Knit Hats For Kids and Adults** pattern book, a \$15.00 value!

Materials:

Pattern: Blue Sky Alpacas Bulky Knit Hats for Kids & Adults
Blue Sky Alpaca Bulky yarn or equivalent for your selected pattern plus required needles & notions

Prerequisites:

Knitting 102 Beyond Knit & Purl or equivalent.

Focus on Technique - 3rd Saturday each month - Each month we'll focus on learning a new knitting or crochet technique. **This month – Beginning Lace Washcloth/Afghan square!** Begin learning how to knit lace with an adorable square that can be a washcloth or an afghan square!

Materials:

Margaret Tulip 9" Dishcloth Afghan Block Square by Margaret MacInnis, a free Ravelry pattern
Approximately 100 yds of Aran weight yarn – cotton for washcloth, your choice for the afghan square
US #6 to #8 needle, your gauge will determine the size of the square. The smaller needle is suggested for the washcloth.
Four stitch markers
Darning or Tapestry needle
Notebook & pen

Prerequisites:

Basic knitting skills – cast on, knit stitch, purl stitch, and bind off. Some knowledge of increases & decreases will be helpful but you can learn them with this pattern.

102 Knitting - Beyond Knit & Purl - 3rd Saturday each month- 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! This is the perfect class to take you to that next step! Learn increases, decreases, joining in the round... whatever you would like to learn for your 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

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

Knitting Lab - 4th Saturday each month – This month learn the **Magic Loop** method of knitting small circular objects with a long circular needle. This is a very handy technique when you don't like or don't have double pointed needles! You can work tops of hats, sweater sleeves, socks, and mitts all without double points! You can even learn to work two at a time! No more second sock syndrome!

Materials:

Yarn of your choice
40 inch long circular needle in size appropriate to your yarn
Stitch markers
Notebook & pen

Prerequisites: General knitting skills

Spinning Lab - 5th Saturday this Month – Learn how to spin or improve your spinning skills! In this workshop/lab style class you can start where ever you are and learn to create your own yarn! Also, learn about your wheel, how to set it up and take care of it. We will also discuss spinning fibers, fiber prep and plying techniques.

Materials:

Drop Spindle or spinning wheel
spinning fibers if you have some
notebook & pencil

Prerequisites: None

Rigid Heddle Loom Weaving 2 – 5th Saturday this month – In this weaving class you will learn how to create an easy, two color design using a technique called Log Cabin! In this 2 hour class we'll warp our looms and begin weaving. You'll learn how by just using plain weave along with warp & weft color placement you can create woven projects that look very complicated but are no more difficult than your first project.

Materials:

Assembled Schacht Cricket Loom or other similar rigid heddle loom
8 – dent rigid heddle the width of your loom
Two stick shuttles the width of your loom
220 yards **each** of two contrasting colors of worsted weight yarn (alpaca is suggested)
scissors
ruler or tape measure
Notebook & pen
Optional:
 Woven Scarves: 26 Inspired Designs for the Rigid Heddle Loom by Jane Patrick
 & Stephanie Flynn Sokolov
 Hands on Rigid Heddle Weaving by Betty Linn Davenport
 Fringe Twister

Prerequisites:

Assembled rigid heddle loom and you must have woven at least one item.

Homework:

Please measure & cut your warp in advance, wrap both colors together on warping board.
(If you need assistance we can help in the days before the class.)
You will need 70 ends, 120" long.
Wrap your shuttles, one with each color.
No other prerequisite

Private Class time is available from 3-5pm on Wednesdays by **reservation only**. Learn what **you** want to learn in this one on one class time. No walk-ins! 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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