

Terri's Yarns & Crafts

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News From

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It's been a while since I wrote a newsletter and scheduled classes. For personal health reasons, I didn't have any classes during 2016. Many of you have been asking about knitting and crochet classes. I've got them scheduled during February and March. Later in the year I will add some painting and embroidery classes. If you have any other classes you are interested in seeing added to the schedule, please ask.

You'll notice new knitting, crochet, and embroidery patterns with *Designs By Ava Lynne Green* logo throughout the shop. I'm excited to expand my line of original designs. They will be joined by more as time goes by. I'm working on vests, sweaters, and socks for knitting and crochet as well as cross stitch designs. Currently I have hard copies at the shop. I'll be adding downloads to the website soon. Keep checking back!

Happy Valentine's Day, President's Day, and St. Patrick's Day to you all! Stay warm, healthy, and above all, keep on crafting!

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Class Schedule

Call at least 3 days before the first class meets to sign up. The cost includes all materials and taxes. It is payable before the first session.

Beginning Knitting

Tuesdays: February 7, 14, 21, 28 6:30 pm

\$55.00

You will learn how to cast on, knit, purl, and bind off along with how to read a pattern. I'll show you different types of yarn and how to choose a yarn that works well with a pattern. Have fun while learning the craft of knitting!

Advanced Knitting

2nd Monday of each month: 2/13 & 3/13/2017 7:00 pm

\$5.00 per session

(Come at 5:30 pm if you want to eat supper with us.)

We are working on vest patterns.

Beginning Crochet

Tuesdays: March 7, 14, 21, 28 6:30 pm

\$55.00

So you've always wanted to learn to crochet! In this class, you'll learn the basic stitches of crochet, how to read a pattern, and how to increase and decrease. You'll be crocheting in no time!

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New Yarn!



Terri's is now carrying Kramer Yarns Perfection worsted weight in nine colors. It is 30% domestic merino and 70% acrylic. It is machine washable on a gentle cycle and can be tumbled dry. The suggested gauge is 20 stitches = 4" on size 8 needles. It sells for \$6.69 for 200 yard skein. Perfect for hats, scarves, or garments!

Knitting With Beads

Want to spice up your knitting and try something a little different? Add beads! Make jewelry, ornaments or add pizzazz to clothing.

There are three major ways to add beads to your knitting without sewing them on a completed knit.

The first way is to thread the beads onto the yarn. It is time consuming and means the yarn must go through the hole in the beads. For jewelry and items with several beads added to the same row, this is a good method to use. The stitch size (controlled by the needle size) needs to be roughly the same as the bead size.

1. String the beads as needed for your design . Push the beads away from the end of the yarn.
2. Cast on the correct number of stitches and work to the point where the first bead is needed.
3. On the knit side of stockinette stitch insert the right needle into the back of the next stitch. Pull the bead down to the needle and pop it through the next stitch so that it sits on the front of the work. Knit into the back of the stitch.
4. On the purl side of stockinette stitch push the bead through to the front side of the stitch and purl it as normal. Knit into the back of the beaded stitches on the next row.

The second way is to use a crochet hook to pull a stitch through a bead. The hook has to be small enough to go through the hole. This method allows you to put a bead right where you want it which is an advantage if you are knitting a design using different colors of beads.

1. Knit to the point where the bead is needed.
2. Place the bead on the crochet hook.
3. Slide the stitch off the left needle onto the hook. Pull the stitch through the bead.
4. Put the stitch on the right needle, holding the yarn at the back. Purl the stitch as normal on the next row.

The third way is to string the beads on a small thread and hold it along with your larger yarn as you knit your project. In this way you can add seed beads to a design. Thread that is clear or matches your yarn keeps the extra strand from showing. Carry the beads along the back of the work as you would a second color of yarn, catching the thread every inch or so to avoid long floats. When you reach a point where a bead is needed, swing the thread and one bead to the front between the needles. Knit the next stitch. Move the thread to the back and knit the next stitch.

Enjoy making different designs with beads in your knits!