



Class Schedule Fall 2017

Classes at the Tucson Yarn Company are a great way to learn new techniques and have fun with other knitters. Register in person or by telephone (229-YARN), **payment is due at the time of registration**. All classes are held in our classroom at the shop, 6330 N. Oracle, Suite D-242. We reserve the right to cancel a class due to insufficient enrollment. For full class descriptions go to www.tucsonyarn.com. **Sorry, no make up sessions or credit for missed classes.**

Knit A-longs (KAL) (free of charge)

Join us for the Wednesday (10am) and Saturday (10am) Knit Along Programs (KAL) at Tucson Yarn Co. Each KAL session knitters and crocheters alike gather in a friendly, social setting hosted by a TYC staff member. Spend two hours working on your project, meet fellow knitters, and be inspired!

Independent Studies

TYC teaching staff offers many of our classes on an individual basis to fit your schedule. Fees are based on an hourly rate of \$35 and can be scheduled by phone or in person. Need individual assistance on a project or a new skill? Make an appointment to see a Knit Doctor – same hourly rate applies.

Knitting 101: Beginning Knitting \$50

3 sessions: 2 hours each

- Tuesdays, October 10, 17, 24 10:30am-12:30pm
- Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16 10:30am-12:30pm

Jump into knitting now with this fast track to learning the fundamentals of knitting. Learn the basic technical skills (casting on, knitting, purling, increasing, decreasing), how to read a pattern, and how to select the perfect yarn for your project. Emphasis here is on helping you become a successful and relaxed knitter. Great for returning knitters, too!

Materials: US#8 straight needles & 4 oz. worsted weight yarn in plain, light color

My First Knitting Project: Ribbed Beanie & Handwarmers \$50

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Wednesdays, October 18, 25, November 1 10:30am-12noon

After you've taken basic knitting, this class which will get you working in the round with two methods – circular needles and double point needles. Make a basic beanie hat and lovely ribbed handwarmers to match! Missie will make it easy with helpful demonstrations and you'll be expanding your knitting horizons to all sorts of hats, fingerless gloves, mittens and more!

Prerequisites: K101 or basic knitting skills

Materials: Churchmouse Ribbed Beanie & Handwarmers pattern, available for purchase on Ravelry

Beanie: 115yds of worsted weight yarn (we'd suggest Berroco Vintage) & US7-16" circular and double points US7

Handwarmers: 140yds worsted weight yarn and US5 double point needles

Sampler Scarf \$40

2 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Fridays, October 20, 27 10:30-12noon

This good looking scarf is perfect for men or women and you'll become an expert at reading your knitting with a variety of stitch patterns to play with in this worsted weight scarf. This is a perfect introduction to a variety of pattern stitches for newbies and a nice variety of stitches for more experienced knitters.

Prerequisites: basic knitting skills

Materials: worsted weight yarn 350-400yds (sample is CoBaSi Plus – 2 skeins)

US8 needles or size to obtain gauge

Pattern will be provided in class

Locking stitch markers

Brioche Hat \$40

2 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Wednesdays, November 1, 8 1-2:30pm

Curious about the Brioche stitch? Squishy, intriguing, and very reversible, this project is a perfect stepping stone into Brioche. Knit in the round in two worsted weight colors, this is a perfect hat for everyone on your gift list! Pick two colors of worsted weight and with one skein in each color you'll be able to make two hats! Got leftovers? You just need 100 yards of each of two colors. A little homework before session one...details when you register!

Prerequisites: very strong basic knitting skills, experience knitting in the round required

Materials: download and print *Brioche Basic Beanie* by Marilynn Blacketer (free download on Ravelry)

US8-16" for cast on, US5-16" for body of hat

Worsted weight yarn in two colors; Berroco Vintage or Rowan Pure Wool recommended

Locking stitch markers

Mosaic Knitting: Freeze Frame Shawl \$50 NEW

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Thursdays, October 19, 26, November 2 1-2:30pm

Mosaic knitting is an intriguing and easy way to produce complex-looking two color designs. This shawl project will teach you a variety of techniques including mosaic knitting, interesting edge treatments, and a uniquely beautiful corded finish. The hard part is deciding on just one pair of fingering weight colors!

Prerequisites: Intermediate knitting skills

Materials: 400 yards of fingering weight yarn in each of two colors (sample in Baah La Jolla)

US5 circular needle (pattern calls for US4 but we suggest a US5)

Locking stitch markers, bent tip darning needle

Freeze Frame shawl pattern available for download on Ravelry

Hooty and the Owl Hat & Mitts \$50 NEW

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Wednesdays, September 20, 27, October 4 10:30-12noon

Whoooooo doesn't like owls? This adorable combo of hat and fingerless gloves will make you smile as you knit in a flock of owls around a quick knit worsted weight hat. Learn some new techniques including easy bobbles and cables. Finish it off with an amazing pompom! Pattern is multi-sized for everyone on your gift list.

Prerequisites: strong basic knitting skills, knitting in the round experience very helpful

Materials: Hooty & the Owl Hat & Mitts patterns available for purchase on Ravelry (bring printouts to class)

Approximately 400 yards worsted weight yarn

US7 circular needles 16" & double pointed needles OR 32" circular for magic loop

Cable hook

11 stitch locking stitch markers (required!)

Clover pompom maker (optional)

Baby Wrap Sweater \$50 NEW

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Wednesdays, September 20,27, October 4 1-2:30pm

Do you have a special little baby in your life? This is one of the cutest baby sweaters we've found. Knit from side to side in two colors, it can be made for boys or girls by changing the trip option – see the sample in the shop! It's all knit in one piece, no tricky assembly or button bands. Pick two colors of fingering and cast on! Learn techniques such as picking up stitches, creating a ruffle or an I-cord edging to put the finishing touches on your project.

Prerequisites: strong basic knitting skills

Materials: two colors of fingering weight yarn approx. 525 yards of EACH color to make 12-18 month size (1050 yards total) OR 700 yards total for 6-12 month size

US3 & US2 24" circular

Stitch holder & bent tip darning needle

Churchmouse Baby Wrap Sweater Pattern available at Tucson Yarn or on Ravelry

EZ Short Rows: Summa Shawl \$50 NEW

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Fridays, September 15, 22, 29 1-2:30pm

What a beautiful way to get into short rows! This crescent shaped shawl uses two colors of DK weight to create an intriguing look when it's worn. Lots of ways to wear this one and it's primarily garter stitch knitting with a little eyelet thrown in. This is a great introduction to wrap and turn short rows. We'll also cover strategies for easy blocking!

Prerequisites: strong basic knitting skills

Materials: download and print Summa Shawl on Ravelry

Approximately 250 yards of DK weight yarn in EACH of two colors

sample is made with Berroco Ultra Alpaca Light – 2 skeins each color OR

Manos del Uruguay Silk Blend – 2 skeins of each color

US7 circular needle 32" length

Locking stitch markers

Beginning Lace: With Ease Shawl \$50

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Saturdays, November 4, 11, 18 1-2:30pm

Take the leap into lace! Learn the basics of decoding stitch charts, “reading” your knitting, lifelines, and making yarn-overs behave! No itty-bitty needles and lace yarn here, we’ll start with worsted weight and US7 or US8 needles to get you going. The Ease Shawl is a stunner and you’ll be amazed that this was your first adventure in lace (shhh, don’t tell!). Perfect way to get comfortable with charted knitting!

Prerequisites: strong basic knitting skills including yarn overs, decreasing, increasing

Materials: Ease Shawl pattern: available on Ravelry, please bring a COLOR printout
US7-24” circular needle & locking stitch markers (required)

Sock It To Me: Socks on Circulars \$50

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Thursdays, October 12, 19, 26 10:30-12noon

Self-striping yarns and two 24” circular needles simplify sock knitting. Knit from cuff to toe, the simple sock is transformed into a beautiful accessory that fits you perfectly. This technique is also great for sleeve and fingerless glove knitting! Cyd’s pattern book and step-by-step guide is included. Most people finish one sock in class and get a start on the second one. **Very strong basic knitting skills required.** Pattern booklet included.

Prerequisites: **Very strong knitting skills** including long tailed cast-on, ribbing (1x1)

Materials: pattern & booklet provided in class

two 24” circular needles in size for gauge (#1 or #2) **Cyd strongly suggests one Addi Rocket and one Addi Turbo Lace circular needle**

400 yards of sock weight yarn (fingering), locking stitch markers (required)

Basic Christmas Stocking with a Hip Twist \$50

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Fridays, October 20, 27, November 3 1-2:30pm

Here’s a hip version of a Christmas stocking you can actually finish. Choose from tiny to tall and make it striped, plain, or anything in between. An easy heel makes knitting this one completely in the round a breeze. This will become the new classic. Check out our sample!

Prerequisites: prior experience knitting in the round

Materials: Churchmouse Yarns & Teas Basic Christmas Stocking pattern available on Ravelry or at TYC

Worsted weight yarn in up to four colors – see pattern pictures and suggestions

US7-16” circular needle, US7 double point needles

Locking stitch markers

Waste yarn

Skill Builder Workshops

Map Your Knitting Part 1 \$30

1 session: 2 hours

- Saturday, October 14 1-3pm
- Friday, November 10 10:30am-12:30pm

A TYC exclusive! You can’t take a road trip without a good map, why try to knit without a good “map” of your pattern? In this unique non-knitting workshop, learn how to create a map for any pattern to simplify management of your project and keep it on track. Row by row preparation helps to make even complex directions more clear. If it seems like you spend more time figuring out where you are in your knitting than you spend actually knitting, this will make your knitting time more productive, enjoyable and SUCCESSFUL. Cyd’s original book *Mapping Your Knitting* is included. Great for all levels, no materials required!

Map Your Knitting Part 2 \$30

1 session: 2 hours

- Thursday, November 9 1-3pm

If you’ve already started mapping your projects and are ready to take on more complex challenges, this sequel to **Map Your Knitting Part 1**, will show you how to manage color changes, multiple charts (for lace & cables), simultaneous schemes of increasing/decreasing/shaping, predict stitch counts as well as manage your yarn consumption (am I going to have enough?), Prerequisites: **Map Your Knitting Part 1**

Yarnopoly \$30

1 session: 2 hours

- Saturday, October 14 10:30am-12:30pm

A TYC exclusive! Part game show, part yarn-play, this workshop will have you selecting and substituting yarns like a pro. Sharpen your skills at yarn selection and really *know* the answer to the question, “can I make this with that?”

Work out real yarn shopping “challenges” and have fun doing it. A non-knitting class, we’ll “use” the TYC stash to play with as you make sense out of fiber content, gauge, and what the heck patterns mean when they tell you what kind of yarn to knit with (yes, you CAN use up your stash!). Cyd’s *Yarnopoly* book is included.

Prerequisites: all levels of knitters/crocheters Materials: calculator/pencil

Finishing Fast: Simple Seams \$30

1 session: 2 hours

- Friday, November 10 1-2:30pm

You’ve finished the sweater, now the fun part – finishing it! Learn four methods of creating the perfect final finish for seams. Learn on small swatches and then go finish your UFO’s (unfinished objects). **Bring 5 small stockinette stitch swatches (two with live stitches on the needles) in light color worsted weight yarn - they should all be done in the same yarn – this is what you’ll be seaming together.** Master mattress stitch, three needle bind off and invisible horizontal seams: bring a bent tip darning needle to work with!

Prerequisites: basic knitting skills

Materials: **Bring five stockinette stitch swatches of 20 stitches each (approx. 4” of knitting) – two should be on your needles, three should be bound off – light color worsted yarn strongly suggested**

CROCHET

Beginning Crochet \$50

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Thursdays, September 14, 21, 28 10:30-12noon
- Saturdays, November 4, 11, 18 10:30-12noon

Start your crochet career right with the basics. Pattern reading, yarn selection, and gauge are also covered. This is also a terrific refresher if your crochet skills are a bit rusty- make swatch samples for future reference as you work through the basics of single, double, treble crochet and granny squares.

Materials: crochet hook size H or I
plain worsted weight yarn in light color

Attic 24 Workshop: Crocheting in Living Color \$50 NEW

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Tuesdays, October 10, 17, 24 1pm-2:30pm

If you’re a crocheter with strong basic skills, you’ll love making the colorful creations by Lucy, author of the wonderful UK-based blog, *Attic 24*. In this workshop, you’ll get a chance to explore some of Lucy’s favorite techniques and learn about her playful sense of design and color so you can do your *own* creative designs for blankets, bags, home dec and more. Learn to work her signature “Ripple” pattern, her striking “Granny Stripe” pattern, and Hydrangea Stripe. If you have an iPad or mobile device, bring it along (not required).

Materials: a variety of worsted weight yarns (at least 3 colors)
Crochet hooks G, H, I for swatches
Locking stitch markers