



## Class Schedule Winter 2018

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. **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 morning 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

- Thursdays, January 4, 11, 18 10:30am-12:30pm
- Saturdays, February 10, 17, 24 10:30am-12:30pm
- Tuesdays, March 6, 13, 20 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

- Thursdays, February 1, 8, 15 10:30am-12noon
- Saturdays, March 3, 10, 17 10:30am-12noon

After you conquer that first knitting project or two, 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 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

### **Intro to Stranded Knitting: Fair Isle Cowl \$50**

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Thursdays, March 15, 22, 29 1-2:30pm

Stranded knitting (fair isle style) produces incredibly complex looking patterns but only uses two colors at any time. Learn the easy way to knit two-fisted to avoid tangled yarns, bothersome bobbins, and uneven tension. This cowl is worked with DK yarns (we suggest Berroco Ultra Alpaca Lite) and will have you ready to tackle all sorts of multi-colored patterned projects. Chart reading in the round will be covered, too.

Prerequisites: strong knitting skills, **prior knitting in the round experience required**

Materials: Pattern provided in class

3 skeins of DK weight yarn (Berroco Ultra Alpaca Lite, Manos del Uruguay Silk Blend or other primarily wool DK weight yarn) one light shade, and two other colors

US5 circular needle 24"

Locking stitch markers

### **Beginning Lace: Authenticity Shawl \$50**

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20 10:30am-12noon

Take the leap into lace! Learn the basics of decoding 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 US9 needles to get you going. The Authenticity 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: Authenticity Shawl pattern: available on Ravelry, bring a COLOR printout  
Shawl requires approximately 600 yds of worsted weight yarn, samples done in Juniper Moon  
Moonshine (wool/silk blend 191 yds. per skein) 3 skeins or Stratus 4 skeins  
US9-32" circular needle & locking stitch markers (required)

**Sock It To Me: Socks on Circulars \$50**

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Fridays, January 5, 12, 19 1-2:30pm
- Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20 1-2:30pm

Self-striping yarns and two 24" circular needles simplify sock knitting. From cuff to toe, the simple sock is transformed into a beautiful accessory that fits you perfectly. This technique is also great for sleeve 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  
Locking stitch markers

**Baby Wrap Sweater \$50**

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Fridays, February 9, 16, 23 10:30am-12noon

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 trim 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: very 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

**CROCHET**

**Beginning Crochet \$50**

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Thursdays, February 8, 15, 22 1-2:30pm
- Tuesdays, March 13, 20, 27 1-2:30pm

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-you'll make a swatch samples for your 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  
*Crocheter's Companion* by Nancy Brown (optional)

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

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Thursdays, March 15, 22, 29 10:30am-12noon

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 "Wave" pattern, her striking "Granny Stripe" pattern, and her latest, the Moorland. 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

**The Vintage Crocheted Baby Blanket or Afghan \$40**

2 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Fridays, January 12, 19 10:30am-12noon

Classic and timeless, this crochet pattern is equally at home in a nursery or a family room! In class you'll master the stitch pattern before you chain for the real baby blanket size to make for a fearless start. Baby blanket option is written for two or five colors of worsted weight yarns, try it with leftover worsted yarns for swatching. Final baby blanket requires approximately 1000 yards of worsted weight yarn.

Prerequisites: very strong basic crochet skills (double crochet, chain stitch)

Materials: pattern available for purchase on Ravelry  
for swatching, worsted weight non-cotton yarns (i.e. Berroco Vintage, Rowan Pure Wool)  
Crochet hooks in F, G or H (whatever it takes for YOU to get gauge)

### **Skill Builder Workshops**

#### **Map Your Knitting Part 1 \$30**

1 session: 2 hours

- Tuesday, January 16 10:30am-12:30pm
- Saturday, February 10 1-3pm

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

- Saturday, February 24 1-3pm

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

#### **Yarnopoly \$30**

1 session: 2 hours

- Saturday, February 17 1-3pm

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

#### **English to Continental \$30**

1 session 90 minutes

- Tuesday, January 9 10:30am-12noon

If you've always wondered about knitting Continental style, this is the perfect chance to try it. Great to knit "both ways", especially when you're doing color work. Continental is also somewhat faster, and easier to manage ribbing and lace knitting when you eliminate "throwing" the yarn between stitches. Reduces elbow/shoulder strain, too.

Prerequisites: basic knitting skills

Materials: DK or worsted weight yarn, needles appropriate to yarn, straights or circulars

#### **Web Wonders: An Intro to Ravelry, Knitty, and Internet Resources for Knitters/Crocheters \$30**

1 session: 2 hours

- Saturday, January 27 10:30am-12:30pm

The Internet offers up great info 24/7 to knitters around the world with free patterns, terrific videos, comprehensive reference tools, and handy tips all at your fingertips. Don't miss this great *interactive* introduction to how you can tap into the goodies on the Internet. Learn how [www.ravelry.com](http://www.ravelry.com) can make your knitting more exciting and productive, clarify mistakes in patterns, teach you almost anything you want to know, and give you a multitude of ways to link to a huge community of fellow knitters/crocheters. (Please know how to retrieve your email & password).

Prerequisites: none

Materials: Bring your laptop, iPad, Fire or Nook with Wifi to surf along