



Class Schedule Spring 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

- Fridays, April 6, 13, 20 10:30am-12:30pm
- Wednesdays, May 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! No prior experience required.

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

Sampler Scarf \$40

2 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Thursdays, May 17, 24 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: Beginner's Stitch Sampler Scarf by Kristina Tucker (available on Ravelry)
worsted weight yarn 350-400yds (sample is CoBaSi Plus – 2 skeins)
US8 needles or size to obtain gauge
Printout of pattern – Free on download on Ravelry
Locking stitch markers

Intro to Two-color Stranded Knitting: Glacier Park Cowl \$40 NEW

2 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Fridays, April 20, 27 1-2:30pm

Stranded knitting (fair isle style) produces incredibly complex looking patterns but only uses two colors at a time. Learn the easy way to knit two-fisted to avoid tangled yarns, bothersome bobbins, and uneven tension. This cowl is worked with two colors of fingering weight yarns. Chart reading in the round will be covered, too.

Prerequisites: strong knitting skills, **prior knitting in the round experience required. You will start the ribbing before you arrive at class session one.**

Materials: Download and bring your printed copy of Glacier Park Cowl (available for purchase on Ravelry)
250 yards in each of two colors fingering weight yarn
US3 circular needle 24" & Locking stitch markers

Dunedin \$50 NEW

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Wednesdays, May 2, 9, 16 1-2:30pm

Lucy Hague's magical designs feature intricate Celtic-inspired cabling and wonderful short-row shaping to create dreamy knitted accessories. This is the perfect introduction to the complex cabling methods used in many of her designs and you'll start by knitting the lavish border from end to end first, then work the garter short rows for the body of this slim scarf/shawl.

Prerequisites: Very strong intermediate knitting skills, experience with basic cabling and short rows is required

Materials: Dunedin by Lucy Hague, available for download purchase on Ravelry
For the small shawl, you'll need approximately 430 yards of fingering weight yarn in a solid or semisolid yarn – sample is made in Malabrigo Sock
Circular needles in size US5-24" & Cable needle

Next Steps in Brioche Knitting: The Mood of March Hat **\$50** **NEW**

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Tuesdays, April 3, 10, 17 10:30am-12 noon

If you've got some experience knitting brioche, this hat project will boost your experience with decreasing and increasing to make a beautiful branched design on a basic hat. Branching brioche will add interest and you'll have a chance to make two colors dance and blend. Understand this and the other patterns by this prolific brioche designer will be very achievable.

Prerequisites: prior experience knitting brioche required

Materials: Mood of March Hat by Katrin Schubert (available for purchase on Ravelry)
two colors of Manos del Uruguay's Silk Blend (150 yards per skein) or other compatible DK weight yarn
Circular needle size US5 or US6 16" and double point needles to match
Locking stitch markers & bent tip darning needle for finishing

Beginning Lace: Some Time Alone Shawl **\$50** **NEW**

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Thursdays, April 26, May 3, 10 10:30am-12 noon

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 Some Time Alone 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! Class will also cover how to block your finished beauty with ease. Cyd's map for the shawl is included!

Prerequisites: strong basic knitting skills including yarn overs, decreasing (ssk & k2tog), increasing

Materials: Some Time Alone Shawl pattern by Sylvia McFadden, available for purchase on Ravelry, bring a COLOR printout to class
Shawl requires approximately 600 yds of worsted weight yarn: we'd suggest 3 skeins of Juniper Moon Farms Moonshine (wool/silk blend 191 yds. per skein) or Berroco Ultra Wool worsted, or Berroco Ultra Alpaca.
US9-32" circular needle & locking stitch markers (required)

Intermediate Socks on Cirms: The Morrison Socks **\$50** **NEW**

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Thursdays, April 26, May 3, 10 1-2:30pm

Pick up your two circular needles and get ready to create a stunning pair of cabled and textured top down socks. If you've gotten through a pair or two of basic socks, this delightful pattern will keep your interest as you learn how to make socks using charted designs. We'll use DK weight Ultra Wool to make socks that are soft, easy care, and FAST! Map for the socks included! **Very strong basic knitting skills required.**

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

Materials: **Morrison Socks** pattern available for purchase on Ravelry, please bring a printout
two 24" circular needles in size for gauge (#4)
250 yards of DK weight yarn (light to medium solid color will show off the cabling best)
cable needle (try the Brittany wooden set)

Knit Purl Patterns: The Guernsey Wrap **\$50** **NEW**

2 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Wednesdays, April 18, 25 1-2:30pm

Knit and purl stitches align for a beautiful array of textures in this long rectangular shawl knit in DK or worsted weight yarn. The design is completely charted but you'll learn how to knit from the chart with ease. A full project map will help you stay on track and although you won't finish during class, you'll learn the unique Elizabeth Zimmerman sewn bind off on a small swatch (so stretchy!). We'll also cover blocking suggestions for the perfect finish.

Prerequisites: Strong knitting skills including the ability to "read" your knitting

Materials: Guernsey Wrap pattern by Jared Flood (available for purchase on Ravelry) bring color printout to first class (you may want to enlarge the chart for ease of reading)
DK weight Ultra Wool DK (washable wool) – 4 skeins (1160 yards) and US6 circular needle (24" is an adequate length)
OR
Worsted Weight Ultra Wool (washable wool) – 3 skeins (630 yards) and US8 circular needle (24" is an adequate length)
Locking stitch markers

Modular Knitting: The Asanagi Rectangular Wrap \$40 **NEW**

2 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Fridays, April 27, May 4 10:30-12 noon

Modular knitting is an addictive “piece by piece” kind of knitting and if you enjoyed knitting the Aranami Shawl (though it’s not a required prerequisite) you’ll love this twist on modular knitting where you never have more than 32 stitches on the needle. Pick five colors of fingering weight and start building your Asanagi in motifs that alternate between stockinette and garter stitch. A no-sew design, you’ll start with a crochet cast on for an elegant edge and as each little motif is done, you’ll pick up stitches without breaking the yarn and go on to the next motif. It’s easy to modify this pattern to make it wider, longer, etc.

Prerequisites: good basic knitting skills and ability to “read” your knitting

Materials: The Asanagi Wrap pattern (available for purchase on Ravelry) please bring a color printout to class
Each row requires approximately 225 yards of fingering weight yarn (5 rows require a total of approximately 1125 yards if you prefer a single color or a long repeat striper) Try Peppino by the Yarns of Rhichard Devrieze or mix it up and use your fingering weight leftovers!
Circular or straight needles size US3 (according to your preference)
Crochet hook for cast on (US C or D)
Locking stitch markers
Bent tip tapestry needle

CROCHET

Beginning Crochet \$50

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Fridays, May 4, 11, 18 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

Skill Builder Workshops

Map Your Knitting Part 1 \$30

1 session: 2 hours

- Saturday, April 21 10:30am-12:30pm
- Tuesday, May 8 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

- Tuesday, May 8 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**

English to Continental \$30

1 session 90 minutes

- Wednesday, April 18 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