



Class Schedule Summer 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 (9am) 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

- Fridays, May 5, 12, 19 10:30am-12:30pm
- Saturdays, June 10, 17, 24 10:30am-12:30pm
- Tuesdays, July 11, 18, 25 10:30am-12:30pm
- Thursdays, August 10, 17, 24 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, July 12, 19, 26 1-2:30pm

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

Modular Knitting: Aranami Shawl \$50

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Thursdays, July 20, 27, August 3 10:30-12noon

This shawl will introduce you to the fun (and slightly addictive!) techniques of modular knitting. This striking shawl is knit completely in garter stitch and despite it's complex look, you never have more than 36 live stitches at a time as each scallop is completed one at a time. Picking up stitches for each motif eliminate tedious "sewing up". Don't miss this chance to play with color and modular knitting! Once you get this pattern in your head, one won't be enough! We've done some tinkering with the pattern to make it even easier. Great for gift giving!

Prerequisites: very strong basic knitting skills

Materials: Aranami Pattern available as Ravelry download (bring print out to class)

fingering weight yarns in one to five colors (ask for help selecting your yarns!)-check the samples in store and pattern

Size US4 (any type, it's just for cast on) & US3 circular 24" (Note: this is a bit different than what the pattern calls for)

Locking stitch markers (required)

Top Down Knitting: Summer Cardigan **\$50 NEW**

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Wednesdays, July 12, 19, 26 10:30-12noon

This simple cardigan is knit top down with minimal finishing and looks great in a light worsted or DK weight yarn. A great first sweater for knitters with strong basic knitting skills, the knitting goes really quickly and working on circulars speeds up the whole process. Want longer sleeves? Get a little extra yarn and make them YOUR perfect length. You CAN knit a sweater that fits you! Buttons are optional.

Prerequisites: strong basic knitting skills

Materials: Download and printout Knitting Pure and Simple Pattern #221 on Patternfish.com
900-1400 yards of DK weight yarn (we suggest Juniper Moon Farms Zooey, a cotton/linen blend or Elisabeth Lavold Silky Wool)
US7 & US5 24" (see pattern for additional needle requirements)
Locking stitch markers
Buttons optional (wait to decide on this one!)

Brioche Hat **\$40 NEW**

2 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Fridays, June 16, 23 10:30-12noon

Curious about 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! Get started now and stay cool knitting this quick-knit hat. Pick two colors of worsted 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

EZ Short Rows: Summa Shawl **\$50 NEW**

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Thursdays, July 20,27, August 3 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: Authenticity Shawl **\$50**

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Thursdays, June 22, 29, July 6 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 610 yds of worsted weight yarn, samples done in Juniper Moon Moonshine (wool/silk blend 191 yds. per skein) 3 skeins and Stratus 4 skeins
US9-32" circular needle & locking stitch markers (required)

Intermediate Lace: Farlam Shawl **\$50** **NEW**

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Tuesday, August 8, 15, 22 10:30am-12noon

Farlam is a beautiful "squarish" shawl with elegant drape and a bold lace pattern. Done in worsted weight (sample is in dreamy Juniper Moon Farms Moonshine) on US10 needles, this goes FAST! If you already are familiar with knitting from charts, this will add some new skills like an I-Cord edging, centered double decreases with ease, managing repeats and a bit more advanced mapping (we give you the map!). Cozy knitting and a beautiful finished object make for the perfect project!

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

Materials: Farlam pattern: available on Ravelry, bring a COLOR printout
Shawl requires approximately 700 yds of worsted weight yarn, sample done in four skeins of Juniper Moon Farms Moonshine (wool/silk blend 191 yds. per skein)
US10-32" circular needle & locking stitch markers (required)

Lolita Vest **\$50** **NEW**

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Tuesday, June 13, 20, 27 10:30am-12noon

Looking for a vest that looks as good with jeans as it does with a dressy outfit? The Lolita Vest truly looks good on all body types and offers a beautiful drape without bulkiness. Minimal shaping and a flattering waterfall front it's easy to wear and is a great weight for four season wear. Knit in DK weight yarn, it's basically a light lacy rectangle with armholes and a clever no-sew way to finish.

Prerequisites: strong basic knitting skills

Materials: Download and printout of Lolita pattern by Imagine Knits (available on Ravelry)
DK weight yarn – see pattern for yardage on your selected size (550-800 yards)
US8-24" circular or size to get gauge
Locking stitch markers

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

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Tuesdays, June 13, 20, 27 1-2:30pm

Self-stripping 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

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Fridays, June 16, 23, 30 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: download and print Churchmouse Yarns & Teas Basic Christmas Stocking pattern on Ravelry
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

- Thursday, June 15 10:30am-12:30pm
- Wednesday, August 9 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

- Tuesday, July 11 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

- Tuesday, August 8 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

- Thursday, July 13 10:30am-12noon

If you've always wondered about knitting Continental style, this is the perfect chance to try it. It's 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

Finishing Fast: Simple Seams \$30

1 session: 2 hours

- Tuesday, July 18 1-3pm

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, June 15, 22, 29 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 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

Crochet Motifs \$50

3 sessions: 90 minutes each

- Wednesdays, August 9, 16, 23 10:30am-12:30pm

Looking to advance your crocheting skills and pattern reading abilities? In this class you'll be able to do both and learn how to create a variety of motifs with basic crochet stitches in the process. Crochet motifs can be connected together create shawls, afghans, pillow tops and more or they can be used as cheery finishing touches on garments, hats, and accessories. Flowers, leaves, granny rounds, and multicolored triangles are all possible! You'll also be able to crochet from charts and skip a lot of those confusing written directions. A perfect small project for summertime crochet!

Prerequisites: strong basic crochet skills

Materials: Beyond the Square Crochet Motifs by Edie Eckman (required)

Variety of crochet hooks

Variety of DK or worsted weight yarns in a selection of colors (we recommend Pima Cotton – lots of great colors with great sheen!)