

Classes & Activities Winter 2018

To register for classes: stop in, send an email to kelly@double-ewe-yarn.com, or call 763-795-9276. Payment in full guarantees your spot in the class – if you can't get to the shop before the class starts, you can hold your spot by calling with a credit card. If you need to cancel, please notify us as soon as possible in case there's a waiting list. If you notify us at least 24 hours before the class starts, your fees will be refunded. Class fees do not include materials unless noted.



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Fibers & Weights & Plys, Oh My!	
What's a ply? What about skeins, hanks, cakes, balls...? And why so many choices of fibers? Wool, alpaca, cotton, mohair, acrylic, so many options! Which is best for what? In this class, Tami is going to share her vast knowledge about all things yarn. Maybe we should have called the class "Everything you ever wanted to know about yarn but were afraid to ask."	
Day & Dates:	Tuesday, February 6
Time:	1:30 – 3:30
Class Cost:	\$15
Materials:	None, but maybe a pen for taking notes
Instructor:	Tami

Elizabeth Zimmermann Moccasin Sock Knit Along	
Who was Elizabeth Zimmermann? She was a British-born hand knitting teacher and designer, and she revolutionized the modern practice of knitting through her books and her public television series, Knitter's Workshop. She's my knitting hero. I have all of her books, and I've read and re-read all of them. Good stuff. I've been thinking it might be fun to do a series of knit alongs based on her patterns. I recently got a box of Knitter's Almanac in the shop, and this little book is a good introduction to EZ.	
For our first knit along, we're going to be knitting her Moccasin socks. It's a very unconventionally constructed sock. One of the benefits of the design is that entire sole of the sock can be knitted with reinforcing yarn, and also the entire sole of the sock can be replaced. Pretty cool. The pattern is "conversational" – she shares her thoughts on how she developed the design, telling you how to knit them along the way. If you prefer, she does include Pithy Directions* for what she calls the blind follower. Come see my sock at the shop...it was super fun to knit...sort of a puzzle. Who's up for the challenge?	
*Pithy Directions = row by row, stitch by stitch directions	
Day & Dates:	Tuesdays, February 6 – 20 (3 weeks)
Time:	6:30 – 9:00 (During our Open Knitting Time)
Class Cost:	Free, but we do ask that you purchase your materials from Double Ewe.
Materials:	200 grams worsted weight yarn, 16" US 6 Circular needles, stitch markers, 2 packs reinforcing Yarn, if desired.
Instructor:	Kelly

Ravelry 101	
Have you heard people talk about Ravelry? It's such a great online resource for knitters and crocheters! In this class, we'll show you how to look up yarns and patterns. We'll show you how to post your own projects. We'll give you a tour of the forums. We'll show you the benefits of adding your stash and how to add it. And your needles, and your library – it's so helpful to have them listed. We'll show you how to find a pattern for that beautiful yarn in your stash. We'll show you how to find a yarn for that pattern you want to knit. I could go on and on. Does all this sound confusing? Don't worry, we'll show you the ropes.	
To get the most out of this class, bring your tablet or laptop; if you can't do that, come anyway...you'll still learn a lot. It will be best if you already have a Ravelry account set up – if you need help getting signed up, we'd be glad to help prior to the class. I can't say enough good about Ravelry.	
Day & Dates:	Friday, February 9
Time:	10:00 – 12:00
Class Cost:	\$5
Materials:	None, but bring your tablet or laptop if possible.
Instructor:	Kelly

Weave In Your Ends Like A Pro	
Just a quick little class, focusing on how to weave in your ends well. A lot of knitters don't like weaving in their ends, but once you know how to do it well, you'll find it's not nearly so tedious, and you'll love how your finished project looks!	
Day & Dates:	Wednesday, February 21
Time:	11:00 – 12:00
Class Cost:	\$5
Materials:	You'll need to knit a swatch for this class: Using solid, light colored worsted weight yarn, cast on 25 stitches. Work in stockinette stitch (knit a row, purl a row, etc.) for 4". Then knit every row for 3 more inches. Bind off. Also bring a tapestry needle, about a yard of the yarn that you knit the swatch with.
Instructor:	Kelly

Two At A Time Toe Up Socks (2AAT Socks)	
Have you heard of Second Sock Syndrome? It's an affliction many of us come down with immediately after finishing a hand knit sock. The main symptom is a total lack of desire to knit its mate. Many knitters have succumbed to SSS, and have piles of single socks to show for it. But there is a cure: knitting two identical socks at the same time. There is hope; come and learn.	
Skills Needed:	Basic knitting skills including increasing, decreasing. You'll be knitting using fairly fine yarn and small needles, but if you prefer to learn using a heavier weight yarn such as worsted and larger needles, that's an option as well. Experience in knitting socks one at a time is recommended.
Day & Dates:	Wednesdays, February 28, March 7 and 21 (no class 3/14)
Time:	6:30 – 8:30
Class Cost:	\$40 plus materials
Materials:	100 grams of sock yarn. One pair of 32" or longer circulars in the size of your choice (size 1 through 2 recommended for sock yarn)
Instructor:	Tami

Brioche Cowl Knit Along	
Brioche Stitch continues to be super popular, and this chunky cowl is a great way to learn it! Brioche stitch has a fun rhythm to it, and it makes a super squishy fabric that you'll love. We'll be using two colors of Malabrigo Chunky to knit the cowl. We're running this knit along on two Saturdays. Come to both weeks, if you wish, but if you can't make it to both, just coming to one of either sessions will be enough to learn the stitch.	
Day & Dates:	Saturday, March 3 & 10
Time:	1:00 – 3:00
Class Cost:	Free, but we do ask that you purchase your materials from Double Ewe.
Materials:	Two skeins of Malabrigo Chunky (1 each of 2 colors), a 24 or 32" size US 10 needle, stitch marker
Instructor:	Kelly

Seam Like A Pro	
Another quick little class, this time focusing on seaming, mattress stitch specifically. So much of what makes a project great is the finishing! In this session, we'll practice how to seam knitted pieces together. It's almost magical how good it can look!	
Day & Dates:	Wednesday, March 14
Time:	11:00 – 12:00
Class Cost:	\$5
Materials:	You'll need to knit a couple of small swatches for this class: Using solid, light colored worsted weight yarn, cast on 20 stitches. Work in stockinette stitch (knit a row, purl a row, etc.) for 3". Bind off. Make three of these swatches. Also bring a tapestry needle, about a yard of the yarn that you knit the swatch with.
Instructor:	Kelly

Beginning Knitting & Crochet Group

Have you always wanted to learn to knit? What about crochet? Join us for a very casual, no pressure time to learn. You'll learn at your own speed. We'll set you up with some needles and yarn to learn & practice with, and we'll teach you the basics of either knitting or crochet.

If you choose to start a project, once you have the basics down, we can help you select a pattern the supplies for it. This is more of a beginner's group than a class, so relax, grab a cup of coffee, and learn a new hobby.

Day & Dates:	Fridays, March 16 – 30
Time:	10:00 – 12:00
Class Cost:	\$20 (Includes yarn to practice with and either a set of knitting needles or a crochet hook)
Materials:	Practice yarn and tools are included in the class fee. If you choose to start a project, you may need to purchase additional yarn and needles or hooks.
Instructor:	Kelly

Shawl Inspiration

Last fall, we had Cori Eichelberger come to Double Ewe with her Sweater Inspiration class. Did you come to it? So. Much. Fun. Well, with spring coming, we thought it would be fun to have her back to teach her Shawl Inspiration class. It's similar to the Sweater class, but this time with shawls! She's going to bring gobs and gobs of shawls (like around 50 of them!) that she's knit, and she'll share the details of each one with us, and then we'll get a chance to hold them, try them on, and get a ton of tips and ideas. So fun! Even if you're not a shawl knitter, come! It's going to be an inspiring evening!

Day & Dates:	Tuesday, March 20
Time:	6:00 – 8:30
Class Cost:	\$10, but you'll get \$5.00 off any purchase you make that evening.
Materials:	None, except a pen to take notes.
Instructor:	Cori Eichelberger

Stone Point Poncho Knit Along

Have you seen Stone Point? I don't have a sample at the shop yet, but I'm working on it right now. It's a really attractive poncho with a Flame Chevron Lace pattern that's very fun to knit. The pattern is written for one size, but it's very easily customizable in both length and width. We'll be meeting three Saturday afternoons in March and April, with one week between each session. It's going to be fun!

Day & Dates:	Saturdays, March 31, April 14, and April 28
Time:	1:00 – 3:00
Class Cost:	Free, but we do ask that you purchase your materials from Double Ewe.
Materials:	7 skeins of Luma (137yds/50g skein), more if you plan on making it bigger. Needles: 40" size 5 circular, 16" size 6 circular, 2 40" size 7 circulars, 1 set size 7 dpns.
Instructor:	Kelly

Fixing Mistakes

Even expert knitters make mistakes! The difference is that they know how to deal with them. In this class, we'll learn some techniques to fix a variety of mistakes, and how to avoid them, too. We'll cover how to "tink", unravel, and do vertical fixes. You'll learn to recognize twisted and skipped stitches, accidental yarnovers, and other knitting snafu's. Get some hands-on practice, so when you make your next mistake, you'll be prepared.

Day & Dates:	Wednesday, April 11
Time:	10:00 – 12:00
Class Cost:	\$15
Materials:	You'll need to bring some swatches to this class. Details will be given to you when you sign up.
Instructor:	Kelly