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Store Hours:
M,W,F, 11-6
Tuesday, 11-9
Thursday, 11-8
Saturday, 10-6
Sunday, 12-5

News and Notes

Madrona: Join us at the Madrona Fiber Arts Festival February 12 to 15 at the Hotel Murano in Tacoma. We'll be among several dozen vendors at the marketplace. The festival also features a full schedule of classes and opportunities to just sit and knit with a few hundred of your knitter friends. Go to www.madronafiberarts.com for more details.

CustomFit: Our knitalong is wrapping up, but our CustomFit program continues indefinitely. The program allows you to design your own sweater or pick from a number of pre-designed sweaters. At your first appointment we will comprehensively measure you, and you can pick out your yarn and design. At your second appointment you'll return with a knitted and blocked swatch, and we'll produce a computer-generated pattern that fits you perfectly. The cost for measuring and producing your pattern is \$25. If you like the result (and you will), subsequent patterns are \$10. We are also offering a six-week CustomFit class on Sunday mornings starting January 18.

Save the Date: Our annual storewide sale is planned for April 24 to 26.

Holiday Closings: We will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Winter 2015

THE Fiber GALLERY

Knitalong Features New Take on the Seamless Sweater

Our winter knitalong is the very popular Hitofude cardigan from Hiroko Fukatsu. In Japanese, Hitofude means a single brush



stroke. This open-front cardigan with an all-over lace pattern is worked in one "yarn stroke"—a continuous strand of yarn that is never cut.

The yarn stroke begins at the upper body, and creates a rectangle from the yoke and sleeves worked together. The stroke then moves to lower body, where the lace pattern increases evenly, creating a gentle drape.

More than 2200 Ravelry users have made this project, which flatters a wide variety of body types.

Our recommended yarn for the project is Madelinetosh Merino Light. Other fingering-weight yarns may be substituted. Feel free to splurge on yarn: The pattern costs less than \$2.

The knitalong kicks off January 17 with a launch party. You can get advice on yarn and pattern details, start your project, and enter to win door prizes.

Along the way you can get all the help you need, and we've scheduled several socialization and help sessions. The knitalong wraps up April 19 with another party. Come show off your finished (or almost finished) projects!

Blanket Builds Your Color-Work Skills

Want to learn more about knitting with colors? We're kicking off a year-long project aimed right at you. The Building in Color blanket consists of 10 strips, each featuring a different colorwork technique. In a series of Saturday-morning drop-in sessions, we'll feature help with a different panel each month. The blanket's designer, Michelle Hunter, has created a series of online videos to aid you in between sessions.

Our recommended yarn is Cascade 220, although many other yarns may be substituted. The blanket requires three colors.

Monthly sessions are \$10. The accompanying book, a \$20 value, is free to those purchasing



a blanket's worth of yarn during the month of January.

See Page 2 for schedule information.

Basics

Beginning Knitting: Three 2-hour sessions. Get started knitting. Learn to cast on, knit and purl, and increase and decrease in this class for novice knitters. **\$75.**

Sunday, January 11, 18 and 25, 12:30 to 2:30
Saturday, Mar. 7, 14 and 21, 1 to 3

Quick Start! Learn to Knit: One 2-hour session. Learn to cast on and do the knit stitch in an evening in this drop-in class. **\$25.**

Every Thursday, 6 to 8

Continuing Knitting: Six 2-hour sessions. Take the next step in your knitting. This class is designed to get you moving forward and developing new skills. You choose your project and we will assist you along the way. **\$150.**

Wednesday, January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11 and 18, 6 to 8
Wednesday, February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 6 to 8

Learn to Knit for Kids (and Parents, Too): One 2-hour session. Learn to knit and start an easy, fun

project. Recommended for ages 8 and up. **\$25 per person.**

Saturday, January 3, 1 to 3
Saturday, Mar. 14, 10:30 to 12:30
Saturday, April 4, 1 to 3

NEW! Continuing Knitting for Kids (and Parents, Too): One 2-hour session. Add purling and shaping to your knitting. **\$25 per person.**

Saturday, Mar. 14, 10:30 to 12:30

Knitting

Beginning Colorwork: Two 2-hour sessions. Learn to knit with two colors in the round as you create a pair of Nordic-inspired wrist warmers. **\$50.**

Sunday, January 18 and 25, 3 to 5
Saturday, March 28 and April 4, 3:30 to 5:30

Building in Color Blanket: Join us each month for this skill-building, year-long project. Join anytime! **\$10 per session.**

Saturday, Jan. 3, 10:30 to 12:30
Saturday, Feb. 7, 10:30 to 12:30
Saturday, March 7, 10:30 to 12:30
Saturday, April 4, 10:30 to 12:30

Cabled Earflap Hat: Two 2-hour sessions. Learn to knit cables with ease on this bulky, snowboard-style hat. **\$50**

Sunday, Feb. 22 and Mar. 1, 3 to 5

Castig On: One 2-hour session. Are you stuck using one cast-on for every project? Come learn three different techniques, each with advantages for different situation. **\$25**

Sunday, Feb. 22, 12:30 to 2:30

NEW! CustomFit, Start to Finish: Eight 2-hour sessions. Dying to try CustomFit to create a

beautifully fitting sweater but are scared to start? Let us guide you through the process from measuring and swatching to final finishing. **\$200**

Sunday, Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, Mar. 1 and 8, 10 to 12

Easy Basic Hat: Two 2-hour sessions. Learn the basics of knitting a hat, including knitting in the round on circular needles and double-points. This is a great project for beginners who know how to knit. **\$50.**

Sunday, March 22 and 29, 12:30 and 2:30

My First Socks: Three 2-hour sessions. Learn to work in the round, turn the heel and graft as you create your first sock. Prerequisite: Must be able to knit and purl. **\$75.**

Saturday, January 24 and 31 and February 7, 3:30 to 5:30
Sunday, Mar. 8, 15 and 22, 3 to 5

Simple Lace Shawl: Three 2-hour sessions. Learn to knit lace with our Greenwood Waltz pattern, a worsted-weight triangular shawl knit from the top-down. **\$75.**

Saturday, January 10, 17 and 24, 1 to 3

Socks 2-at-a-Time: Three 2-hour sessions. Never suffer from Second Sock Syndrome again! Learn to knit both your socks at once on one long circular needle. **\$70**

Saturday, March 7, 14 and 21, 3:30 to 5:30

NEW! Steeks: One 2-hour session. Cutting your knitting doesn't need to be scary. Learn two methods to create steeks. (There is homework for this class.) **\$25**

Saturday, March 28, 10:30 to 12:30

Sweater Finishing: One 2-hour session. Stumped by sweater assembly? Have a sweater in pieces at the bottom of your knitting bag? Learn how to set in sleeves, sew shoulder and side seams and pick up for buttonbands. **\$25.**

Saturday, January 3, 3:30 to 5:30
Sunday, February 8, 3 to 5
Saturday, Mar. 21, 10:30 to 12:30
Sunday, April 19, 12:30 to 2:30

NEW! Wee Liesl, a Lace Baby Sweater from the Top-Down: Three 2-hour sessions. Create an heirloom baby sweater in a simple lace pattern. **\$75.**

Saturday, January 10, 17 and 24, 10:30 to 12:30

Learn to Crochet: One 2-hour session. Learn three basic crochet stitches and basic terms. Get started on an easy project. **\$25.**

Sunday, January 4, 12:30 to 2:30
Sunday, February 1, 12:30 to 2:30
Sunday, March 1 12:30 to 2:30
Sunday, April 5, 12:30 to 2:30

Crocheted Beanie: One 2-hour session. Take the next step in

Drop Spindling: One 2-hour session. Create your own yarn using a drop spindle and learn the techniques of drafting and spinning. Class includes drop spindle and fiber to take home. **\$50.**

Saturday, Feb. 21, 10:30 to 12:30
Saturday, April 11, 10:30 to 12:30

Sculpting With Felting Needles: One 2-hour session. Create your own three-dimensional objects such as flowers, animals or dolls using a needle and unspun wool. No prerequisites. Class fee includes fiber, felting needles and

CustomFit KAL Finale: Sunday, January 11, 4 to 5

Hitofude Knitalong: Kick Off Party: Saturday, January 17, 3:30 to 5:30

Sit and Knit: All knitters, crocheters and other hand needleworkers are welcome to bring their latest project and join us from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, and on Wednesdays from noon to 2 p.m., for socializing. Free.

Project Help: Our teachers are

crochet by learning to work in the round and read a pattern as you make a simple unisex hat. **\$25.**

Sunday, January 4, 3 to 5
Sunday, April 12, 12:30 to 2:30

Granny Squares: One 2-hour session. Learn how to crochet in the round, change colors and construct squares that you can build into an heirloom blanket and more. **\$25**

foam pad. **\$40.**

Saturday, February 7, 1 to 3
Sunday, April 5, 3 to 5

Surface Design With Felting Needles: One 2-hour session. Decorate a zippered purse using a needle and yarn or unspun wool. Class fee includes felt purse, fiber, felting needles and foam pad. **\$50.**

Saturday, Jan. 10, 3:30 to 5:30

Basic Rigid Heddle Weaving: One 5-hour session with a half-hour break for lunch. Learn to

Support Sessions: Sunday, February 8 12:30 to 2:30
Sunday, March 15, 12:30 to 2:30

Finale Party: Sunday, April 19, 4 to 5

on hand every Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. for one-on-one help with anything knit-related. It's only \$10.

Charity Group: Knitters and crocheters are invited to join us every Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. Meet to socialize while you

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Sunday, March 29, 3 to 5

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Sunday, April 12, 3 to 5

weave on our small, portable Cricket looms. You will warp and weave your first small project in a day. Looms are available for purchase or for rental (extra fee). **\$50.**

Saturday, Feb. 28, 10:30 to 4
Saturday, April 18, 10:30 to 4

Beginning Needlepoint: One 2-hour session. Learn the basic needlepoint stitch and start a small zippered purse (included in class fee). **\$40**

Saturday, Jan. 31, 10:30 to 12:30

Crochet

Et Cetera

Knit-alongs

Groups

Class Registration

All classes except Thursday's *Quick Start! Learn to Knit* require preregistration. Knitalong sessions do not require registration.

To register, please call 206-706-4197 or email us at info@fibergallery.com. In most cases, payment is not required until day of class. Class fees listed here do not include supplies unless otherwise noted.

Things You Should Know ...

Join Us Online: There are lots of ways to keep up with the latest happenings at the Fiber Gallery. We're on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Ravelry.com, and visit our blog on our website, www.fibergallery.com.

Private Instruction: We offer private, customized classes at \$25 an hour. Please call 206-706-4197 for more information.

Sitting and Knitting: We offer several weekly groups for

socialization and knitting help (See Page 3 for more details). But we're always happy to have you stop by and knit at the big table if you have an hour or two to spare. We love to see you, and the tea is always hot!

We're Going Green: Would you rather receive this newsletter in email form? Do you get duplicates online and in the mail? No problem. Just give us a call at 206-706-4197 and we'd be happy to convert you to online only.



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