



NEW LOCATION

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CLASS LIST – WINTER/SPRING 2018 rev2.26.18

All classes are held at the Threadbender, unless otherwise noted. The class fees are paid in advance to reserve your spot in class. One week's notice is required to receive a refund or transfer (three weeks for weaving or dyeing classes). We will call you if we must cancel a class, and a refund or store credit will be given. Our classes are designed to assist you in the use of yarns and other materials purchased at our store. Although some materials are included in some classes, most materials are extra and must be purchased at our store. Yarns purchased at other stores should be used in that store's classes. Ask if you're not sure that a class is right for you, or whether you have the skill level required to be successful in a class.

Please register as far in advance of a class or workshop as possible.

The Knit Doctor

Thu, Mar 1, 10:30a-12:30p, \$10

Thu, Apr 5, 10:30a-12:30p, \$10

Thu, May 3, 10:30a-12:30p, \$10

The Knit Doctor will help you with any ailments you may have...assuming they pertain to fiber art. *wink* Bring your toughest questions and projects that are making you "sick", and get some serious answers from a trained professional! The Knit Doctor is armed with a prescription pad, and will use it if need be. No need to register in advance. Juliane Anderson

Learn to Knit

Sat, Mar 3, 1:00p-3:00p, \$18 FULL

JUST ADDED!

Wed, Mar 21, 5:30p-7:30p, \$18 (this class is held after hours)

Sun, Apr 8, 1:00p-3:00p, \$18

Learn to knit in this class for beginners. You will learn casting on, binding off, and the knit stitch. We will also send you home with a mini starter kit. You do not need to bring anything with you.

Becca Anderson or Jessica Christensen or Laura Crump

Knitting 102: Beyond Garter Stitch

Thu, Mar 15, 10:00a-12:00p, \$18

JUST ADDED!

Wed, Apr 11, 5:30p-7:30p, \$18 (this class is held after hours)

So you know how to knit, but you want to take it to the next level. We will show you a few new stitches and how to put these stitches together to make some really cool patterns. Included with the class is a pattern for a basketweave scarf. Bring with you a worsted weight yarn and size 7 or 8 needles of any length. Becca Anderson or Jessica Christensen

Knitting 103: In the Round and More

Wed, Feb 28, 5:30p-7:30p, \$18 (this class is held after hours)

Thu, Mar 29, 10:00a-12:00p, \$18

Advance your knitting skills even further by learning several new methods of knitting in the round...magic loop, travelling loop, and double pointed needle knitting. We will also show you how to swatch properly for knitting in the round and will teach you two simple short row techniques. You will need a 32" or 40" circular needle with corresponding yarn as well as a set of double point needles in the same size as your circular. You will also need several removable stitch markers. Homework: have 50 stitches cast on to your circular needle before class begins.

Jessica Christensen

My First Sweater

Sat, Mar 24, 10:00a-1:00p, \$32

Do you know how to knit basic items but want to take your knitting to the next level? Do you have the desire to learn how to knit a sweater? Well, we have found the perfect pattern for your first sweater! In this 3-hour class, we will teach you about pattern reading, buttonholes, shaping, binding off and casting on in the middle of a row, the use of stitch markers, and more! We will knit a mini version of an entire sweater in this class and go over everything you need to know to knit your first sweater. Included in the class is a pattern for a sweater that goes from a newborn size all the way up to 5T. Bring a 24" or longer size 6 needle. We will choose yarn in class. Basic knitting and purling skills required. Becca Anderson

Oops! For Knitters

Sun, May 6, 12:30p-3:30p, \$26

Learn how to fix knitting mistakes so you don't have to rip back and how to rip back safely when that is the best solution. We will teach you many other tips and hints to try. Bring specific questions, and we'll answer them as time permits. Register as far in advance as possible so we can have pre-knitted imperfect samples ready for you to fix up. Juliane Anderson

Four Day Weaving Workshop

Mon-Thu, Apr 23-26, 10:00a-4:00p, \$250

Learn to weave in this intensive workshop designed to teach you the basics to get started or take you further than you may already be as a weaver. Looms are included in the fee, and we have 4- and 8-harness looms. Materials are extra, and we hope that you will complete two smaller projects in the class to really understand the process. Bring scissors, straight pins, measuring tape, note-taking tools, a small ruler, and a calculator. Juliane Anderson

Drop Spindle 101: Beginner

Sat, Mar 17, 10:00a-12:00p, \$18

This is the class to take if you are wondering if spinning is for you and you have a desire to learn to spin yarn. This class will teach you the basics of drop spinning yarn. You should come to class with a top whorl drop spindle (or you can purchase one at the time of class), and you can purchase materials (roving) at the time of class. You will learn pre-drafting techniques to prepare fiber for spinning, proper hand placement for controlling twist during spinning, how to recognize the "drafting zone", park and draft method for beginning spinning, how to even out twist as you spin, and drop spindle anatomy and terminology. Kate Brinks

Finishing

Sat, Mar 10, 10:00a-12:00p, \$18 FULL

Sat, May 19, 2:30p-4:30p, \$18

JUST ADDED!

This class will teach you how to sew together your finished pieces so that nobody but you will know you seamed it. We will also go over how to join yarns when changing balls or colors and how to weave in your ends. Bring with you some worsted weight yarn and appropriate needles. You will also need a tapestry needle, which we do have for sale if you don't have one. If you have a sweater or other project that needs to be sewn together, bring that as well for demonstration. There is also homework that needs to be completed before class begins. Becca Anderson

Freeform Knitting

Sat, May 12, 10:00a-2:00p, \$45

JUST ADDED!

Ever wanted to break all the rules? Think "outside the skein" and build an original, one-of-a-kind fabric. This technique will challenge the limits of your fiber imagination. There will be nothing orderly or controlled about your work, but your fabric will be most interesting and a joy to create. Bring an open mind. This is a "NO RULES" kind of knitting. The more experience you bring, the more skills you will be able to draw upon when you freeform, as we inspire and guide you. We will take a break around noon, and you may want to bring a snack to keep your strength up. Also, bring some worsted or finer yarn and size 7 or 8 or appropriate size needles. There will be extra yarn for you to use in class. Juliane Anderson

Dye Workshop for Knitters or Weavers

Fri, Apr 13 and Sat, Apr 14 – 10a-1p and/or 2p-5p each day

1 3-hr session \$45

2 3-hr sessions \$85

3 3-hr sessions \$125

All 4 sessions \$ 165

Weavers, this is your chance to paint a warp, dye some weft or just have fun dyeing yarn for future use. Three hours is enough time to hand-paint a warp (3 yards long and up to 12" wide) and dye some weft.

Knitters, you can choose from a variety of methods to achieve not so solid colors and several multi-color effects such as casserole dyeing and hand-paint dyeing. You'll be able to dye 3 large skeins of yarn or more for one project or several smaller projects.

Yarn or roving used in this class must be from our store and must be protein fibers such as wool, silk, mohair, alpaca, llama, angora, or a protein fiber mixed with up to 25% nylon (such as a sock yarn). Do not bring cotton, linen, rayon, tencel, acrylic, or any other plant-based fiber or synthetic. Acid dyes will not work on these types of fibers.

Weavers and Knitters, please bring with you:

- A paint shirt, art apron, or wear old clothes
 - Three plastic grocery bags
 - A roll of paper towels
- Tight fitting rubber gloves like surgical gloves
 - An old towel
- 4-5 foam brushes or china brushes (1-2" wide) (china brushes are available at home improvement stores for about \$1 a piece)
 - Note-taking tools
 - A small ball of any white yarn

We do have extras of most supplies, so don't worry too much about buying a bunch of them.

Preparations (to be done before class day):

Weavers:

- If you want to paint a warp, you may prepare a normal warp but make your ties loose and handle the bout gently. If you want to experiment with flipping sections of your warp, wind separate bouts of your warp (at least 5 bouts) each with a cross **at both ends**. Also add some extra warp threads in each bout for replacement threads in the event of breakage during weaving. You can tie the bouts tightly if you want white spots in your cloth. When wound and tied, hold all bouts together as one, and chain from the bottom up to your bundle choke tie for transport. If you just want to paint the whole warp many colors in one piece, then one bundle will work.
- If you just want to dye yarn that will surprise you in warp or weft, hanks will dye the easiest. Use a swift to put your yarn into a hank. Be sure there are several loose lease ties throughout the hank.
 - To dye weft – you'll need hanks with lease ties.
 - You can dye roving for spinning.
 - You can over-dye yarns you're not happy with to improve a color.

Knitters

- 3 large hanks of undyed yarn or pale colored dyed yarn for over dyeing. If you are using yarn that is in balls, you will need to wind them into hanks with lease ties before class.

CURRENT STORE HOURS

Mon 10a-5p

Tue 10a-5p

Wed 10a-5p

Thu 10a-7p

Fri 10a-5p

Sat 10a-5p

Sun 12p-4p**

**starting May 13, we will be closed on Sundays through the summer

SOCIAL KNITTING (or any other fibering)

These are not classes but gatherings of fiber friends

every Thursday from 1p-7p

(except Apr 26, it will be 5p-9p only).

SPIN NIGHTS

Bring your wheel or spindle, and spin with friends once a month from 5p-9p.

Thursdays Mar 22, Apr 26, May 24

(you do not have to pre-register, but we may leave early if nobody shows by 8p)

KCAL

Ask for a flyer about our KCAL (knit- and crochet-along) for a scarf, throw, or blanket. We meet the first Saturday of every month. We also have a KAL for a sweater starting soon. More details to come on that one!

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