



Threadbender Yarn Shop

CLASS LIST – SUMMER 2017

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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 classes). We will call you if we must cancel a class, and a refund 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. Store models will be available to help illustrate the goal of the class. 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. It makes our lives a little easier in making preparations for teaching, so that we will have adequate supplies and handouts!

The Knit Doctor

Thu, Jul 6, 10:30a-12:30p, \$10

Thu, Aug 10, 10:30a-12:30p, \$10 (NOT Aug 3 due to weaving workshop conflict)

Thu, Sep 7, 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

Four Day Weaving Workshop

Mon-Thu, Jul 31-Aug 3, 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

Beginning Crochet

Sat, Jul 1, 11:00a-1:00p, \$18

Learn the basics of crochet, including chain, slip stitch, single crochet, and double crochet. You will also learn how to measure gauge, and we will create a sample swatch for you to reference. Materials will be chosen in class. Mary Carol Brouwer

Next Steps in Crochet

Sat, Jul 22, 11:00a-1:00p, \$20

If you know how to crochet but want to take your knowledge a little further, this is the class for you. We will show you how to read a pattern (with and without a chart), how to start with the magic ring (aka...magic loop...magic circle), how to do colorwork, and a few new stitches. A pattern for a mandala is included. Materials will be chosen in class. Mary Carol Brouwer

Learn to Knit with Becca or Jessica

Mon, Jul 10, 2:30p-4:30p, \$18

Fri, Jul 28, 11:00a-1:00p, \$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

Knitting 102: Beyond Garter Stitch

Sat, Jul 15, 10:00a-12:00p, \$18

So you know how to knit, but you want to take it to the next level. I 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

My First Sweater

Sat, Jul 29, 10:00a-12:00p, \$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

CURRENT STORE HOURS

Mon-Sat 10a-5p

Dye Workshop for Knitters or Weavers

Friday, August 11 and Saturday, August 12 – 10a-1p 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 opportunity 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 fiber.

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.