

a knitted peace

Summer classes for quick, cool knits

Politically Correct Sweater

Wed, June 11, 18, July 16, 6-8 pm

Look great at the polls in Karen's latest design — a short-sleeved sweater with a unique modular design. Come try on a model to see how it flatters many figure types with clever shaping. Fun to knit in one of our new summer cottons, or try transition-into-fall wools or alpacas. It's also a great project for special hand-dyed hanks. Intermediate.

Instructor: Karen Gress
Cost: \$55, includes pattern

Heartbeat Pullover

Tues, June 10, 17, 24, July 8, 6-8pm

If you missed this class the first time, it's a perfect summer project in cotton or cotton blends. This time we're going at a slower pace (four classes instead of three). Fun to make with unusual construction that will make you want to keep knitting, it will amaze you as it comes together for a good fit. Advanced beginner, but fun for more skilled knitters, too.

Instructor: Joanne Conklin
Cost: \$75, includes pattern

Kauni — Out of the Box!

Tues, Aug 12, 19, 26, 6-8 pm

Think out of the box — the Kauni Fair Isle box that is — and design your own cardigan using Kauni EQ and other Kauni colorways. We'll



Politically Correct works up beautifully in wool or cotton for year-round wear.

expert techniques for designing a stylish cardigan or pullover made to fit YOU. You will design your own sweater and make your own pattern. Sleeves will be worked from the top down with a cap. Advanced beginner; must be comfortable with math, increases and decreases.

Instructor: Cristi Engblom
Cost: \$75

Got Habu?

Sat, May 31, June 14, 28, July 12, 1-3pm

We're here to help as you embark on your Japanese knitting adventure — and we promise those enigmatic patterns are better than Sudoku! Come to one or all of these informal help sessions and see what beautiful garments everyone's making. (Feel free to stop by Knitting Help on Thursdays from 5:30 to 7 pm, too.)

Instructors: AKP staff

Cost: \$6 per session, which can be applied to the purchase of your next Habu kit (up to 50% of kit's value).

work swatches to come up with a distinctive, one-of-a-kind sweater, then draft a customized pattern. Intermediate.

Instructor: Marsha Asheim
Cost: \$50

Knit to Fit

Tues, June 3, 17, July 1, 22, 6-8pm

Learn Cristi's

Yarn Tasting Party!

Friday, May 2, 5-9 pm

Cost: \$12

OK, we won't really be *tasting* the yarn — but you'll get to try several of our favorites while enjoying drinks and appetizers. This is our debut of **First Friday**, a series of events in tandem with the Historic Downtown Littleton merchants, who will be staying open until 9 pm on the first Friday of each month.

Participants will receive samples of yarn long enough to knit a 3"x3" swatch, plus information and suggested projects for each fiber.

Drop in for some stitching, then stroll the neighborhood for dinner and a little end-of-week shopping.

Friday, June 6, will be Movie Night. We'll watch *Calendar Girls* with Helen Mirren and cheer on the plucky ladies. Free

Friday, July 11, we'll gather for charity knitting — patterns provided. Free

Friday, August 1, is still in the works but don't worry, we'll think of something fun! Make sure we have your email to keep you up-to-date with times and details.

Trunk shows: Folk Style — April 29-May 16
Kimono Knits — July 22-26

Simple projects for new knitters



Juliet knits up quickly for a pretty summer cover-up. This simple project could be a first sweater for knitters who have mastered increasing and decreasing.

Juliet Sweater

Thurs, June 12, 19, 26, 1-3 pm

This adorable sweater is a good choice for knitters who want to expand their skills without committing to a long-term project. Once you've mastered it, you could whip one out in a weekend! Make two or three for summer cover-ups over your sleeveless tops. Advanced beginner.

Instructor: Jane Dickinson

Cost: \$55, includes pattern

The Shape of Things: A Knitted Purse for Summer

Thurs, July 17, 31, 1-3pm

These clever purses (or totes, depending on size) are knitted sideways with a ribbed stitch. The basic construction is a shaped rectangle with two semi-circular yokes. Two sizes are offered and further changes may be made by increasing or decreasing the needle size. Included are instructions for lining the finished piece and attaching handles. Advanced beginner.

Instructor: Karen Gress

Cost: \$45

Spiral Bag

Fri, June, 6, 13, 1-3pm

Looking for something fast and fun and portable to knit for summer? Try this little drawstring bag. Knitted on the bias, it expands to hold whatever you put in it and it is a snap to complete in a weekend out of a variety of yarns – a great stashbuster for those leftover skeins! Advanced Beginner; a great way to learn how to put a seam together invisibly with grafting.

Instructor: Karen Gress

Cost: \$45, includes pattern

Earflap Hat

Tues, July 15, 29, 6-8pm

We'll be doing a different earflap hat this time around, with various options to suit the recipient. In two sessions you'll have a warm hat for yourself, or a gift for someone special. Beginner, must be able to cast on and knit.

Instructor: Joanne Conklin

Cost: \$45, includes pattern

Fusion Scarf

Tues, August 5, 6-8pm

The fusion scarf is a fun and addictive project. Almost everyone who makes it can't wait to make another. It's called Fusion as the colors blend and make the knitting look much more difficult than it really is. In one session you'll be on your way to being warm and stylish this winter.

Instructor: Joanne Conklin

Cost: \$25, includes pattern

Quick Baby Hat — Learning to Manage Doublepoint Needles

Wed, June 25, 6-8pm

If you've never used double-pointed needles before, or find that knitting with them is a struggle, then this class is for you. Learn to manage multiple needles while making our class project, an easy baby hat. After just one class you'll begin to feel more comfortable and ready to take on more challenges (socks, perhaps?). Beginner, must be able to cast on and knit.

Instructor: Joanne Conklin

Cost: \$25, includes pattern

Beginning classes

Beginning Knitting

*Sat, June 14, 21, 28,
10:30am-12:30 pm*

Learn to cast on and off, knit, purl, work increases and decreases and read a simple pattern. We'll decode yarn labels and abbreviations, learn about fibers and get you going on your first project!

Instructor: Jane Dickinson

Cost: \$55, includes book

Beginning Crochet

Sat, July 12, 19, 1-3pm

We'll teach you the basic stitches and how to crochet in the round. You'll be amazed how quick and easy it can be! Get started on a crocheted scarf or hat right off the fashion pages.

Instructor: Marsha Asheim

Cost: \$45, includes

Fun little knits

Fair Isle Hat

Tues, June 11, 18, July 2, 6-8pm

Learn Fair Isle techniques, two color knitting, and knitting in the round with circular and dp needles with a small, easy to manage project. Choose from several pattern designs and knit in Kauni, soft Baby Ull wool or other sport weight yarn. Advanced beginner.

Instructor: Marsha Asheim

Cost: \$45, includes pattern

Cat Bordi Socks

Mon, June 2, 9, 16, 6-8 pm

We're starting down the path of sock enlightenment with Cat's Spiraling Coriolis sock to introduce you to her latest breakthrough concepts. With unique shaping, this sock fits better than traditional toe-up designs. Not for the new sock knitter, but perfect for anyone who wants to expand their understanding of sock architecture.

Instructor: Molly Christopher

Cost: \$50 plus book

Swallowtail Shawl

Tue, June 10, 24, July 8, 6-8pm

Simple bud lace in the body, lily-of-the-valley for the border, and a peaked edge make up the Swallowtail Shawl. Almost 1150 Ravelers have



knitted it. That many more have it in their queues. You'll master "nupps," which are said to be the only knitting move that can't be duplicated by machine. This is perfect

summer knitting — you'll want to make several!

Instructor: Cindy Fite

Cost: \$55

Baby Surprise Jacket

Wed, Aug 6, 13, 6-8pm

This very popular class is back for summer! You'll be fascinated by the knitting geometry of this adorable one-piece sweater for a range of sizes. Advanced beginner; must be familiar with basic increases and decreases. (Don't miss our baby hat class under Simple Projects for New Knitters.)

Instructor: Marsha Asheim

Cost: \$40, plus book or pattern

Technique classes to boost your skills

Knuclear Knitting

Wed, July 23, 30, 1-3pm

Take knitting down to its two most basic elements — a loop of string on a stick. We will explore the construction of knitted fabric (stockinette, knit and purl, yarnovers, increases and decreases) and learn to apply this to fixing mistakes, grafting, weaving in ends, and pattern alteration. Advanced beginner— must be familiar with knitting terms and stockinette as well as basic increases and decreases.

Instructor: Karen Gress

Cost: \$40

Flat vs. Circular Knitting

Tues, May 20, 6-8pm

Have you ever wondered why some projects are knit in the round while others are knitted flat? Do you know how to do garter stitch in the round, for example? Or stocking stitch? The differences will be explored and you'll make two small objects to try it out for yourself. Beginner, must be able to cast on, knit and purl.

Instructor: Joanne Conklin

Cost: \$25

Our very first knit-along!

If you've seen the online excitement about the Moroccan Days/Arabian Nights Shawl, here's your chance to join the fun!

Mon, June 9, 23, July 7, 21, Aug 4, 6-8pm

Designed after an exotic tapestry, this shawl combines intermediate lace and beads for an elegant masterpiece. While it's probably not for the first time lace knitter, it is not difficult and it is so gorgeous.

Our knit-along will offer instruction and support — you should see Cindy's charts! — as well as camaraderie as we gather to work on our shawls. We'll meet on five Monday evenings for knitting and sharing. Come to as many sessions as you can - we know that you'll travel a little this summer. Joanne and Cindy have it worked out so one or both will be present to host every session.

Instructors: Joanne Conklin and Cindy Fite

Cost: \$8 per session

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More classes

Simple Lace/Kristina

Wed, July 9, 16, Aug. 13, 27, 6-8pm

A very pretty shell from the book *Knits Three Ways*, this sleeveless sweater in a medium-weight yarn is a perfect first lace project. It could even be a determined knitter's first sweater, for the lace pattern is straightforward. In addition to basic fitting skills and lace knitting, we'll learn a little crochet as we finish the sleeve and neck openings. This top will take your wardrobe into warm falls days in perfect style. Advanced beginner.

Instructor: Jane Dickinson

Cost: \$70 plus book

Intarsia - Restart a Stalled Project

Mon, June 2, 16, 30, 6-8pm

Ah, the dreaded intarsia. Some love it, some hate it. Joanne happens to be one of the former. This workshop is for those who have started a project in the past but didn't finish. It's time to pull it out and get reacquainted. There will be three Monday night sessions, when the store is closed and quiet. If there is sufficient interest, more sessions may be added. This is the workshop that many have asked for, so please join us for knitting, companionship, support and snacks! Skill level: Determined to finish!

Instructor: Joanne Conklin

Cost: \$10 per session

Annual Sale Aug. 23

End-of-season **discounts** on summer yarns

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Be sure to stop by and sign up for our hourly **raffles!**

Fun, prizes and yarn!

10 am to 5 pm during Historic Downtown's Sidewalk Sale