

Anacapa Fine Yarns Newsletter

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Fall 2008

I hope you all enjoyed your summer. Fall is fast approaching, folks are busy getting the kids back to school, and we are all thinking about getting back to our regular routines. We once again have a packed Fall class schedule with over 50 classes starting September 3rd. We've got plenty of fun yarn coming our way for you to get your hands on. Don't miss our Holiday Party, we had this last year, and are going to make it an annual event. It's a way to thank our customers for their support all year. We appreciate each and every one of you. We will also have a FoodShare drive for canned goods at our holiday party, so be sure to keep those in need in your mind. It's been over four years since I started this venture, and at the time, I didn't know how necessary a place like ours was in the community. Many of you have made Anacapa Fine Yarns your home yarn shop (also known as the mother ship), and that warms our hearts. We are glad to be here for all of you.

Most of our Fall yarns will begin to arrive over the next few weeks (some are already here), so if you want to be the first on your block with the new yarns out this season, don't wait to long to check them out here at Anacapa.

We have already received Rowan's Cocoon and Colourscape (a new Kaffe Fassett yarn); Nashua's Julia, Vignette and Mohair; Crystal Palace's Panda Silk and Panda Silk DK, Poof Taos, Merino 5 and Party. We also have many beautiful shawl pins in stock right now for you to select from.

Still to come are:

Brown Sheep-Lanaloft Sport

Tahki-Montana, Savoy and Torino

Filatora di Crosa-Superior

Stacy Charles-Ritratto

Schaefer Yarns-Elaine, Nancy, Blossom, more Andrea and Anne sock yarn.

Misti Alpaca-Chunky and Worsted Handpaint and solids

Manos del Uruguay-Wool and Silk Blend

Colinette-Jitterbug and Afghan kits

Regia-6 Ply Kaffe Fassett yarn

Malabrigo Worsted

Plymouth-Mainland, Ecco Cashmere, and Ecco Silk, all from Plymouth's Earth Collection. Also, Sinsation, Sin City, Rap and Encore Sock yarn.

Berroco-Ultra Alpaca Worsted, Light and Fine, Cuzco and Jasper

Araucania-Aysen, Nature Wool Worsted and Chunky

Debbie Bliss-Cashmerino Baby, Aran, DK and now Chunky

The latest styles in knitting bags from Amy Butler, Offhand Designs and Stirling.

Our Fall class schedule is also included in this newsletter; it is jam packed with lots of classes. Gloria Tracy, Jane Davis, Barbara Selesnick, Karin Wilmoth, Susie Meach, Elisa Purnell, Anne Lecrivain-Cozzoli, Anastasia Poland and Deb Jarchow are all offering classes this fall. Check out the schedule starting on page three. The schedule is also posted on our website for easy reference.

See you all back in the shop very soon.

Happy Knitting,

Class & Workshop Schedule

Fall 2008

*Please note: we expect classes to fill quickly. Register in advance to secure your space. Students must pay for their class when signing up. Unless noted, students should purchase all supplies listed before attending class, including any pattern or notions. Class participants receive a 10 percent discount on class materials. In the event you must cancel your reserved spot, we must be given at least five days' notice **before** the class date in order to refund your fees. If you do not, you forfeit your entire registration fee; however, if your place is filled by another student, we will refund your fee. Class samples are available to view at the shop. Also, please be **on time** for class.*

Skill Levels are described as follows:

Confident Beginner: Knitting-Know how to knit and purl confidently. Crochet- Know the chain, single crochet and double crochet confidently.

Intermediate: Knitting and Crochet-In addition to knowing the basic stitches, also are familiar with at least one increase and decrease as well as simple stitch patterns, color changes and finishing.

Knitting Classes

Beginning Knitting

Three Sessions-Wednesdays, September 10, 17 and 24, 6 pm to 8 pm, \$50 OR Saturdays, October 4, 11 and 18, 4 pm to 6 pm, supplies not included. Skill level: No prior knitting experience. Instructor: Anne Lecrivain-Cozzoli

This basic class will start you on your knitting adventure. Learn the basics: cast on, knit, purl, and bind off. Also learn several increases and decreases to add shaping to simple projects. Come see what all the fuss is about!

Block-a-Month Afghan-Beginner

Monthly-Every second Saturday. Next class: Saturday, September 13, 9 a.m. to noon. **Please note: There will be no class the month of November.** Three classes \$75 or \$30 per class; supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Karin Wilmoth

Learn a wide variety of skills as you work toward completing an afghan. You will learn how to read knitting patterns and charts. This will help you gain confidence in all your knitting projects.

Block-a-Month Afghan-Intermediate

Monthly-Every fourth Saturday. Next class: Saturday, September 27, 9 a.m. to noon. Three classes \$75 or \$30 per class; supplies not included. Skill Level: Intermediate. Instructor: Karin Wilmoth

This class covers more intermediate level techniques. This is a continuing class but students at the

appropriate skill level can jump in if space is available.

Sock Club

Monthly-Every first Saturday. Next class: Saturday, September 6, 9 a.m. to noon. Three classes \$75 or \$30 per class; supplies not included. Skill Level: Intermediate. It is recommended that you either have previously taken the Sock Knitting or Toe Up Sock class, or that you have knit a sock before. This is not a first sock class. Instructor: Karin Wilmoth

Socks, socks, and more socks! Toe Up, cuff down, socks with no heel, or toes; how many ways can you knit a sock? Let us count the ways. While we may not get through a sock every month, we will learn a different aspect and technique every time. Have you ever had a fitted arch? What about sideways socks? The possibilities are endless, and always rewarding. So set aside the first Saturday morning of the month, and join us as we expand our skills as sock knitters.

Fits You to A Tee

Six Sessions-Wednesdays, September 3, 17, 24, October 1, 8 and November 5, 6 pm to 9 pm, \$175, supplies not included, Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Gloria Tracy

Have Gloria teach you the basics of a first garment. In this class, you can choose from three patterns simple enough for a first project, but with a sufficient amount of interesting details to intrigue experienced knitters. Each pattern can be adapted to any size requirement. All are worked in the round to the underarm so have minimal finishing and all patterns can be adapted to a variety of yarn weights. Techniques you will use or learn: how to figure gauge from a swatch; how to adapt a pattern to a different weight yarn than called

for; working in the round on circular needles; use of markers; how to count rows and stitches; simple cable and twist; casting on additional stitches to an existing row; 3-needle bind off, and more.

Sock Knitting

Two Sessions-Tuesday, September 9 and 16, 6 pm to 9 pm.; \$50, supplies not included. Skill Level: Intermediate. Instructor: Lois Varga

Once you make one pair of socks, you feel the need to make a pair for everyone in the entire family! Come and learn how to knit circularly and work the heel and the toe of the sock. You will learn the basics on either double-pointed or two circular needles.

E. Zimmerman's-Baby Surprise Sweater

Two Sessions-Fridays, September 12 and 26, 6 pm. to 9 pm., \$50, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Anne Lecrivain-Cozzoli

Let's celebrate the 40th anniversary of this clever pattern from a knitting legend. This class will guide you through the magic of simple shaping techniques that turn a single piece of knitting into an impressive and attractive baby garment. This pattern lends itself well to self striping, handpaints, and oddments of stash yarn to create detail.

Cast On/Bind Off

One Session-Sunday, September 14, Noon to 3 pm; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Anne LeCrivain-Cozzoli

Ever wonder if there was a world beyond the long tail cast on or what the heck a provisional cast on is? Ever wonder how they got that bind off edge to stretch so nicely? Come learn six each of different cast on and bind off techniques, as well as, when and where you might use them.

Introduction to Lace

One Session-Saturday, September 20, 9 am to Noon; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Know how to knit confidently, no purls necessary. Instructor: Karin Wilmoth.

Make a beautiful lace soap sack and washcloth while learning the intricacies of lace. Enhance your knitting knowledge while learning to decipher pattern reading as well as chart reading and its symbols, garter lace pattern stitches, short rows and more.

Toe Up-2 Socks on 2 Circulars

Two Sessions-Sundays, September 21 and October 5, Noon to 3 pm; \$50, supplies not included. Skill Level: Intermediate. Instructor: Karin Wilmoth

In this class we will learn how to make two socks at the same time, while using the same two circular needles, based on your gauge. We will learn how and where to measure your foot, and how to work a short row heel.

Knit Fixes

One Session-Saturday, September 27, 4 pm to 6 pm, OR Tuesday November 18, 6 pm to 8 pm, \$25, supplies not included. Skill level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Lois Varga

If you are a fairly new knitter tired of ripping due to errors, this class is for you. Begin to understand stitch structure, learn how to unknit, and fix your knitting without ripping the whole thing out. This class can honestly make the difference between a frustrated knitter and a happy knitter. We want YOU to be a happy knitter with a beautiful, completed project!

Dyeing and Knitting with Silk Fabric

One Session-Sunday, September 28, 10 am. to 4 pm. (with a break for lunch); \$60, plus a material fee of \$25 for silk fabric. Additional supplies are not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Brecia Kralovic-Logan

Expand your repertoire as you combine luscious yarns with sensuous silk fabric strips to create a one of a kind scarf or shawl. Using a simple dye method you will create your own luscious colors to knit with. WE will dye batches of silk in the morning and as they dry we will explore the possibilities of knitting with silk fabric strips. You will learn how to tear and join silk strips of fabric for incorporating into your projects. Silk fabric is provided for sample exploration and a scarf project.

Introduction to Steeking

One Session-Monday, September 29, 6 pm to 9 pm; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Intermediate. Instructor: Anne LeCrivain-Cozzoli

Want to knit everything in the round!?! Steeking, or cutting your knitting, is the key to working most sweater patterns in the round, ensuring that patterns for fronts and backs always match and adding speed to your knitting process. We will work on machine sewn steeks, crocheted steeks, and hand stitched steeks. We will also discuss how steeking can be used to adapt patterns in the round.

Fake Isle

Intro to Two Color-Stranded Knitting

One Session-Tuesday, October 1, 6 pm to 9 pm; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner, it is helpful to have taken Continental Converts. Knowing both how to throw (right hand) and to pick (left hand) can help with stranded knitting. Instructor: Anne LeCrivain-Cozzoli

Want to make color knitting a part of your repertoire? Using a solid and a self striping yarn like Noro Kureyon or Nashua Vignette with a solid yarn, you can make a color chart pop without managing more than two yarns. Get lots of bang for your knitting buck while learning how to read charts and add designs to a field of stockinette stitch.

Simple Hat

One Session-Friday, October 3, 6 pm to 9 pm; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Anne LeCrivain-Cozzoli

Interested in making something in the round? Want to make something to match your tons of gorgeous scarves? Need a quick gift idea? In the Simple Hat class, you will learn the magic and easy formula for nearly any yarn and stitch. You will also learn how to work with both circular and double pointed needles.

Introduction to Moebius

One Session-Saturday, October 4, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Karin Wilmoth

What is MOEBIUS? A Moebius strip looks like a three-dimensional infinity symbol. This magical way of knitting creates a wonderful never-ending twisted loop that can be turned into a bowl, scarf or purse strap. Join as we explore this technique, while using this unusual shape to knit up a scarf with a 180-degree twist.

Top Down Cardigan

Three Sessions-Wednesday, October 8, 15 and 29, 6 pm to 9 pm; \$75, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Anne LeCrivain-Cozzoli

Here comes another chance to work a lovely cardigan from the neckline down. This pattern has rounded neckline and endless design options once you cast on. The pattern includes striping options as well as the usual ability to vary sleeve and body length. An example of a design choice includes a striped yoke and play with Fibonacci numbers. Come play with a

very customizable garment that enjoys minimal finishing. For those who steep: the pattern will be written to be knit in the round and steeked or to be knit back and forth.

Entrelac in the Round

One Session-Sunday October 12, Noon to 3 pm, \$40, plus materials, Skill Level: Intermediate. Instructor: Jane Davis

Entrelac in the round is a great technique for making bags, hats and even sweaters. It's easier than flat entrelac because you don't have to make any side edge triangles. It's also a great way to use up scraps, or showcase color changing yarns such as Noro's Kureyon. Learn entrelac in the round while making a small bag or glasses case.

Adult EZ Surprise Jacket

Two Sessions-Monday, October 13 and 27, 6 pm to 9 pm; \$50, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. **Prerequisite:** EZ Baby Surprise class is strongly recommended, helps a ton in understanding how this magical garment comes together. Instructor: Anne LeCrivain-Cozzoli

Want a stash busting project? This one piece sweater is the perfect project for anyone who knows how to make the knit stitch. This fun garment is customizable both to the yarn and to the knitter. Worked in garter stitch, you will work on your understanding of gauge, working increases and decreases, and picking up stitches. One of the best joys of this jacket is the very simple finishing - one seam across each sleeve.

Rib Warmer Vest

Two Sessions-Friday, October 17 and 24, 6 pm to 9 pm; \$50, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Anne LeCrivain-Cozzoli

This classic and crisp vest is a playground for understanding how short rows can be used to shape a unique garment. This vest is a great place to use both self-striping and simple solid yarns. For the work involved in a garter stitch scarf, you will emerge with a beautiful, wearable addition to your wardrobe.

Bead As You Go Scarf

One Session-Saturday, October 18, 9 am to Noon; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Karin Wilmoth

In this class we will learn how to use sock yarn/fine weight yarn to form a lovely lace scarf, while adding

decorative beadwork without having to pre-string. We will also learn a few tricks to simplify our chart reading.

Embellish Knits with Embroidery

One Session-Sunday, October 19, Noon to 3 pm, \$40, plus materials, Skill Level: Intermediate. Instructor: Jane Davis

Embroidering on finished knits is a great way to jazz up a simple design or add even more detail to a complex pattern. Learn the best tension for knitwear embroidery while practicing four great stitches to use on knitwear, as well as techniques for working with beads. With the skills you learn you can add a touch of embroidery to trim sleeves, hems, pillows and more. Yarn and beads for the embroidery will be provided.

Curvy Tailoring

A Lesson in Short Row Shaping

One Session-Monday, October 20, 6 pm to 9 pm; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Anne LeCrivain-Cozzoli

Come and learn how to shape your sweater to accommodate your womanly charms, aka your bust line. Learn how short rows can be added the front of a sweater so that you can tailor your garment to fit your unique figure. By carefully inserting the perfect combination of short rows into your sweater, you will become a master of the mystery of short row shaping.

Multi-Directional Diagonal Scarf

One Session -- Sunday, October 26, noon to 3 p.m.; \$30, supplies not included. Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Barbara Selesnick.

This scarf looks complicated but actually is fun and simple once you learn an easy method of short rows and increases/decreases. You will also learn how to add on a new ball of yarn, how to make and apply fringe, and how to weave in yarn ends. If you are interested in picking up a few more skills and ending up with a scarf that sparks conversation, this class is for you.

Romantic Lace Wrap

Two Sessions-Saturdays, November 1 and 15, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm., \$50, supplies not included. Skill Level: Intermediate, Intro to Lace class is strongly recommended. Instructor: Karin Wilmoth

Made popular during the reign of Queen Victoria, lace knitting has come around again, and is more popular than ever. A lovely shawl is just the thing around the shoulders on a chilly spring morning, so

join us as together we will create a beautiful shawl, while learning to follow a chart, and learning some well-placed increases, and decreases.

Topsy Sweatshirt

One Session-Sunday, November 2, 9 am to Noon, \$50, supplies not included, Skill Level: Intermediate. Instructor: Gloria Tracy

What are the advantages of knitting in the round from the neck down? Let us count the ways. You start with a clever crochet cast-on, work the setup rows, divide for the raglan increases, then round and round you go even adding a little “sweatshirt” design detail. And, since it’s made from the neck down, you can start trying it on right away! The style works equally well for a man or a woman – in fact make a pair for you and your sweetie.

Windowpane Vest

Two Sessions-Mondays, November 3 and 10, 6 pm to 9 pm, \$75, supplies not included, Skill Level: Intermediate. Instructor: Gloria Tracy

Take an easy slip stitch pattern and combine it with a couple coordinating yarns and you’re on your way to one of the season’s hottest fashions – a fabulous vest. You can make a pullover or a button-front cardigan. You can make it for a man or a woman. It looks complex, but it’s really one easy slip-stitch pattern with only one color per row. Dressy or plain, you’ll love making and wearing your Windowpane vest.

Continental Converts

One Session-Monday, November 3, 6 pm to 9 pm; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Anne Lecrivain-Cozzoli

Do you currently knit the English or American method by throwing your yarn with your right hand. Would you like to increase your knitting speed by nearly double? Continental knitting, where the yarn remains in an easy to access spot in your left hand, is an alternative to holding the yarn in the right hand (throwing). In a very fluid movement, your knitting moves along in a most efficient manner. Come try this alternative and complete your projects in less time!

Log Cabin Knit

One Session-Wednesday, November 5, 6 pm. to 9 pm.; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Anne Lecrivain-Cozzoli

Log Cabin Knitting is a technique adapted from quilting. It is an innovative way to play with self

striping yarns, color combinations, and scrap yarn. Come and find out the many applications of this fun process – everything from household accessories to wearable pieces. This class will be especially beneficial if you want to learn how to pick up stitches or want to practice that skill.

Reversible Cables

One Session-Friday, November 7, 6 pm to 9 pm; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Anne LeCrivain-Cozzoli

Want a reversible scarf that isn't garter stitch or ribbed? Learn how reversible stitches combine to make the classic cable a reversible scarf style. Choose from two cable designs to explore reversible cabling.

Attic to Art

Two Day Workshop-Saturday and Sunday, November 8 and 9, 9 am to 4 pm, \$125, supplies not included, Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Gloria Tracy

Check the attic, check the drawers, try the closets, you'll find stores of waiting treasures hidden there -- works-of-art in disrepair! Discover there's stash in boxes and on shelves that you can turn into a fun wearable or a family heirloom -- today's equivalent of our grandmother's quilts. Learn to combine leftover or recycled yarn projects, family or yard sale lace pieces, ribbon and fabric strips. "Paint" with them, Kaffe Fassett style, by mixing short pieces of different weights, textures and colors. Not only will you learn how to turn your discards and leftovers into wearable or hangable works-of-art, but you'll learn how to weave in all the loose ends as you go.

Steeked Vest

Two Sessions-Monday, November 10 and 17, 6 pm to 9 pm; \$50, supplies not included. Skill Level: Intermediate, Intro to Steeking class is strongly recommended. Instructor: Anne LeCrivain-Cozzoli

So, now you know how to steek a garment. Here is a place to apply your new knowledge to a garment. Worked entirely in the round, this v-neck classic is updated with a simple lace detailing on the front and back. For further interest, you can use a self-striping yarn to really highlight the stitch detail as you work this garment in the round from the neckline down.

Slipped Stitch Kimono Jacket

Five Sessions-Wednesdays, November 12, 19, December 3, 10 and 17, 6 pm to 9 pm, \$150, supplies

not included, Skill Level: Intermediate. Instructor: Gloria Tracy

The magic trick up this sleeve is that you knit four fun slip stitches up the arm and right on across to the middle of the chest, then do the same on the other side. The hidden aces are great benefits: fabulous fit and minimal finishing - you work it in two pieces, fold in half and seam; the dimensions can be easily adapted to any width or length. You'll also learn a great in-seam pocket and stacked beaded buttons.

Introduction to Felting – Gelato Bag

One Session-Saturday, November 15, 9 a.m. to noon; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Intermediate. Instructor: Karin Wilmoth

If you've ever been curious about those wonderful felted bags that you see everywhere these days, then this is the class for you. We will make a great handbag, while learning how to shrink our knitting on purpose. You'll learn the basics of Fulling (knitted felting), knitting in-the-round, and I-cord.

Knitting with Beads

One Session-Sunday, November 16, Noon to 3 pm, \$40, plus a material fee of \$2 for the beads. Additional supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Jane Davis

Beaded knitting is a fun and easy technique that can add a touch of elegance to any design. Learn how to easily string beads onto your yarn, how to handle the yarn and beads while you work, as well as several lace and solid stitches that work well with beads.

Top Down Seed Stitch Beret

One Session-Wednesday, November 19, 6 pm to 9 pm; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Anne LeCrivain-Cozzoli

Hats, Tams, Berets, Oh My! Want to get the shaping of a hat crown with double points out of the way quickly? Come learn how to shape a hat crown from the top while making a popular hat style, the beret. Also learn a super stretchy bind off to keep your hat brim elastic. The seed stitched body of this hat lends itself well to the drape of this classic hat style.

Self Fringe Shawl

One Session-Sunday, November 23, 9 am to Noon, \$50, supplies not included, Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Gloria Tracy

This fun technique feels almost like magic the first time you try it. In this class you'll make a miniature version to learn all you need to know to make a scarf, shoulder wrap or shawl. It's a great way to use up leftover yarn. You start at one corner, knit until half your yarn is gone, then decrease down to the other corner. Then comes the fun – you unravel a clever edge to produce the fringe!

I-Cord Bind Off

One Session-Sunday, November 23, 1 pm to 4 pm, \$50, supplies not included, Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Gloria Tracy

Did you call me an idiot? That's what many call this clever knitted cord made popular by super knitter fore-mother Elizabeth Zimmerman and expanded by the most prolific Nicky Epstein. Even if you're familiar with the technique, I bet you didn't know there were so many ways to use it to spice up otherwise ho-hum projects. Learn the basics and beyond in this fun class.

UFO Finishing Party

One Session-Saturday, December 6, 1 pm to 5 pm. Bring your UFO's (unfinished objects) and get them out of the knitting bag and into your wardrobe. This will be an excellent time to put your Block A Month squares (knit or crochet) together. Instructors will be on hand to help you with any class UFO's. This event will be a pot luck party, bring a snack to share and get the work done.

Mystery of Gauge

One Session-Sunday, December 7, Noon to 3 pm.; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Barbara Selesnick

Unlock the mystery of knitting the item that you've envisioned by learning the facts about gauge. In this class we cover what a gauge is and why it is *extremely* important to knitting, along with essential information that a swatch can tell you about your finished item. You will learn how to read ball-band information, learn about the properties of different yarn weights, along with washing symbol information. Finally, learn how to use your gauge to create patterns in Sweater Wizard, the easiest computer knitting program on the market.

Domino Knitting

One Session-Saturday, December 13, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Karin Wilmoth

Come join us as we explore this Nordic knitting technique to make squares that can form the basis of a potholder, a pillow front, or you can keep knitting it to make a scarf. The ways to use this technique are endless.

Crochet Classes

Beginning Crochet

Three Sessions-Tuesdays, September 2, 9 and 23, 6 pm. to 8 pm.; \$50, supplies not included. Skill Level: No prior crochet experience. Instructor: Elisa Purnell
OR

Four Sessions-Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 21 and 28, 6 pm to 8 p.m., \$79, Call Ventura College to register-654-6459. Instructor: Lois Varga

This class will get you started on your crocheting adventure. Learn the chain stitch, single and double crochet, simple increases and decreases. We will also learn how to do a granny square. Additional skills and/or topics will be covered as time permits.

Block-a-Month Afghan-Crochet

OR- Beginning Crochet, Level 2 (and 3)

Monthly-Every third Tuesday of the month. Next class: Tuesday, September 16, 6 pm. to 9 pm. Three classes \$75 or \$30 per class; supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Elisa Purnell

The Crochet Block-A-Month class has evolved into Crochet 102. Take your crocheting to the next level by learning a new technique or stitch pattern each month. Fall 08 classes include Catherine Wheel Block (August), Pi Stripe Block (September) and Log Cabin Block (October). Each month's pattern is for a square or block, but techniques and stitch patterns are easily converted for use in other projects.

Wristables Fingerless Gloves

One Session-Saturday, September 6, 12:30 pm. to 3:30 pm.; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Anastasia Poland
Face it, you **need** these fingerless gloves. And lucky for you, they are SO easy and fast to make, you could have at least two sets by the next weekend. And, as long as you're at it, get a leg up on your holiday gifts **and** bust some of your odds and ends in your stash. What's not to love?

Amigurumi Dolls

One Session-Saturday, September 27, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm, \$30, supplies not included, Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Anastasia Poland.

One of the hottest trends in fun crochet, the amigurumi (which means “crocheted or knitted doll” in Japanese) is simple to make – it only demands an ability to count and a dash of your creativity! The perfect scrap- or stash-buster, amigurumis can be made from many different kinds of yarn. Often worked in the round, the patterns for amis are very basic, and are wonderful quick-and-easy Holiday gifts. We’ll teach you how to start your rounds with a “magic adjustable ring,” then we’ll continue with basic body parts for a variety of animals (pig, bear and bunny). You’ll also learn simple seam stitching and pattern-reading tips.

Lacy Crochet Scarf

One Session-Tuesday, September 30, 6 pm to 9 pm, \$30, supplies not included, Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Elisa Purnell.

The stitch pattern in this open, lacy scarf shows off your favorite variegated yarn to great advantage. The shell and picot stitches are quickly mastered, even by beginners. For more advanced crocheters, the pattern could easily become a shawl for overly-air conditioned offices or cool fall evenings.

Spiral Hat

One Session-Saturday, October 11, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm, \$30, supplies not included, Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Anastasia Poland.

Give yourself a break from the heavier wools of winter and whip up this fabulous, easy openwork hat! Worked in the round, this (reversible) spiral hat is a bit different than your run-of-the-mill toppers – it incorporates two colors without the fastening off and joining each color repeatedly. Read: No weaving in endless loose ends! You’ll love the technique and how it prevents the pooling effect in variegated yarns.

Crochet Cable Scarf

One Session-Tuesday, October 14, 6 pm to 9 pm, \$30, supplies not included, Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Elisa Purnell.

Learn the basics of crochet cables with this super soft scarf. We’ll use two colors of baby alpaca yarn (or the yarn of your choice) to make a long scarf that’s perfect for cold winter days. The cables may look intimidating, but with tips you’ll learn in class and a little practice, you should master them easily. You

will learn front and back-post double stitches and techniques for adding a second yarn color in this class.

Beaded Crochet Shawl

One Session-Tuesday, October 28, 6 pm to 9 pm, \$30, supplies not included, Skill Level: Intermediate. Instructor: Elisa Purnell.

Beads and lace-weight mohair add elegance to this light as a feather wrap. We’ll work ‘on the diagonal’ to make either a triangular shawl or rectangular wrap (your choice). Most of the beads will be added as we go, so there’s no need for pre-stringing. In class you’ll learn several beading methods, in addition to diagonal crochet techniques.

Reversible Crochet Post Scarf

One Session-Sunday, November 2, 1 pm to 4 pm, \$50, supplies not included, Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Gloria Tracy

I love patterns that have two different appearances on front and back, and what better way to show them off than with a scarf? Three colors of sock yarn plus a fun and fast post stitch make a perfect combination for a hot fashion statement you’ll wear all year.

Pineapple Shawl

Two Sessions-Tuesday, November 4 and 11, 6 pm to 9 pm, \$50, supplies not included, Skill Level: Intermediate. Instructor: Elisa Purnell.

This soft, elegant shawl will quickly become a favorite part of your wardrobe. The pattern begins in a circle from the center back and then stretches down the length of your arms in graceful, open pineapples. You’ll learn how to work in the round, to make pineapples – a favorite crochet motif – and to customize the pattern to better fit you. Beginners with a sense of adventure and who are comfortable with basic crochet stitches are welcome in this class.

Boteh Scarf

One Session-Saturday, November 22, 12:30 pm. to 3:30 pm.; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Anastasia Poland

Old Persian for “a cluster of leaves”, this swirled Boteh scarf will be one of those showstoppers in your closet that you reach for again and again. Though it looks quite complicated, in truth, this is a pattern with motifs that a confident beginner can tackle, no problem. In addition, it is a welcome departure from the typical linear scarf patterns! Make one for yourself, and you’ll have all your friends putting in requests for themselves.

Crochet Socks

Two Sessions-Tuesdays, December 2 and 9, 6 pm. to 9 pm.; \$50, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. No prior sock making experience is necessary Instructor: Elisa Purnell

Why should knitters have all the fun? Crocheted socks are warm, comfortable and - with just a few tricks that you'll learn in class - fun to make. You'll learn to crochet in the round as we make a pair of custom fit, wear-in-your-shoe socks. Please note that you'll try on the sock during class to ensure a perfect fit. No prior sock crocheting experience is needed for this class. *Students who took the previous crocheted sock class will have the opportunity to learn a new heel and leg pattern.*

Other Fiber Classes

Spinning Essentials

One Session-Saturday, September 20, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm., \$30, plus a material fee of \$10 payable to the instructor (for fiber). Additional supplies not included. Skill Level: No prior spinning experience required. Instructor: Susie Meach

This class will introduce you to spinning on a spinning wheel. We will discuss fiber preparation for both spindle and wheel spinning. Types of spinning wheels and their advantages will be discussed as will spinning fibers and their uses. Techniques for preparing your own fiber from raw fleece to blending with commercially available roving will be presented and practiced.

Intro to Spindling

One Session-Wednesday, October 22, 6 pm to 9 pm., \$30, plus a material fee of \$5 payable to the instructor (for fiber). Additional supplies not included. Skill Level: No prior spinning experience required. Instructor: Susie Meach

Learning to use a handspindle is a practical and portable option for producing your own yarn. We will discuss types of handspindles, fibers suitable for handspindling, spinning and plying techniques. Next you will be introduced to -and practice- the techniques of hand spindling.

Holiday Weaving

Two Sessions-Thursdays, November 20, 5:30 to 9:30 pm and December 4, 6 to 9 pm, \$60, plus materials. Instructor: Deb Jarchow

Use a rigid heddle loom to create a holiday runner, placemats or gift bags. This method of weaving is fast and easy to learn. If you have never tried weaving on a rigid heddle loom, you will learn to set up the small loom and weave a holiday project. If you know the technique, you can build on your skills to complete a set of placemats or table runner. Dress up your holiday table with your new handwovens or make gifts for those very special people on your list while enjoying your yarns in a new way. This exciting way to make use of fancy and fun yarns is quick and easy, with the same portability as knitting.

Wet & Dry Felted Holiday Ornament

One Session-Sunday, December 14, Noon to 3 pm, \$40, plus materials, Skill Level: No previous felting experience necessary. Instructor: Jane Davis

Learn wet felting over a form, and techniques for needle felting, while making a beautiful Christmas ornament. This is a great class to learn about two types of felting, and to get ideas for the many things you can do with felting from sculpture to purses to the Christmas ornament we make in class.

On Going Classes

Drop In Assistance

Thursdays, 3 pm to 6 pm; \$8 Don't understand the pattern? Need some help getting started with a new project? We can help. *Free Drop In Class with your yarn purchase at Anacapa Fine Yarns.* We want you to feel the satisfaction of having completed a beautiful project!

Let's Knit (or Crochet) for Charity

Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon. Get together to knit or crochet for a good cause! We are now working on hats for cancer patients, baby blankets for babies in NICU and hats and gloves for the homeless. Local hospitals and charities are the recipient of all of these projects. They then distribute the items to those in need.

Thursday Night Get Together (KTOG)

Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m. Everyone is welcome to this informal knitting, crochet and spinning group (spinning meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays only). It's fun to get together with others that share your passion for fiber arts. Meet new people, get inspiration for new projects, and make new friends. Bring a project and join the fun.

Shop is also open during this time.

Unfinished Objects Holiday Party

Anacapa Fine Yarns will be hosting a holiday celebration and finishing party. Bring those projects that you have been meaning to finish but just have not gotten to. And, if you have any unfinished class projects, this is a good time to bring them along, some of our instructors will be available to assist you in completing them. This will be a party too! So feel free to bring a dish to our Pot Luck UFO Holiday Party. Also, we will once again have a FoodShare drive: if you bring two canned goods (preferably things like peanut butter, tuna and beans) you will receive 10% off your purchases that day, (a maximum of \$25 off).

VCHSG Open House and Sale

The Ventura County Handweavers and Spinners Guild will hold their annual Open House and Sale on Saturday, October 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Studio Channel Islands on the beautiful campus of CSU Channel Islands. Several vendors – including Anacapa Fine Yarns – will be on hand with lots of yarn, books, notions, and more for spinners, weavers, knitters, crocheters, and other fiber artists. The Guild's annual Silent Auction will also be held that day, with a variety of items including yarn, weaving looms, and more. Bring your family and friends and join us for a day of fiber fun. See you there!

Ventura County Fair Wrap Up

Congratulations to all who entered your handiwork in the Ventura County Fair. Whether you received a ribbon or not, you all are to be commended for your participation. All the knitters and crocheters are so talented. It is a wonderful thing to want to share your work with others. There were many beautiful items this year. And, if you didn't participate this year, there is always next year!

Anacapa Fine Yarns also wants to thank those who represented us by demonstrating knitting and crochet in the Home Arts building. Everyone had a fun time, and got to enjoy the fair, too.

Private Spinning Lessons

Want to learn how to spin? Never spun before? Or have been spinning for awhile and want to experiment with new fibers under the supervision of an expert? Susie Meach is offering private spinning lessons. You can contact Susie at swallow8767@sbcglobal.net or at the shop on most Wednesdays.



Stitches From the Heart - Knit & Crochet Get Together---September 2, 2008, (then every first Tuesday of the month), 10 am to noon. Come join **Kathy Silverton, president and founder of Stitches From the Heart**, for a fun morning of knitting and crocheting items for needy babies. Muffins, tea and coffee too. Meet other nice Stitches volunteers. Feel free to bring a friend and any items you wish to donate. Please clean out your yarn stash and bring your yarns to be donated to our seniors. RSVP 805 985 9202