

KNIT WITH THEA & CROCHET WITH SUE



Entrelac Scarf

Entrelac is a great texture—the front looks a bit like a diagonal basketweave, and the back reminds me of choppy waves. It takes a bit of time to get a hang of the technique, which utilizes short rows, but using this pattern by Allison LoCicero you'll find the result is worth the effort—and you'll be hooked!

Prerequisites: Cast on, knit, purl, and bind off

Materials: ~440 yards of worsted weight yarn (any type that is variegated in color), size 8 (5 mm) needles (any type), copy of the pattern from www.allisonknits.com/archives/2006/10/another_finishe.html

Cost: One 3-hour session, \$45



Big Bow Cardigan

Julia Vaconsin's very hip pattern, reminiscent of Jackie O's style, would be a *great first sweater* for a beginner crocheter who knows chain stitch and single crochet. The built-in scarf extends from the collar of the jacket and can be used like a traditional scarf or tied in a bow. An asymmetrical closure adds interest to this warm cardigan that is perfect for San Francisco. The pattern, which includes plus sizes, gives you the opportunity to learn a foundation single crochet.

Prerequisites: Chain stitch and single crochet

Materials: Pattern is available online (at <http://tinyurl.com/bow-cardi>) for \$5.50. Students must bring all materials (any Aran yarn will do),

pattern, and sc blo (single crochet back loop only) gauge swatch to first class.

Cost: Five 2-hour sessions, \$125



Linden Swing Coat

In this six-session class, you'll learn to make this elegant A-line swing coat by Veronik Avery with a lovely wide cabled border. Using Aran weight yarn (the next thickness up from worsted weight) to make large swaths of stockinette, you'll soon have a lovely coat to layer in Winter or wear in Spring or Fall. Skills taught include cable knitting, a provisional cast-on, and paired double decreases.

Prerequisites: Cast on, knit, purl, bind off

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WINTER 2009 SCHEDULE

Entrelac Scarf

Sunday, Oct 18, 10-1 PM
Teacher: Thea

Big Bow Cardigan

Sundays, 1-3 PM
Nov 1, 15, 22, Dec 6, 20
Teacher: Sue

Linden Swing Coat

Mondays, 7-9 PM
Oct 26, Nov 2, 16, 30, and
Dec 14 and 21
Teacher: Thea

Crocheted Poinsettia

Sunday, Nov 8, 1-3 PM
Teacher: Sue

1940's Tea Cosy

Mondays, 7-9 PM,
Nov 23 and Dec 7
Teacher: Thea

Fair Isle Stocking

Sundays, 10-12:30 PM
Dec 6, 13, and 20
Teacher: Thea

Amigurumi Workshop

Sunday, Dec 13, 1-4 PM
Teacher: Sue

SIGN UP!

Call or visit the bookshop to sign up. Minimum class size is 4; maximum is 8.

Enrollment must be secured by prepayment of the class fee. Classes cancelled by the teacher (eg, for under-enrollment) are refunded in full. Students who cancel 3 weeks prior to the first class receive store credit, or can transfer tuition to another person before the first class.

NEWSLETTER!

Learn about upcoming classes; sign up by emailing knitting@bookshopwestportal.com.

{Linden Swing Coat, cont.}

Materials: Bring a copy of the pattern, a PDF of which can be ordered from Twist Collective at <http://tinyurl.com/avery-linden> for \$7, all the materials described therein, and a completed gauge swatch. (Cast on 14 stitches, work 21 rows of stockinette on 5 mm needles—if is smaller than 4" square, re-swatch on a needle until gauge is obtained; if swatch is larger, go down in needle size.)

Cost: Six 2-hour sessions, \$145



Crocheted Poinsettia

Made in red, green, and cream, June Gilbank's design makes a perfect poinsettia—a large one would be lovely as a table centerpiece or room decoration, and a smaller could be used to

pin on a hat or coat, as a package decoration, or in any way you see fit. Made in other colors it can be an all-season decoration for an outfit or room. A great stash buster, this project will teach you the magic ring.

Prerequisites: Single crochet.

Materials: Pattern is available free at <http://planetjune.com/blog/free-crochet-patterns/> Bring any weight yarn, a compatible hook size, removable stitch marker, and yarn needle.

Cost: One 2-hour session, \$25



1940's Tea Cosy

This fun tea cosy, designed by Rachel Henderson for her book *I Love Knitting*, would be a lovely gift for housewarming, holiday, or a friend in need of a little pampering (even you!). In

the first class we'll work the swatch using the variant of the stranded knitting technique that makes the folds, and in the second class we'll make the pompon and seam the sides. The class fee includes a Mary Pop-In loose leaf tea strainer (www.teapotstrainers.com).

Prerequisites: Cast on, knit, purl, bind off

Materials: A copy of the pattern (<http://tinyurl.com/1940cosy>); size 8 (5 mm) needles either straight or circular; and two 50-gram balls of Rowan Calmer or other DK weight yarn, one in each of two colors. Washable cotton is a good choice, and using worsted weight would make a larger cosy.

Cost: Two 2-hour sessions, \$55.



Fair Isle Falling Snow Stocking

Learn to do a two-color cast-on, make a Latvian plait, turn a short-row heel, read a color chart, and, of course, do stranded colorwork all while knitting this pretty stocking. As the designer says, this is a great way to ease into

knitting socks—no second sock syndrome!

Prerequisites: Cast on, knit, purl, bind off

Materials: Bring a copy of the pattern, available at <http://tinyurl.com/snowstocking>, and all materials described therein. To size it down (it makes a *big* stocking), you can use the same yardage in Aran yarn with size 9 (5.5 mm) needles; for an even smaller stocking, use worsted weight yarn and size 8 (5 mm) needles.

Cost: Three 2-1/2-hour sessions, \$85

Amigurumi Workshop



Use up some stash yarn making one of these cute critters. These are relatively easy; once you get the concept, there will be no stopping you!

Prerequisites: Single and double crochet.

Materials: Bring copy of the pattern of your choice available at www.roxycraft.com/free_patterns.htm. Along with all materials stated therein, you will need ~3/4 oz. of your main color yarn and a hook one size smaller than recommended. Polyfill will be provided.

Cost: One 3-hour workshop, \$40

DROP-IN CLINIC & FREE SOCIAL

Drop-in sessions, which combine a knitting clinic (if you need a bit of help, \$10 per hour) and a free social circle, are generally held 7 to 9 pm on alternating Wednesdays. The next will be on:

Oct 14 & 28, Nov 11 & 25, Dec 9 & 23