



# Margaret Radcliffe

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### Mini-Workshops

The following mini-workshops are available, taught by Margaret Radcliffe. All are designed to be presented in 90 minutes, with a maximum enrollment of 10 people. They are fast-paced, require no homework, and a minimum of supplies. Most can be extended to 2 hours to accommodate more students. Please contact Margaret for information on fees and scheduling.

**Edges Bordering on Perfection** - Perfect borders can be a pain to pick up. Learn to prepare for borders with neat edges on your knitting and how to pick up perfectly every time. During this mini-workshop, you'll knit two swatches with examples of four types of edges, including a curved edge, then pick up stitches along them, learning a variety of pick-up techniques and how to determine exactly the right number of stitches for each border.

**Get the Best from your Variegated Yarn: Patterns and "Un-patterns"** - Learn to avoid stripes, highlight desired colors, and emphasize texture. You'll get hands-on practice in auditioning yarn, experimenting with textured stitches and stitch count. We'll discuss what to expect depending on the yarn's properties and you'll have a chance to see (and fondle) swatches and garments demonstrating the effects of pattern stitches and combining yarns.

**I-Cord Tips & Tricks** - I-cord makes great strings and ties, but it's also fantastic for decorative bind-offs, edgings, and cast ons. It's the easiest way to make small tubes for toys, mitten thumbs and glove fingers. Workshop begins with the basics and includes how to avoid loose stitches, finishing techniques, and multi-color i-cord.

**Maggie's Top 20 Tips** - The title says it all: learn Margaret Radcliffe's top tips to make your knitting and finishing more fun and better looking. We'll cover everything from casting on to seaming, with measuring gauge, edges, shaping, fixing mistakes, binding off and borders in between.

**Nine Cast Ons Every Knitter Should Know** - Still using the cast on you learned when you first started knitting? It's time to branch out! Learn all the basic cast ons (half hitch, knitted, cable and long tail) and what situations they're best for. Then advance to decorative variations on them, to add lacy, picot or multicolor edges to your knitting.

**Perfect Your Circular Knitting** - Do double pointed needles make you feel like you're wrestling with a hedgehog? Unsure how to join your knitting into a circle? Unhappy with loose stitches between your double pointed needles and deal with the jog? Want to know how to convert patterns from flat to circular? Learn the answers to all these questions and more.