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ONLINE COURSES

HANDS-ON

Fiber to Fabric: How the underlying fiber informs the knitted fabric - From dependable sheep's wool to tricky rayon, every yarn is individual. Each type of fiber, from a specific breed of sheep or other fiber-bearing animal, from plants like bamboo, hemp and flax, manmade or remanufactured, brings its own distinct benefits and challenges to a knitting project. Learn to evaluate the potentials of your particular yarn and approaches that ensure success in your hand knit garments. We will cover the roles of garment architecture, fit and borders, ways to prevent sagging and biasing in inelastic fibers, and pattern stitches and seaming to stabilize garments. Class will be a combination of lecture, hands-on work, and discussion. Students will take away an understanding of fiber characteristics, yarn behavior in knitted fabrics, and an arsenal of techniques for best results. Note that homework will be assigned to be completed before each of the four class sessions. (Four 2-hour sessions. These may be offered over one weekend or one per week over four weeks. Maximum students: 25).

Stripe Tricks - Nifty tricks and inspirational ideas for working knitted stripes. Learn to work single-row stripes without cutting the yarn, how to create reversible striped patterns, ideas for designing interesting striped patterns, coded stripes, integrating stripes into textured pattern stitches, managing your yarn and dealing with ends. Class is a combination of hands-on swatching and lecture-demo. (One 2-hour session. Maximum Students: 20)

Edges Bordering on Perfection: An introduction to knitted borders - 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. You'll work swatches with four different types of edges as homework, then in class learn to determine the right number of stitches to pick up for your borders and a variety of ways to pick them up. Be prepared for perfectly elegant borders on all your future garments. (One 2-hour session. Maximum Students: 20)

Advanced Knitted Borders: Bindings for enclosed edges - Knitted bindings are the perfect finish to enclose an edge if you want to make a project reversible, to enclose cut edges at armholes and neck on a stranded sweater, or to hide (and avoid weaving in) a multitude of ends on a striped project. Learn three ways to pick up and work borders that enclose the edge of your knitting. (Two 2-hour sessions. Maximum Students: 20)

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. (One 2-hour session. Maximum Students: 20)

Lazy Knitter's Guide to Pattern Stitches – A curated collection of pattern stitches for those who love to knit and hate to purl! Learn to make fabrics with ribs, diagonals, honeycombs, and more, just using the basic techniques of knitting below and slipped stitches. We'll discuss the types of fabric these produce and the best uses for them. This is a hands-on class where you'll swatch a selection of patterns and have the opportunity to perfect your technique and ask questions. (One 2-hour session. Maximum Students: 20)

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Online course are designed to be interactive using Zoom. If some other platform is planned, please discuss this with Margaret when scheduling your lecture. The sponsor is expected to provide a “host” for the class sessions, who will be responsible for admitting students, dealing with technical and administrative issues, and monitoring chat and questions. To ensure things run smoothly during the live class, plan to schedule a short meeting with Margaret to test Zoom, discuss the schedule, handing of questions, etc., during the week before the course begins. Margaret has a Zoom account that can be used for classes, if the sponsoring organization does not.

Please contact Margaret at the email address in the header for current rates. Note that a deposit and contract will be required in order to reserve your dates. The deposit will be fully refundable up to an agreed-upon cancellation date.