

### I'm thinking fresh spring thoughts:



- A pot of daffodils on a sunny windowsill
- Happy new colors of Koigu sock yarn neatly stacked
- Contented sighs from finished class models
- Our freshly renovated shop with added space for all

As the days grow longer and the snow is fading away my knitting projects become lighter, not only in weight but also in color. What better time to take a deep breath and contemplate a new project or class for spring.



### Spring Class Schedule

We have a new spring lineup of classes; knit and crochet.

Some focus on a specific technique while others are project classes. But don't let a project class fool you, there are plenty of techniques you will learn and use throughout your knitting projects.

For example, Julie is teaching an infant cardigan class. You will learn basic sweater construction, buttonholes and button bands, neck shaping, seaming, and more.

This class will bolster your confidence to make an adult sweater that looks terrific.

### Spring Shop Hours

Monday - Wednesday	10am - 6pm
Thursday- Friday	10am - 7pm
Saturday	10am - 5pm
Sunday	1pm - 5pm

Open Knitting is most Fridays from 7-9pm.

### Disaster Day Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 1-2:30pm

Bring your "disaster" to the shop after lunch on May 8th. We'll take turns brainstorming solutions; you'll learn lots of great tips and tricks.

And if your disaster is a "favorite" you may win a \$25 gift certificate.



### Sally Melville Returns to Creative Fibers December 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

#### Save the Date!

We have not selected classes yet but I wanted to share this exciting news with you. Sally will be teaching workshops on Saturday and Sunday.

Since she was here last she has become a gramma twice so she is teaching less and less. This could be the last time she visits our shop so plan to join her and learn from the master!

### Caution!



Not all 50gm skeins contain the same number of yards.

Just because a pattern calls for 7 skeins of yarn, you may need more (or less) than that. Why is that if they are 50 gm skeins?

Each skein is created differently. One may have more air (or loft) spun into it. One may be spun to be fingering weight while another is spun to be sport weight. There are lots of reasons but what IS important is that you purchase enough of the proper yarn to complete your project.

Some patterns tell you the yardage required for your project while others tell you the number of skeins. Why is that?

Some pattern designers are not affiliated with a yarn company. They are more likely to tell you the yardage required for a project.

Other designers work for a yarn company and they want you to purchase their yarn. That's why they tell you the number of skeins. If this is the case, what yarn is the pattern featuring? If you decide to change to another yarn, make certain you are selecting a similar gauge yarn and similar texture yarn so the look and drape of the project will make you happy.

If you decide to switch to a different yarn you must calculate the yardage unless you are lucky and both skeins have the same number of yards.

It's not hard to calculate what you will need; but having a calculator available is necessary. For example; if the pattern calls for 7 skeins of xyz yarn, we need to know how many yards are on a skein of xyz yarn. Multiply that number by 7 and you have the yardage you require. Now divide this number by the number of yards on the yarn you like and you know how many skeins you need. If the number ends up with a fraction, you need to consider purchasing an extra skein.

Example: 7 skeins x 183yds = 1281  
My yarn has 175 yds per skein  
 $1281 / 175 = 7.32$   
I'll purchase 8 skeins.

## Left Front ~ Right Front

If you touch your left hand to your heart, this is the Left Front of your work. Make certain you are clear on this or your armhole or button band may end up on the wrong side. And an easy way to remember the correct buttonhole side is this: *Women are always Right!*  
Women's buttonholes are on the right.  
Men's buttonholes are on the left.

## Silver Knitings Sweater Necklaces



These exclusive designs are individually sculpted in pure silver infused clay and then fired in a kiln leaving behind a 100% silver sweater necklace. No two are exactly alike and each necklace takes hours to create.  
They make a perfect Mother's Day gift.  
\$89.95

## Thank You!

Thank you to those of you who write checks or pay with cash for your purchases instead of using a credit or debit card. We really appreciate it; every little bit helps!

## Friday Night - Open Night

from 7-9pm



Bring your knitting, crochet, or just yourself.  
Bring a friend!  
It's free, just come and join us!

## Renovations

Thank you for your patience as we expand the shop.

We now have a spacious living room space (complete with fireplace) as well as a new work area for the staff.

Please enjoy the new seating area (we just ask that all beverages have lids)

## We're sad to say goodbye to Kelly

Even though Kelly was here for a short time she was a great addition to the shop. We wish her and her family well. Good luck with your studies and all your knitting projects.

## Spring B&B Knitting Weekend

April 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Optional Thursday April 15<sup>th</sup> extension

Our 7<sup>th</sup> Knitting Retreat Weekend is now scheduled and we hope you will consider joining us. The weekend away is such a great change of pace from all the hectic demands we face each day.

Knit, relax, socialize, enjoy fine dining and learn a knitting trick or two. We have an optional Thursday overnight if you would like to extend your time away.

Weekend:

\$450.00 (per person) for shared occupancy ~  
when you sign up with a friend

\$625.00 for single occupancy

The retreat weekend fee covers all your lodging, meals, optional class, taxes and tips.  
Class materials and alcoholic beverages are additional.

For more details see our website or  
pick up a flyer at the shop.



## Mark Your Calendar!



You won't miss out on the fun.

Look for additional details in the newsletter.

Mondays, 2-4pm      Open Knitting: Classic Elite Knitalong  
Most Fridays, 7-9pm: Open Knitting – bring a project  
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April 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>:      Spring Knitting Retreat Weekend  
Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>      Disaster Day  
October 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>:      Stitches East 2010  
November 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>: Fall Knitting Retreat Weekend

## Private Instruction

Found a class but it doesn't meet your schedule?  
We can easily arrange it as a series of 1on1's with homework at \$10 per half hour/\$20 per hour.

Or, grab a friend and make it a shared private lesson at \$30 per hour (that's \$15 each).

## Please...

Do not pull on the binder rings to open pattern binders. It bends the rings so they do not close firmly and we like to keep the patterns tidy and in their place.  
Please use the tabs to open the binder rings when taking out a pattern.