

Stranded Knitting: Unlocking the Secret of Locked Floats

Ever looked at the “wrong side” of a stranded, hand-knit garment and see no floats? Do you wonder what was done to hide those floats and make it so beautifully finished? The answer may very well be what some refer to as “Armenian Knitting,” or what I call “Locked Floats.” The technique is simple and creates a wonderfully even fabric. In this class, we will first review how to carry floats across the back of the work (traditional) and then be introduced to this simple technique that results in a beautifully woven “wrong side.” You'll learn some valuable tricks and leave inspired by the possibilities created.

INTERMEDIATE CLASS

Basic knitting skills with some experience in stranded (fair-isle) knitting.

Basic knitting supplies need:

One skein each of 2 colors of worsted-weight yarn (solid color wool yarns with high contrast work best), appropriately sized circular knitting needles (bring a few different sizes or an interchangeable needle set in case you need a different size), note-taking materials, snacks, and your knitting bag filled with its usual treasures. Be sure your yarn is wound ready to use.

HOMEWORK:

With darker yarn, CO 40 sts. Row 1: purl, Row 2: knit, Row 3: purl.