

Colorwork Basics

You CAN knit colorwork! This all-in-one introduction workshop will provide an introduction for a variety of colorwork techniques including stranded knitting (Fair Isle), intarsia, mosaic, helical, and slip-stitch knitting. We will learn about color dominance, how to read charts, manage yarns, swatch both flat and in the round, and more. This class is ideal for the newer knitter interested in building confidence as they explore various colorwork techniques.

BEGINNER CLASS

basic knitting skills required

Basic knitting supplies needed:

Homework swatches completed (with yarn still attached), an additional size US 6 circular needle (any length of needle will work fine but 16-24" is ideal), 2-3 additional partial balls of worsted-weight yarn (solid-color wool yarn that contrasts well with the light colors used in swatches work best), tapestry needle, scissors, stitch markers, note-taking materials, sticky notes or magnetic board to keep your place on the chart, knitting bag filled with its usual treasures.

HOMEWORK:

Note: Each swatch should be knit using its own source of worsted-weight yarn. Partial balls of yarn can be used. Swatch #1: On US 6 circular needle, with light colored yarn, CO 28 stitches. Row 1: P to EOR, Row 2: K to EOR, Row 3: P4, place marker (PM), p to last 4 sts, pm, p to EOR. Do not cut yarn. Leave project on needles. Swatch #2: On US 6 circular needle, On circular needle, with light colored yarn, CO 30 stitches. Row 1: P to EOR, Row 2: K to EOR, Row 3: P to EOR. Do not cut yarn. Leave project on needles. Swatch #3: On 16" US 6 circular needle, with light colored yarn, CO 80 stitches. Join in round, being careful not to twist. PM to indicate beg of round. Knit 6 rounds. Do not cut yarn, leave project on needles. Be sure yarns are wound and ready to use.