

Learn to Knit: A Fun & Relaxing 3-Class Series!

Ready to pick up a new hobby that's creative, calming, and oh-so-rewarding? Join our "Learn to Knit" class and discover the joy of turning yarn into beautiful handmade creations! Whether you're a total beginner or just need a refresher, this 3-class series is perfect for you.

What to Expect:

- Three hands-on classes (2 hours each) designed to take you from zero to knitting hero.
- Learn the basics: casting on, knit and purl stitches, reading patterns, and more!
- Start your very own project (think cozy scarves, dishcloths, or headbands).
- Troubleshooting tips to fix mistakes and build confidence.
- A supportive, fun environment with plenty of one-on-one guidance.

You'll Leave With:

- A solid foundation in knitting techniques.
- A completed project (or one well on its way!).
- The skills to keep creating on your own.

When & Where:

Three Saturdays: September 27 and October 4 and 11—from 10 to noon. At the Ager Museume, 514 W Madison Street, Eau Claire, WI 54703]

No experience? No problem! We'll provide all the guidance you need. Just bring your enthusiasm (and maybe some yarn and needles. Kits are available online from \$15 to more than \$60. Start with the less expensive one. Here are links: .

Limited spots available! Don't miss your chance to learn a timeless craft that's as relaxing as it is rewarding.

Sign up today and let's get knitting!

Learn to Knit (Class Plan)

Welcome. This program is designed to help you learn to knit. We'll explore the essential elements of knitting: casting on, knit stitch, purl stitch, and binding off, as well as stitch combinations, increases/decreases, and blocking. There will be time in each class to practice each skill. If time allows, we can also review your knitting samples.

Shopping List (Available at local yarn shops, large craft stores, online)

- Smooth, light-colored, worsted weight yarn (wool recommended) - one (1) skein
- Size 8 US (5.0 mm) knitting needles – 7" to 10" (18 to 25 cm) straight needles
- Tapestry needles
- Scissors
- Size 8 (5.0 mm) crochet hook

You can buy these items separately online at a cost of about \$25. Or you can buy any of the following online. **Bring your kit to the first class.**

Learn to knit lace kit – Finnley Heather (19.99)

Amazon.com CraftLab knitting kit for beginners (\$24.97)

Eselect knitting bundle for beginners (\$24.95 at Walmart).

Class 1: Knitting Basics & Getting Started.

***Objective:** Introduce students to knitting tools, terminology, and basic techniques.*

Introduction (10 minutes)

- Welcome and introductions.
- Brief overview of the class structure and goals.
- Show examples of simple knitting projects to inspire students.

Tools & Materials (15 minutes)

- Explain knitting needles (types, sizes, materials).
- Discuss yarn types, weights, and how to read labels.
- Demonstrate how to match needles to yarn.
- Allow students to handle tools and yarn to get comfortable.

Casting On (30 minutes)

- Teach the long-tail cast-on method (or another beginner-friendly method).
- Practice casting on 10-20 stitches.
- Provide individual guidance to ensure everyone is comfortable

The Knit Stitch (30 minutes)

- Demonstrate the knit stitch slowly.
- Have students practice knitting rows.
- Troubleshoot common beginner mistakes (e.g., dropped stitches, tension issues).

Fixing Mistakes (20 minutes)

- Teach how to fix dropped stitches and unknit (tink).
- Show how to count stitches and rows.
- Practice these skills on their swatches.

Wrap-Up & Homework (15 minutes)

- Assign homework: Practice casting on and knitting rows.
- Encourage students to bring their practice swatches to the next class.
- Open the floor for questions and provide tips for staying motivated.
- Share a handout or quick reference guide for class

Class 2: Building Skills

Objective: *Introduce the purl stitch and basic pattern reading.*

Review & Warm-Up (15 minutes)

- Review casting on and the knit stitch.
- Address any questions or challenges from homework.
- Practice knitting a few rows to warm up.

The Purl Stitch (30 minutes)

- Demonstrate the purl stitch.
- Explain how it differs from the knit stitch
- Practice alternating rows of knit and purl stitches.
- Introduce the concept of stockinette stitch (knit one row, purl the next).
- Provide individual guidance to ensure everyone is comfortable.

Combining Stitches: Ribbing & Garter Stich (30 minutes)

- Teach how to alternate knit and purl stitches within the same row (e.g. K2, P2 for ribbing)
- Practice creating a small swatch with ribbing.
- Introduce garter stitch (knit every row) as a simple texture option)
- Discuss how combining stitches creates different textures and patterns.

Reading Patterns (30 minutes)

- Explain how to read a simple knitting pattern.
- Introduce common abbreviations (e.g., K, P, CO, BO).
- Practice following a basic pattern for a small swatch.
- Discuss the importance of gauge and how to measure it

Wrap-Up & Homework (15 minutes)

- Assign homework: Practice knitting and purling. (creating a small swatch in stockinette stitch).
- Encourage students to bring their swatches to the next class.
- Optional: Suggest they bring a simple project idea (scarf, dishcloth) for the final class
- Open the floor for questions and provide additional tips for troubleshooting
- Optional: Bring a simple project idea (e.g., a scarf or dishcloth) for the next class.

Class 3: Putting It All Together

***Objective:** Start a simple project and build confidence.*

Review & Warm-Up (15 minutes)

- Review the knit and purl stitches.
- Address any questions or challenges from homework.
- Have students knit a few rows to warm up and troubleshoot any lingering issues.
- Practice alternating stitches (e.g., ribbing: K2, P2).

Starting a Project (45 minutes)

- Help students choose a beginner-friendly project (e.g., a garter stitch scarf, dishcloth, or simple hat).
- Guide them through casting on the required number of stitches, reading a pattern (if applicable), starting the first few rows.
- Provide individual support to ensure everyone is comfortable with their project
- Discuss how to measure progress and check gauge as they work.

Binding Off & Finishing (30 minutes)

- Demonstrate how to bind off stitches.
- Practice binding off on a small swatch.
- Explain how to weave in ends using a tapestry needle.
- Discuss blocking to shape and set their finished projects.
- Share tips for caring for knitted items (e.g., washing and storing)

Q&A and Troubleshooting (15 minutes)

- Open the floor for questions.
- Provide tips for staying motivated and finding resources (e.g., online tutorials, local knitting groups).
- Offer encouragement and advice for staying motivated.

Wrap-Up & Next Steps (15 minutes)

- Celebrate progress and encourage students to continue knitting.
- Share resources for patterns, yarn shops, and online communities.
- Suggest next steps, like learning to knit in the round or trying new stitch patterns.