

Classes at Needleworks – Winter 2012

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Class fees do not include materials and are paid (by cash or check) directly to the instructor. A non-refundable deposit is required one week before the first meeting of the class, with the balance due at the first session. **Yarns and other supplies must be purchased from Needleworks before the first class. Students receive a 10% discount on required yarns and needles.**

Beginning Knitting 5 Sessions Each 2 Hours \$80

This comprehensive class will teach you all the skills you need to knit an easy pattern: knit, purl, increase, decrease, cast on, and bind off; basic colorwork, cables, and buttonholes. Your instructor will also help you choose and begin your first project.

Materials: smooth, light-colored worsted-weight yarn and size 7 or 8 needles.

Champaign	Fridays	January 20, 27; February 3, 10, 17	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Ray Arseneau
Champaign	Thursdays	February 9, 16; March 1, 8, 15	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Kara Walz

Crochet 102 1 Session 2 Hours \$20

This class builds on the skills learned in Crochet 101, and covers combining the basic stitches to create more complex pattern stitches; shaping with increases and decreases; Tunisian crochet (afghan stitch); filet crochet.

Materials: Smooth, light-colored worsted weight wool or wool-blend yarn and a size G or H hook.

Champaign	Saturday	January 28	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Kate Winkler
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Felted Flowers 1 Session 2 hours \$20

Learn to create felted flowers to embellish bags and hats, to wear as a brooch, or simply to display in a vase. Patterns and materials must be purchased from Needleworks prior to class meeting.

Champaign	Saturday	March 24	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Kate Winkler
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Hats Off! 2 Sessions Each 2 Hours \$40

We'll explore adjusting published patterns for yarn/gauge and head size, as well as starting from scratch. Sizing, gauge, decreases; knitting in the round; plain and funky finishes. If you are a new knitter, this class would be a good introduction to knitting "in the round".

Materials: a basic hat pattern (we'll be happy to assist in your pattern selection); about 100 grams of yarn and suitably-sized 16" circular and double-pointed needles.

Champaign	Saturdays	February 4 & 11	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Kate Winkler
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Knitting 102 4 Sessions Each 2 Hours \$80

A follow-up to our Beginning Knitting Class; also suitable for those who need a refresher course. This class will provide structured hand-holding and guidance through your first project, or your first project in a while. You should already know how to cast on, cast off, knit, purl, increase, and decrease.

Champaign	Fridays	February 24; March 2, 9, 16	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Ray Arseneau
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Needlefelting	1 Session	2 Hours	\$20
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Needlefelting is a dry felting technique worked with one or more barbed needles. It can be used to sculpt 3-D figures, or to apply surface embellishment to knitted, woven, or felted fabric. **Materials:** Set of felting needles and supply kit (both available at Needleworks).

Champaign Thursday March 22 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Kate Winkler

On Your Toes	2 Sessions	Each 2 Hours	\$40
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Learn to knit socks from the toe up, using a “figure-8” cast on and a short-row heel. For advanced beginners and above, with some experience working in the round on double-pointed needles.

Materials: light-colored worsted-weight wool or wool-blend yarn and size 5 double-pointed needles. Consult with Needleworks staff if you're not sure about your yarn/needle choice.

Champaign Saturdays March 10 & 17 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Kate Winkler

Reversible Double Knitting	1 Session	2 hours	\$20
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Reversible double knitting is one of those techniques that looks more complicated than it really is. You'll gain experience in handling two colors of yarn and following charts, while knitting a reversible hot pad. We'll also discuss appropriate cast-on and finishing methods, and possible extensions of this fascinating technique.

Materials: smooth WOOL worsted-weight yarn in two colors (light and dark), needles 1-2 sizes smaller than you would normally use for worsted, and a spirit of adventure.

Champaign Thursday March 8 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Kate Winkler

Seams So Simple	1 Session	2 Hours	\$20
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Learn techniques for joining garment pieces for a finished, professional-looking result.

Materials: four 4" x 4" stockinette stitch swatches **OR** the pieces of a sweater to be assembled, plus a tapestry needle.

Champaign Saturday January 21 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Kate Winkler

Shadow Knitting	1	2 1/2 Hours	\$25
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Shadow knitting uses two contrasting colors of yarn and knit and purl stitches to creates images that appear and disappear depending on the angle of viewing. You will need a copy of Vivian Høxbro's book Shadow Knitting, worsted-weight yarn in two strongly contrasting colors, and size 7 needles.

Champaign Saturday February 18 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM Kate Winkler

Short Rows	1 Session	2 Hours	\$20
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You can knit flat pieces, and you can knit tubes. Now learn to add a third dimension to your knitting with "short rows". We will explore several methods of working short-row shaping and discuss the applications of each method.

Materials: light-colored worsted weight wool or wool-blend yarn, size 7 or 8 needles, and several locking ring markers or coilless safety pins.

Champaign Thursday February 23 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Kate Winkler

Socks with the Magic Loop	3 Sessions	2 Hours	\$60
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Learn to knit socks on one circular needle, using the Magic Loop technique. Skills needed are casting on, knitting and purling. You do NOT need prior sock-knitting experience.

Materials: SPORT weight yarn (avoid very dark colors), and one 32-inch or 40-inch circular needle with a soft cable, such as Addi Turbo or Natura, or Hiya Hiya, but *NOT* Chiao Goo. Consult with Needleworks staff if you're not sure about your yarn/needle choice.

Champaign Saturdays March 3, 10, 17 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Kara Walz

Sox Appeal	2 Sessions	Each 2 Hours	\$40
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Socks are HOT!! This class will walk you through the techniques used to knit the classic Western top-down sock. The first session will cover sock basics, including the heel, and the second session will be devoted to toe shaping and grafting.

Materials: light-colored worsted-weight wool or wool-blend yarn and size 5 double-pointed needles.

Champaign Saturdays February 25, March 3 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Kate Winkler

Tams	2 Sessions	Each 2 Hours	\$40
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Explore a variety of cast-on and decrease techniques for knitting tams.

Materials: about 100g (200 yards) of worsted-weight yarn, appropriately sized 16" circular and double-pointed needles, and stitch markers. **You should have experience working in the round.**

Champaign Thursdays January 26, February 9 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Kate Winkler

Two-Fisted Two-Color Knitting	2 Sessions	Each 2 Hours	\$40
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You will learn the skills needed to do stranded two-color (“Fair Isle”) knitting, with one color in each hand and **no floats** on the back of the work. We will begin by knitting the Fake Isle hat in the round. Download a copy of the free pattern at http://www.spunyelectic.com/pattern_fakeisle.htm, and come to the first class with 1 1/2 inches of ribbing, in the main color, on the needle. You'll select your own pattern(s) to knit flat &ndash either as a sampler or as part of a second project.

Materials: You will need two 100g skeins of worsted-weight yarn, in contrasting solids, 16" circular size 6 or 7 needles, and a set of double-pointed needles in the same size.

Champaign Saturdays February 4, 18 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Ray Arseneau