

All Strung Out Fine Yarns and Fiber Arts

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Holiday Hours

We are open now until December 24th on the following schedule, so come on in and get started on your holiday knitting!

Monday: 10am - 6pm
Tuesday: 10am - 6pm
Wednesday: 10am - 6pm
Thursday: 11am - 9pm
Friday: 11am - 6pm
Saturday: 10am - 5pm
Sunday: Closed

A Little Holiday Knitting Inspiration

Need a quick handmade gift at the last minute? Here is one of our favourite quick-to-knit patterns for a One-row Scarf:

3-Hour Warm'n'Wooly Scarf

Yarn: 1 skein Cascade Magnum or Aspire Superchunky

Needles: 10mm Straights or Circulars, your choice.

Cast on 15 stitches.

Row 1: *k1, yo, k2tog. Repeat from * across entire row.

Repeat row one until you are almost out of yarn, then cast off loosely.

PAY NO TAXES!

Join us for All Strung Out's

Amazing Birthday Bash!!!!

**Saturday Nov 28th
10am-5pm**

I can't believe it's been almost one year since we opened All Strung Out! To thank you all for a wonderful year of yarn, knitting, and inspiration, we would like to invite you to a special birthday party. Drop by the shop on the last Saturday of the month and pay no taxes on regular-priced yarns! There will also be door prizes, lots of yarns on clearance, and treats and refreshments will be served. We can't wait to see you all on this very special day!

New Yarns!

Last week we rearranged the entire store to fit all the wonderful yarns, including

Cascade 220 Superwash

We have 10 colours of this beautiful, machine washable and dryable yarn in stock. Perfect for gifts and projects that will see a lot of use in their lifetimes.

Berroco Ultra Alpaca: This versatile Alpaca Wool blend yarn is great for hats, scarves, and super-cozy sweaters. Drop in to see all the great Norah Gaughan patterns designed for this yarn, which we have in 13 beautiful colours.

Vero and Vero Tweed are back again! This worsted weight self-stripping yarn is so soft and lovely to work with, great for felting projects or gifts for the guys.

Superior is an amazingly luxurious **CASHMERE** yarn from Filatura di Crosa. One skein retails for \$29.99 and we have a lovely and simple scarf pattern to go with it. This yarn is perfect if you are looking for a unique gift for some

Sock Yarns: Come in to see our huge selection of sock yarns from a variety of different manufacturers. We can get you started on an easy-to-follow pattern if you are new to sock knitting, and we have some interesting challenges if you are a pro!

Superchunky Yarns: Cascade Magnum, Aspire Superchunky, and Marble Chunky are all great choices this holiday season if you are looking to knit up a quick, last-minute hand made gift. We have plenty of patterns and plenty of amazing colours to choose from! It's not too late to get started on a hand-made holiday!

Introducing Birthday Parties

This fall, All Strung Out will be hosting birthday parties! The shop will be available for rental on Sundays if you would like to plan a knitting-themed Birthday Party! Contact us at allstrungout@allstrungout.ca for more

details. **Note:** for now, these birthday parties are intended for grown-ups who are young at heart. If you are looking for activities for kids, check out our spool-knitting class on Nov 20th (UGDSB PD day) in the class schedule.

Classes

Our fall lineup of classes is full of new offerings and old favourites for those looking to expand their skills. There are classes available for all skill levels, so don't be shy!

Online Class Signups!

Check out our website at www.allstrungout.ca to sign up for classes using our new calendar!

Weekly Events

Knit and Chat

Wednesdays, 11am-2pm

Thursdays, 6pm-9pm

Saturdays, 1pm-3pm

Come Knit and Chat at All Strung Out! Bring your knitting/crochet to work on and hang out for a while in our community area. Meet other local crafters, show off your finished (and unfinished!) objects, and have a fun, relaxing evening of knitting, good company, and good conversation.

Spin and Chat

Saturdays, 3pm-5pm

Are you a spinner? Bring your wheel, your drop spindle, or your handcards to our Sunday Spin In, a gathering for spinners to hang out, spin some yarn, and get to know some fellow fiber artists. Anyone is welcome.

Class Schedule

Intro to Crochet

2 2hr sessions

Saturday Nov 7th and 14th
10am-12pm

Looking for something different from the usual knit and purl? Learn this fun, fast way to make beautiful accessories, blankets, tote bags, and even garments! Alisa will teach you all you need to know to get started on your first project. Cost: \$30, plus materials. Minimum 3 students, Maximum 6.

Intro to Drop Spindling

Two 2hr sessions

Saturday Nov 21st and Dec 5th
10am-12pm

Learn how to make your own yarn on the drop spindle, an ancient, portable spinning tool. In this class students will learn how to draft, spin, ply and finish a yarn made from combed wool top. Students will receive their own drop spindle and 100g of handpainted fiber. Cost: \$70, includes materials. Minimum 3 students, Maximum 6.

Learn to Knit

Saturday Nov 14th
10am-12pm

If you are just getting started with knitting or you need a quick refresher, this is the class for you! Learn how to cast on, knit, purl, and cast off: everything you need to know to get started on your first scarf project! Cost: \$25 plus materials. Minimum 3 students, Maximum 5.

Intro to Machine Felting I: Felted Tote Bag

One 2hr session
Saturday Dec 12th
10am-12pm

Machine Felting is a fun and versatile craft that makes use of the natural properties of wool to produce a strong and durable fabric especially suited to making this simple tote bag. This class is great for beginners!

Cost: \$30, plus materials. Minimum 3 students, Maximum 6.

Last Minute Gifts: Finishing Clinic and Gift Ideas

One 4hr session (bring lunch!)
Saturday Dec 19th
10am-2pm

Join us for a special day at All Strung Out. In the morning join us in making one of three different super-quick last minute knitted, crocheted, or felted gifts. The afternoon will be devoted to a crash course in finishing, so bring in all those gifts or other projects that need last minute finishing touches. We can show you how to do stretchy cast-off for a sock, weave in ends invisibly, seam up that baby sweater perfectly, or even sew on buttons so they won't fall off.

Cost: \$30, plus materials. Minimum 3 students, Maximum 6.

Baby Surprise Jacket

Two 2hr sessions

Saturday Oct 31st and Nov 7th

10am to 12pm

To complement our BSJ Knitalong, we will be offering a more in-depth look at this classic Elizabeth Zimmerman Pattern. This class requires knowledge of the knit stitch, the make1 increase, and the use of stitch markers.

Cost: \$40 plus materials.

French Spool Knitting for Kids

One 1hr session

Friday Nov 20th

(PD Day Class for Kids!!)

1pm-2pm

French Spool Knitting, or Corking, is a simple introduction to Fibre Arts for kids! In this class you will learn how to make a continuous cord that can be sewn into a potholder, rug, or soft basket.

Recommended for ages 8-13. Parental supervision is kindly requested for the this class.

Cost: \$30, includes materials.