

All Strung Out Fine Yarns and Fiber Arts

September 2009 Newsletter

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Store Hours

Beginning September 14th we will be resuming our regular store hours, with one change: we will be open Monday to Saturday instead of Tuesday to Sunday:

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

See You at the Fair!

KW Knitters' Fair

Sept 12th 9.30am - 4.30pm

September promises to be an exciting month at All Strung Out, as we are preparing to spend a day at Bingemans! The KW Knitters' Fair is a chance for knitters to visit with over 70 different yarn and fiber vendors from all over the province and beyond. We will have a booth in the Ballroom and we encourage you to come check out our show specials!

Hiya Hiya Interchangeable Needles

They're finally here! We have received a shipment of the Small Hiya Hiya Interchangeable knitting needle kits, which we have been expecting since early in April. I have been knitting with a set of these needles all month and they are everything I was hoping they would be. The cords are flexible and the steel tips are smooth. Best of all, because of their unique design the tips don't unscrew themselves from the cords as you are knitting, a common complaint about other interchangeable brands. We have four sets left at the shop, so they won't be around for long.

The set comes with 7 sets of tips ranging from 2.75mm up to 5mm, and four cords, sized 16", 24", 32", and 40". You can order extra tips and longer cords as well.

New Yarns!

Cascade 220 has arrived! Stop in to see our display of 60 solid and heathered shades of this versatile, 100% Wool yarn. We also have Eco Wool in 6 natural shades and Cascade Magnum, a fun, quick-to-knit superbulky yarn perfect for scarves, hats and gifts.

We also have some amazing colours and textures in the shop from Manos Del Uruguay. Manos silk blend is a variegated 30% silk, 70% wool DK weight yarn, and Wool Clasica is a bulky weight yarn that comes in some amazing natural shades.

Baby Surprise Jacket Knitalong

This September and October, we will be revisiting Elizabeth Zimmerman's classic Baby Surprise jacket pattern. This sweater looks nothing like a sweater until after it's finished, when a bit of clever folding reveals a garment with only two seams to sew up. Drop by the shop for more information on the free knitalong or to reserve a space in a class if you require a little more guidance (See the Class Schedule).

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 complete with a workshop. Contact us at allstrungout@allstrungout.ca for more details about rates and activity options.

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.

Toe-Up Socks on Two Circular Needles

Two 2hr sessions
Saturday Oct 17th and 24th
10am to 12pm

Back by popular demand! In this class Johanna will teach us a new method of knitting socks – no double pointed needles required. Knitting socks on two circular needles is a kinder, gentler version of sock knitting that many people prefer to knitting on four or five dpns. Cost: \$50 plus materials.

Learn to Knit

One 2hr session
Saturday Sept 19th
10am-12pm

OR

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.

Thrummed Mittens

One 2hr session
Saturday October 3rd
10am-12pm

Join us as we learn to knit these extra-warm, fleece-lined mittens. Even if you only know how to knit and purl, this is the class for you. Cost: \$40, some materials included. Minimum 3 students, Maximum 6.

Knit a Moebius Scarf

One 2hr session
Saturday October 3rd
10am-12pm

A moebius strip is a mathematical figure with only one edge and one face that can be recreated in knitting. Mastering this innovative technique will allow you to create unique scarves and wraps among other things. A basic knowledge of the knit and purl stitches are required, as well as knitting on circular needles. Cost: \$40, plus materials. Minimum 3 students, Maximum 6.

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.