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## Happy Stitching Hour

Friday, September 3, 5 - 7 pm



Start your Labor Day weekend with our September Happy Stitching Hour. Join us for this social knitting time, meet some new people, re-connect with others, and just hang out. We'll chat, knit, gossip, stitch, wind down after the long work week, and shop this month's Happy Hour Sale! We will not be offering any knitting instructions or help, just a knitting visit.... The event is free. First come first serve. We have seats for approximately 15 people. Feel free to bring a snack or drinks to share!

## September Happy Hour "Alpaca" Sale

All day on Friday, September 3

On this Friday, September 3, for one day only, **take 20% off all in-stock 100% alpaca or alpaca blend yarn!**\* Alpaca is softer and warmer than wool, and gives the finished garment a nice drape. Come explore our alpaca collection in the shop, feel the finished samples, and pick out your first fall project if you haven't already!

\* Sale prices apply to in-store purchases of in-stock items only and cannot be combined with other discounts.

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### Labor Day Closing

Knitting Etc. will be closed for Labor Day on **Monday, September 6.**

### Join Sock Club!

Are you a **sock** knitter? Do you want to refine your techniques? Join our **[Sock Club!](#)**

[Find us on Facebook](#) 

**Calling for Submissions**

## Upcoming Classes

Plus: Get a one-time 15% discount while your class is in session!

### Knitting Basics: Felted Bag



In this class you will learn the basics: casting on, binding off, knitting, purling, increasing, decreasing, picking up stitches, making I-cord, and kitchner stitch. In this five-week class, new and returning knitters will learn the required skills for most simple projects and complete the felted bag from the [April 2006 newsletter!](#)

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### Socks on DPNs

This class is great for knitters who just completed the "[Knitting Basics](#)" classes to move forward!

Learn all about socks: their construction, techniques for knitting in the round on double pointed needles, how to work a heel, and how to graft the toe. Theresa George will walk you through all the steps by making a mini-sock (which fits a child) so you will be on your way to make your first real pair.

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### Hot Waffles Hat and Fingerless Mittens

This wonderful set by Anne Hansen of [Knitspot](#) is a perfect project for people



We invite submissions of patterns or writings on knitting-related topics for our newsletter. If we use your work, you will have your fame and receive a \$50 gift certificate!

The submission must be your original design or writing that has not been accepted for publication elsewhere.

By making your submission, you give Knitting Etc permissions to publish your work and distribute it in our newsletter and on our web site.

**Pattern Submissions:** Please specify the yarn used and gauge with color photographs of the finished product.

Please include a couple of sentences about yourself to be published with your pattern or writing.

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wanting to learn double pointed needles, or take the next step from one of our [Basics](#) classes. This set also is a perfect quick gift project. Using knit/purl texture stitches, working in the round, you'll make a cap and fingerless mittens with thumbs. We used [Madelinetosh Tosh DK](#), our new favorite hand dyed superwash. Come see all the gorgeous colors!



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## Audrey Triple Wrap Shawl



This elegant shawl in [Schaefer Audrey](#) may look very complex, but it's actually quite straightforward to knit and provides a friendly introduction to nifty texture stitches, center-down triangle structure, and lace. If you know how to cast on then knit and purl, we'll review increase and decrease (and bind-off), and learn how yarnovers and the wrap stitch work - and before you know it, you'll be progressing steadily to the lace border of your beautiful masterpiece! We'll also learn a

provisional cast-on, make easy sense of charts, get in the habit of pattern counting, set up "lifelines" at strategic points, and discuss blocking tricks.

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## Alexandria Cardigan



Learn to make this just-feminine-enough cardigan by [Connie Chang Chinchio](#), an up-and-coming designer and a former Ithacan. Master eyelet and cable stitch techniques, personalized shaping, short rows, three-needle



bind-off, top down sleeve construction, and attached I-cord. This sweater is appropriate for people who've made a sweater before, or are comfortable trying new techniques.

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## Ithaca Jacket

Well who doesn't want to knit this sweater with such a name (and designed by a former Ithacan [Connie Chang Chinchio](#))? The Ithaca Jacket has many unique and clever construction techniques that are not difficult, but make for interesting knitting. This is a great sweater to knit and to wear. Lynda will be giving many tips for knitting this with a few tweaks for better fit and smoother knitting.



The pictured sample in [Schaefer Miss Priss](#) is on display at Knitting Etc.

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## Crash Crochet Course in Cute Critters



Learn to crochet amigurumi animals, embellish them with cute eyes, ears, noses, tails, and other necessary details. Bring your left-over [Cascade 220](#) stash and your creativity.

The required textbook



is Amigurumi World by

Ana Paula Rimoli. Beginning crocheters are welcome!

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## Christmas Stockings

You know you are too frazzled to knit for Christmas in December. Get a jump on Christmas, and be ready early in 2010! Using a pattern that gives forty variations and choices-and adding some of our own-and knitting with [Cascade 220's](#) almost endless color



choices, knit one or more stockings, on circular needles, during the socked-in quiet of Sunday afternoons in June. Lynda Bogel will help you with color stranding, making heels, adding Latvian braids or I-cord, knitting someone's name upside down. You'll be lolling about next December after designing and knitting these stockings.

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## First Sweaters, with "Knitting Pure and Simple" Patterns



*Mid Weight Neck Down Pullover # 265.*

*See other Knitting Pure and Simple sweater options at Knitting Etc.*

These top-down sweaters are the perfect project for knitting your first sweater-and second and third. Knit from the top down, with attractive raglan sleeves, the sweaters come in a variety of patterns, which give you the choices of neck shape, edging stitches, cardigans or pullovers, and sizes-you can knit a baby's, a child's, a woman's, a man's sweater. In this class, Lynda will help you to make such choices, and to add your own features-if you choose-like simple striping or stranded (fair isle) designs. You'll gain confidence in pattern reading and the principles of sweater construction. Lynda knit her first two sweaters from Knitting Pure and Simple patterns, so knows how much you'll love them.

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## Color Workshop



Learn what makes a color combination sing, whether it's 2 or 20 colors. Shirley will help you play with colors for your own color sampler or scarf using [Jamieson's Spindrift](#), and take you through color theory, plus tips and tricks for Fair Isle color knitting.

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## Beaded Circulate

[Laura Nelkin](#)'s patterns are definitely favorites around here! This is a beaded lace faux moebius scarf. In one afternoon you'll learn all the techniques used to make \*Circulate\* by working up a mini version you can wear as a bracelet. There will still be plenty of yarn in your skein for the real



thing as well. Techniques include bead placement, garter st lace, reading charts, attached beaded i-cord edging, and grafting. The lovely model at the store is made with [Schaefer Heather](#). Come try it on!



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## Guided Projects

Are you ready to take on an exciting and challenging project? Do you need guidance on a project that you've been stuck on forever? Perhaps you want to see what others are knitting and seek inspirations for your next project.

The Guided Projects class is for more experienced knitters who will get to work on independent projects. The instructors are ready to help, from selecting an interesting project appropriate for your skill level, modifying patterns to suit your needs, to identifying and fixing your mistakes.

This Guided Projects class gives you the flexibility of attending any 5 weekly classes of your choosing within 3 months of signing up. After attending 5 classes, you can continue to come by paying for 5 more (which is a distinct possibility after you find out how much fun these classes are!)

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## Essay

### Let's Bomb Ithaca

By Lynda Bogel

Yarn Bomb Ithaca. Yarn Storm Ithaca. Join the guerrilla yarn art

movement currently unraveling across the world. While Ithaca in the past has stood at the forefront of social causes, we have, as it were, dropped the ball on this one. We must pick up our balls of yarn to create a new outpost in Ithaca. Cock your needles, educate our senses, reclaim public spaces for the people, for the craft. Raise public awareness-of what? You might ask.

Of knitting, for one thing. How better to get your yarn art out there for the world to love, not merely onto the head or hands of one moderately grateful granddaughter? How better to generate whimsy? How better to design a political statement? How better to crochet a defiant gesture of humor? How better to rededicate your stash, all those half balls of superwash merino or silk bamboo?

(Numerous photos of great yarn bombs can be seen on [Google](#) or [YarnBombing.com](#)).

"The innocent eye sees nothing." Weary, stressed, despondent Ithacans limp sadly past our statues and trees, walls and sign posts, blind to the spaces they inhabit. Make them see, make them smile, make them re-connect. Make them puzzle anew the world around them.

At Cass Park, in late summer at almost dawn, I came upon a young couple gluing leaves onto the trunk of a tree, a fully leaved maple tree. Hurriedly-as though they'd be "caught"-- they secured several lines of leaves from the base to the highest point they could stretch up to. Hopped in their old Volvo and fled.

Made me think. Sort of.

Let's make 'em think, Knitters.

The soft anarchy of yarn bombing will free up the Ithaca senses. We will be mini-Christos. To your needles! Dress our Ithaca spaces.

While we are at it, let's make it A CONTEST (Everyone loves a contest. Everyone loves to win):

The first five people to yarn bomb Ithaca, and send me pictures of your knitting violence will get a free skein of yarn from my stash. Email pictures and comments to me at [ldb4@cornell.edu](mailto:ldb4@cornell.edu).

*Lynda is enjoying retirement rolling in her yarn stash. When she occasionally comes up for air, Lynda can be found knitting or teaching a knitting class or two at Knitting Etc.*

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