

VAGMA Knitting Workshops
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Student Information

CAST ON CORNUCOPIA

Description: Still using the same cast on you learned when you started knitting? It's time to explore some of the many different ways to start your knitting. Learn tough cast ons for kids' garments, stretchy ones for cuffs, decorative cast ons and tailored hems, multicolor cast ons that can add decorative edges to a solid garment or complement complicated color work. Even several easy "provisional" cast ons that can be removed in seconds.

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner. Must know at least one cast on. Must have basic knitting skills (knit, purl, increase, decrease, and bind off).

Student Supplies Needed: Plain, light-colored worsted weight yarn. Set of double pointed needles in size appropriate for yarn. Crochet hook the same size as needles. Circular needle same size or smaller. Small amount of contrast color worsted weight yarn.

Materials Fee: None

Pre-class Preparation: None

BRING OUT THE BEST IN YOUR VARIEGATED YARN

Description: Love that multicolor yarn? Hate the way it looks when you knit it? Whip those handpainted and variegated yarns into submission! Learn to bring out the best in your variegated yarn, how to avoid stripes, highlight desired colors, and emphasize texture. Review a variety of yarns and learn their properties, while knitting swatches to experiment with textured pattern stitches, multiple strands of yarn, and varying stitch counts. Also learn how to recognize which garments will work best with variegated yarn.

Skill Level: Experienced Beginner and up (should know how to knit, purl, cast on, bind off, increase and decrease)

Student Supplies Needed: Variegated yarn and a matching or contrasting solid yarn for swatching. Needles in a size appropriate for this yarn; a circular needle or set of dp needles in the same size; needles 2 and 4 sizes larger.

Materials Fee: None

Pre-class Preparation: Using a variegated yarn where each color is between 1" and 9" long, cast on 20 stitches. Work in stockinette until the colors begin to repeat regularly in your swatch. Increase or decrease a stitch or two and continue knitting until the colors begin to repeat regularly again. Do this one more time. If your yarn doesn't repeat, don't despair, just work at least 5" and then stop. Don't bind off. Bring your swatch to class.

LAZY KNITTER'S GUIDE TO PATTERN STITCHES

Description: A whole bag of tricks for those who love to knit and hate to purl! Learn faux ribbing, a substitute for moss stitch, even lace patterns with nary a purl stitch. Garter ladders, lazy rib, brioche stitch, rose fabric, and tubular knitting will all be taught and swatched. (3 hrs)

Skill Level: Advance Beginner: should be comfortable casting on and binding off, working knits, purls and simple pattern stitches.

Student Supplies Needed: Worsted weight yarn (**plain wool yarn, in a solid light color**) for swatches; straight needles or circular needle in appropriate size (about #7) to knit this yarn; set of dp needles in same size.

Material Fee: None

Pre-class Preparation: None