Mosaic Memo

The November/December 2026 newsletter of
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Mother of Dragon's Dice Bag *New!*

with Jessie Swift
(Advanced Crochet)
Saturday, November 14, 1-3 pm
Fee: $40/2 hourclass

Take inspiration from Daenerys Targaryen! The Mother of Dragons Dice Bag is perfect for anyone who loves gaming, Game of Thrones, or both.

The Mother of Dragons Dice Bag is designed to have smaller holes than the typical crocodile stitch, making it better suited to carrying around dice and other items, even when unlined. The dice bag uses a number of more **advanced crochet** techniques, but includes links to relevant tutorials in case you're not familiar with any of them.

Cozy Cables Ear Warmer *with Kate Joyce*

(Advanced Beginner)
Friday, November 20, 11am-1pm or
Thursday, December 17, 2-4 pm
Fee: $40/2 hours

Easy Knit

Knitted on fairly large needles with bulky yarn, you'll find the Cozy Cables Ear Warmer is a surprisingly fast knitting project! If you're like me, you won't be able to stop at just one because there is something rather soothing about the repetition of the braided cable pattern and a great sense of accomplishment at finishing a knitted item so quickly.

Holiday Doodle Cup Cozy

Fair Isle!

with Darlene Joyce

Friday, December 11
2-4 pm Fee: $40/2 hours

Do you love slowly falling snow while walking with a warm cup of coffee (in a reusable cup)? Do you hate using cardboard cup cozies because you're hoping to do your part for the environment?

This winter-themed cup cozy is the perfect addition to the aspiring low-waste, never-not-knitting, coffee fan!

The pattern is knit in the round, bottom up, using circular short needles (or DPNs or magic loop, if you prefer).

Soap Sack KAL/CAL

Saturday, November 7, 1-3 pm or
Thursday, November 12,
11am-1pm. $40/2 hours

Let's Make Someone's Holiday a Little Brighter!
One soap sack at a time!

Charity Event!

Mosaic Yarn Studio is teaming up with **Soapie Squad** to spread some handmade happiness to families served by the **Maine Township Food Pantry**.

Grab your needles or hooks and join the fun! We'll knit and crochet soap sacks to share a little handmade love this holiday season.

Your class includes: one skein of cotton yarn, a knit or crochet pattern, two artisan soaps & two hours of instruction.
A few important details: All completed soap sacks must be returned to MYS by **December 1**.

Need more artisan soap?
Additional bars are available for **$10 each**.

In Person Classes

Beginning Knitting

Learn the basics of knitting in this four week course. Students will be taught the basic skills every knitter must know, including how to cast on, knit, purl, and bind off. **Ages 12+ only.**
Fee: $120/4 week class.

Materials: US 8 to 10 knitting needle; one 100 gram ball of Plymouth Encore. **Ages 12+ only.** ***Fee: $120/4 week class***. ***All yarn must be purchased from MYS.***

Tuesday, November 3 to December 1with Kate 11am-12:30pm
(No Class November 24)
Friday, November 6 to December 4 with Kate 2-3:30pm
(No Class November 27)
Saturday, November 14 to December 12 with Darlene 10-11:30am
(No class November 28)

Beginning Crochet

This class is for beginners. You'll get started with chain, single, and double crochet stitches. Choose a skein of Plymouth Encore and a H hook and you will be on your way! **Ages 12+ only.** ***Fee: $120/4 week class***. ***All yarn must be purchased from MYS.***

Wednesday, November 4 to December 2 with Nora 2-3:30pm
(No Class Nov 25)
Thursday, November 5 to December 3 with Nora 4:30-6pm
(No Class November 26)
Tuesday, December 1 to 22 with Darlene 3-4:30 pm
Saturday, December 19 to January 9 with Nora 10-11:30am

Venezia Shawl with Darlene Joyce
Wednesday, December 2 to 16, 10:30am-12:30 pm
Fee: $120/3 week class

Venezia is a precious, delicate shawlette, perfect for any single skein of fingering weight yarn. Worked from tip to tip, with a reversible lace pattern and a diamond shape. It is framed by a gorgeous reversible diamond lace motif, and the main body of the shawl is worked in ribbing.
Designed by Joji Locatelli

Intermediate Knitting/ Crocheting

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You will learn more advanced techniques of your choice. For example, you can choose a simple cabled sweater pattern, a fair isle pattern, an intarsia pattern - the choice is yours! This class can be taken over and over and over and over. **All yarn must be purchased from MYS for Intermediate classes. Darlene takes Intermediate Crocheters (lefties too) in her classes.**

Fee: $140/session *4 weeks*
One Day Class Fee*: $40 ***1 day***

**Available if class is not full. 24 hour notice required.*

Monday Afternoons *with Darlene* *1 - 3 pm*
November 23 to December 14
December 21 to January 11

Tuesday Afternoons *with Darlene* *1 - 3 pm*
November 17 to December 15 (No Class November 24)
December 22 to January 19 (No Class January 12)

Wednesday Afternoons *with Darlene* *1 - 3 pm*
November 18 to December 16 (No Class November 25)
December 23 to January 20 (No Class January 13)

Thursday Evening *with Madalyn* *6 - 8 pm*
November 12 to December 10 (No Class November 26)
December 17 to January 21 (No Class Dec 24 & 31)

Friday Late Mornings *with Darlene* *11 am - 1 pm*
October 23 to November 20 (No Class November 6)
December 4 to January 8 (No Class Dec 25 & Jan 1)

The World's Simplest Mitten
(knit in person) *with Darlene Joyce*

Saturdays, December 5 to 19,1-2:30pm
Fee: $100/3 week class

Using worsted weight yarn of your choice and size US 5 & 7 double point needles, learn how to make a basic mitten in any size you wish. Pre-registration required. Design by Tin Can Knits.

Knit Classes

Brioche Starter Cowl *with June*

This pretty cowl is fun to knit and quick to make! It's knit in the round, which is easy to do in brioche. As its name implies, it's a good beginner's cowl or a good refresher. Pattern is $5.99. Designed by Cynthia Spencer.

Tuesday, November 10 & 17 *2-4 pm*
Fee: $80 *2 week class*

One Plus Baby Sweater *with June* New!

Easy Knit

The One Baby Sweater comes in sizes 3 months to 8 years. It's top-down, one piece, easy as pie and cute as a button. Garter stitch edges the neck, front and lower bands as well as the edges of the cap sleeves. This is perfect for layering in cooler weather or wearing over a tank in warmer weather.

Tuesdays, December 1 & 8 *2-4 pm*
Fee: $80 *2 week class*

Gullblanka Socks New!

(2-at-a-time Using Magic Loop)

with Madalyn Fisher

Thursday, November 5 to 19, 2-4 pm or
Saturday, December 5 to 19, 10am-12pm
Fee: $120/3 week class

These worsted weight socks are a great way to learn how to knit socks 2-at-a-time on a extra long US 4 circular needle. Choose your favorite machine washable worsted weight yarn.

Designed by Marja Karllson

I Would Dye with You!

with Darlene & Staff
(in person)

Saturday,
January 2, 2-4 p.m.

Spend an afternoon learning how to dye yarn! You can choose to dye one or two skeins of yarn. The yarn is fingering weight (90% wool/10% nylon).

$70 for one skein/$100 for 2 skeins.

If you would like two skeins, please sign up for one skein and email us at darlene@mosaicyarnstudio.com and we will invoice you for the additional skein. Space is limited to 4 students.

Advanced Beginner Knitting: Berie Shawl New!

with Kate Joyce (in person)

Friday, December 4 & 11,
11am-1pm. Fee: $80/2 hours

With simple stitches and a sideways construction, Berie lets the tonal colorways of Vintage Handpaint shine! Ideal for a first shawl or first lace project for newer knitters. Add warmth and a pop of color to any outfit with this quick-knit triangle shawl!

Materials: 2 skeins of Berroco Vintage Handpaint and a size US 7 24" circular needle.

Sophie Hood New!

with June Sorensen

Tuesday, December 1 & 15,
11am-1pm. Fee: $80/2 week class

The Sophie Hood is worked in one piece from tip to tip. It is worked flat, back and forth, in garter stitch with built-in i-cord edges. The hood is shaped using increases and decreases, and its back is sewn together at the end, using mattress stitch along the back of the neck.

Intro to Fair Isle Knitting *with Darlene Joyce*

Learn to knit a basic fair isle hat. You will choose your own motifs and color combinations. Please bring a 16" circular needle size US 7 for a hat or a 24" circular size US 7 for a cowl. **Homework**: Cast on 100 stitches on a 16" circular needle size US 5, join in the round and work in ribbing for 1 1/4". (If you are choosing to make a cowl, cast on 140 stitches on a circular needle US 5 and knit ribbing).

Saturday, November 14 *2-4 pm*
Fee:$40 *2 hour class*

Weaving Class

Intro to Rigid Heddle Weaving: Getting to Know Your Loom *with Georg Luxton*

Learn the parts of the loom and weaving terminology. All students will warp their loom and do a balanced weave using worsted weight yarn purchased from MYS. This basic class is a spring board for more advanced weaving technique classes to come. If bringing own loom, make sure it is a rigid heddle and is no bigger than 20". Students have the option to rent a Sample It Loom for $25. Please call/text the store at 847-390-1013 to reserve a rental.

Friday, November 20, December 4 & 18 *2 - 4 pm*
Fee: $120 *3 week class*

Crochet Classes

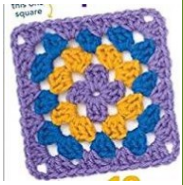
Beginner Crochet: Next Steps
(in person)

New!

Four Crochet Stitches (with Nora)
Sat, November 7 & 14,10am-12pm
Fee: $80/2 weeks

Beyond the basic stitches there are so many combinations. Nora will take you through 4 of her favorites including DC V-Stitch, Suzette Stitch, FPDC/BPDC and Linen Stitch. She will talk about multiples and how to calculate correct chain on numbers for scarves, blankets, etc.

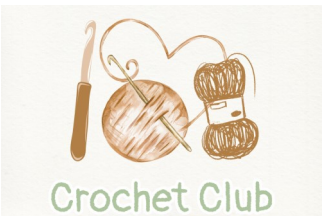
How to Crochet a Granny Square
(with Darlene)
Tuesday, November 10, 3-5pm
Fee: $40/2 hours



Learn to make a basic granny square that you can use as a coaster. You will need a "G" hook & 3 skeins of Coastal Cotton in contrasting colors.

How to Crochet a Granny Stitch Scarf
(with Darlene)
Saturday, November 21, 1-3 pm
Fee: $40/2 hours

Learn how to crochet a granny stitch (not square) scarf. Darlene will demo the foundation single crochet for those students who want to try it. You will need one skein of Cumulus or Cumulus Dappled and a size 5.5 mm crochet hook.



2nd & 4th Wednesday 10-11 a.m. Fee:$5. Bring your crochet project and enjoy some company.

We appreciate yarn purchase at MYS only. Nora will provide light instruction.

Custom Crochet Mittens with Darlene Joyce

Saturday, December 12 & 19, 3-5 pm
Fee: $80/2 weeks

Using simple measurements from your own hand, students will crochet a basic mitten. The mitten incorporates single crochet in the round, starting at the finger top and front post and back post for the ribbing. Please choose a dk weight yarn with at least 246 yards for a woman's medium/large.

Choosing the Right Yarn & Blocking *with Darlene*

This class is for knitters, crocheters and weavers. Learn how to choose the right yarn for any project. Students will learn how to read yarn labels, how different fibers behave, how to substitute yarns, how to determine yardage needed and how to make a measureable gauge swatch. Students will also learn the basics of blocking, including wet blocking, mist blocking and steam blocking and when to use each technique.

Saturday, January 2 *10am-12 pm*
Fee: $40 *2 hour class*

Crochet Classes with Jessie

(advanced beginner in person)
Saturdays, 3-5 pm.
Fee: $40/2 hours

Maple Leaf Applique
November 7

This crocheted maple leaf applique can be used on its own or strung up as fall decorations, sewn onto blankets or sweaters... anything that you fancy!

Snowflake Ornament
December 5

Crochet a whole bunch of these snowflakes and use them as ornaments for the Christmas tree, pretty window decorations or holiday gift toppers. Make it snow and have a Merry Christmas! Any scrap of white yarn will work. Appropriate crochet hook for chosen yarn.