

**RKG SPRING WORKSHOPS WITH LORILEE BELTMAN**  
**APRIL 9, 10, 11 & 12, 2021**  
**Virtual Workshops via Zoom**  
**Link will be sent after registration prior to Workshops**

**The Cast On That's Pure Magic: Friday-April 9, 2021, 9am – Noon**

**Experience:** Students must have experience with knit and purl and like trying new things.

**Description:** Estonians have been using it since the 1970s. Americans were turned on to it when Judy Becker taught us via Knitty in 2006. If you haven't learned it yet, here's a perfect opportunity to learn and apply the Magic Cast-On. What's exciting is all the possibilities it offers to knitters! We will learn it, then work our way through ways to apply it.

Symmetrical lace scarves? You don't have to use and pick out waste yarn. Shawls that start with a garter-stitch tab? You don't have to pick up stitches on that icky cast-on edge. Toe-up socks? You don't have to tighten up loose stitches from Turkish or figure-8 cast-on, plus we will learn a common wedge-toe and a rounded-toe version. Infinity loop cowls? You don't have to pick out the waste yarn of a provisional cast-on. Hems? You don't have to sew down, and you don't have to pick up bumps of a long-tail cast-on and wonder if you're in the right column. This is general knitting knowledge you will apply to many areas of your knitting life.

Lorilee can work with conventional knitters, mirror-image left-hand knitters, and combination knitters in a way that suits you.

**Colorful Cast Ons: Friday-April 9, 2021, 1:30 - 4:30 pm**

**Experience:** All levels are welcome in this class.

**Description:** When starting a project do you feel you're not getting to the fun part until well after the cast on? Try these colorful cast-ons to add interest to your project, and to add extra entertainment value for you, the knitter. You'll be able to apply the techniques learned to add a modern touch of color to your next garment. Or, by adding colors to the cast-on edge, you can introduce colors that appear later in the piece. The options are so plentiful that there is more in the handout than we have time to try, but we'll choose our favorites and proceed at a good clip. Although the class moves along, the pace is relaxed because we make small swatches. You can even skip one once in a while if you need a rest. Many are easy, but some are advanced. The teacher hopes to bring the beginners along on the advanced exercises!

**Colors that Climb (6 hour class): Saturday-April 10, 2021, 9 am-Noon + 1:30 - 4:30 pm (6 hour class with lunch break)**

**Experience:** Intermediate

**Description:** Explore various ways that color can be added when contrast stitches climb vertically from round to round. These techniques do not inhibit the elasticity of the fabric. We'll play with simple zigs and zags, colorful cables, lines between lace, and purl-only columns that look like caterpillars. We'll explore its sketchy history; it is used in Rovaniemi knitting, as a substitute for duplicate stitch in argyle, and it even appears in a Japanese stitch dictionary. After class, apply the coloring techniques to existing patterns worked in the round.

**Pick Your Knits & Purls - Continental Knitting: Sunday-April 11, 2021, 9am – Noon**

**Experience:** This class is suited for knitters with 0-50 years experience.

**Description:** When you learn Lorilee's brand of continental knitting, you will minimize your hand motions for a more comfortable, and perhaps speedier, way to knit. Each finger has a job to do. Understand exactly what motions have a bearing on stitch gauge (it's not what you think!). Learn to create even knitting by sizing your knits and purls equally. Learn how your choice of tools affects your outcome. Practice the knit stitch then move on to purl and ribbing where efficiency really pays off.

### **Fitting Socks for Ample Ankles: Sunday- April 11, 2021, 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm**

**Experience:** Students must be comfortable with cast on, knit and purl. Students must have some sock-knitting experience and be comfortable working with fingering weight yarn.

**Description:** Don't be left out of the fun of knitting your own socks simply because your ankles and calves (or those you knit for) are more ample than average. In class, we will discuss a few easy-to-apply strategies for customizing your own "plain vanilla" sock recipe, with specific features designed to improve your comfort. Continue in class applying the strategies to your homework with the goal of making a complete ankle section of the sock which may be finished after class and saved as a personal template. Does your ankle measure between 10 and 14 inches or more? You'll fit right in!

### **Totally Tubular: Monday – April 12, 2021, 9am – Noon**

**Experience:** For the advanced-beginner to intermediate knitter. Students should know how to cast on, bind off, knit, and purl, and should have completed several projects.

**Description:** For crisp, professional edges on your knitted ribbing, tubular is the way to go. Students will learn and practice a tubular cast-on for both k1 x p1 and k2 x p2 ribbing. We will learn the method that requires no waste yarn nor crochet hook. On our swatches, we then learn and practice the tubular bind-off for each, so that our sweater beginnings and endings can look fabulous and match nearly exactly.

### **Cabling Without a Cable Needle: Monday– April 12, 2021, 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm**

**Experience:** Students should be comfortable knitting, purling and following pattern directions, but prior experience with cables is not necessary.

**Description:** Do you love gorgeous cable knits? Do you find that working cables slows you down a lot? Even if you are new to cable knitting, this class is for you. We will learn how to cross those cables in various configurations without the assistance of a cable needle. Once you learn this technique you can cut out that step where you have to look up the text translation of the charted symbol. Imagine cabling without glancing over at the words to get them done! You may even encounter fewer errors as you work.

A tidy appearance is important, too. Have you noticed, in your ribbing and cables that the left-most knit stitch looks sloppy? Are you familiar with the term "man-spreading"? Well, this stitch looks like it has taken its seat and done just that. We will learn why it happens and then teach that stitch some manners! Class also includes tips for keeping track of when it's time for that cabling action row.

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**SUPPLIES LISTS AND HOMEWORK WILL BE SENT OUT IN EARLY MARCH 2021**