

## Introduction to Double-knitting (Foundation)

**(Friday 4/15/23 9am-Noon)**

Double-knitting is a unique method of making a fabric with no “wrong” side and a built-in reversible colorwork pattern. Significantly different from the standard

intarsia and Fair Isle colorwork that are so well known, double-knitting is a labor-intensive but wholly worthwhile technique to have in your repertoire.

In this workshop, you'll learn my 2-color cast-on for double-knitting, get comfortable with the techniques involved, move into colorwork, and then finish with a bind-off that mirrors the cast-on. At the end of the workshop, you should have a motif swatch and be confident that you can tackle a larger standard double-knitting pattern.



### **PREREQUISITES (WHAT TO KNOW)**

To take this workshop, you must be able to cast on and knit and purl comfortably in single-layer knitting. If you are familiar with the long-tail CO and some other form of two-color knitting, you will have a leg up but these are not strictly necessary.

### **REQUIREMENTS (WHAT TO BRING)**

2 distinct solid colors (1 light, 1 darker) of plain yarn in the DK to worsted weight range and a pair of straight or circular needles in an appropriate size for your chosen yarn.

### **HOMEWORK (WHAT TO DO)**

Please watch the cast-on video ( [YouTube Standard Double-knitting Cast-on](#) ) and try the cast-on with some spare yarn. We will go over the CO in class but the more people who have already tried it, the faster we can get into the “meat” of the workshop.

## Double-knitting In the Round (Foundation) (Friday 4/15/23 1:30-4:30)

While I prefer to teach double-knitting flat for a number of reasons, there are many good patterns done in the round and it is, in fact, easier to double-knit in the round than flat. However, in the space of a short workshop, we won't have time to do a full hat cast-on, so this is also an opportunity for me to teach my preferred small-diameter knitting method using two circular needles.

In this workshop, you'll learn my 2-color cast-on for double-knitting, learn to join double-knitting in the round and follow an all-over chart. You'll learn about options for jog reduction and of course, how to double-knit on two circulars. You are welcome to use DPNs or magic loop if you would rather, but I will not be teaching those techniques.



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### REQUIREMENTS (WHAT TO BRING)

2 distinct solid colors (1 light, 1 darker) of plain yarn in the DK to worsted weight range and two circular needles (of any length) in an appropriate size for your chosen yarn.

### HOMEWORK (WHAT TO DO)

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## **Advanced Beginner Double-knitting (Foundation) (Saturday 4/15/23 9am-Noon)**

Perhaps you've tried double-knitting once or twice in the past, but are still not feeling confident in their ability to start on a project. Perhaps you're an experienced knitter who wants a little less of a basic introduction to double-knitting. If either of those describes you, this may be the workshop for you!

In this workshop, we'll use the same techniques as in the intro workshop, but with a more complex chart. You will also learn my very clean double-knit selvedge and a variation on it.



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### **REQUIREMENTS (WHAT TO BRING)**

2 distinct solid colors (1 light, 1 darker) of plain yarn in the DK to worsted weight range and a pair of straight or circular needles in an appropriate size for your chosen yarn.

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## Designing Two-pattern Double-knitting (Tier 1) (Saturday 4/15/23 - 1:30-4:30)

So you've learned to love the reversible magic that is double-knitting, and perhaps you want to make a gift with a unique personal touch. If you chart out the name of that special someone, when you double-knit it, the opposite layer is all in mirror-image letters! With planning and a little bending of the rules, you can avoid this.

In this workshop you'll learn how to build, follow, and knit a two-pattern double-knit chart so that you can make letters readable on either side – or even make two completely different patterns. You'll gain a deeper understanding of the structure of double-knit fabric and learn the possibilities (and limitations) of two-pattern double-knitting, along with a very clean double-knit selvedge.



### PREREQUISITES (WHAT TO KNOW)

You should have taken the **Introduction** or **Advanced Beginner** workshops or have facility with modern (two colors at once) double-knitting. The homework will help to refresh you if you are rusty. You should also be comfortable following knitting charts.

### REQUIREMENTS (WHAT TO BRING)

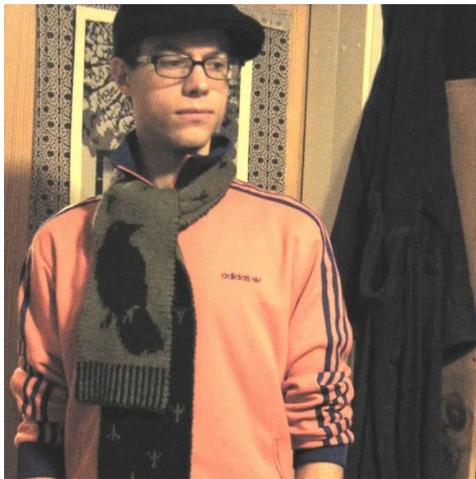
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### HOMEWORK (WHAT TO DO)

The homework instructions will be provided to all registrants for the class once registration is confirmed.

## **Slip-stitch Double-knitting (Foundation)** **(Sunday, 4/16/23 9:00-Noon)**

Before the modern method of double-knitting on which my entire repertoire is based, there was another style of double-knitting which worked quite differently. For one thing, you only needed to work with one yarn at a time. If the yarn management issues with the two-colors-at-once “modern” method give you a headache, perhaps give the older slip-stitch style a try? While the fabric comes out the same, there are some distinct limitations to this style — but there is also some potential for growth. In this workshop, you'll learn how to work slip-stitch double-knitting in plain fabric and simple colorwork, as well as the cleanest edge solution available for this style.



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## **Reverse Double-knitting (Tier 1)** **(Sunday, 4/16/23 1:30-4:30)**

Do you love the reversible fabric of double-knitting but want something more than endless stockinette? Not quite ready for double-knit cables or lace? Add some intrigue with reverse double-knitting! Add purls to your reversible repertoire to expand the possibilities available to you.

In this workshop, you'll learn reverse double-knitting and how to transition into (and out of) standard double-knitting. You'll also learn a really clean double-knit Selvedge.



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## **Three-color Double-knitting (Tier 1)** **(Monday, 4/17/23 9:00-Noon)**

Bored with only two colors in your double-knitting? Add a third! With more than two colors per row in double-knitting, the rules change a bit. Learn how to choose a color rotation and maintain it throughout a three-color pattern. In this workshop, you'll get to play with three-color double-knitting – and open new doors to design possibilities that were previously impossible (or at least improbable). You'll also learn how to integrate the unused color into a foolproof double-knit selvedge.



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### **REQUIREMENTS (WHAT TO BRING)**

3 distinct solid colors (1 light, 1 darker, 1 other) of plain yarn in the DK to worsted weight range and a pair of straight or circular needles in an appropriate size for your chosen yarn.

### **HOMEWORK (WHAT TO DO)**

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## Self-lining Double-knitting (Tier 1) (Monday, 4/17/23 1:30-4:30)

There are a few patterns I've designed (and maybe you've got some in mind yourself) where reversibility is not as much of a concern as simply having a way to hide the "wrong side" of your colorwork while adding some extra structure to the fabric. Self-lining double-knitting is a special application of two-pattern double-knitting where one pattern is simply a solid color.

In this workshop, I'll teach you how to achieve self-lining in two and three colors, to prepare you in some small way for the fabric in my [Box of Delights](#) and [Whorl'd Tree](#) patterns. You'll also learn a really clean double-knit selvedge, as well as how to integrate a third color into it.



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