

RKG SPRING WORKSHOPS
The World of Colorwork
Shetland - Janette Budge
Scandinavian - Kristin Drysdale
April 26, 27 & 28, 2024
via Zoom

Friday, April 26, 2024, 9:00-Noon EDST

CLASS: INTRODUCTION TO FAIR ISLE - JANETTE BUDGE



Have fun learning how to knit Fair Isle. We will cover ways to attach new colours, how to carry your yarn at the back (floats), achieve an even tension and tips on colour choice and patterns. Knitting in the round is optional, the project can be knit flat.

Skills required: Students must be able to do basic knit stitches.

Homework: No homework required.

Supplies: The project rows are only 42 sts over 21 rows so a few yards of each colour is all that is required. You can choose to knit in only 2 colours if you wish. Otherwise, 4 colours are needed in total. Fingering weight or 4ply equivalent yarn is best on needle size US 2-3 depending on whether you are a tight or loose knitter. You can use 4-5 DPNs if working in the round or 2 circular needles (1 circular doesn't work well with such few stitches) The project can also be knit flat, back and forth.

Friday, April 26, 2024, 1:30 - 3:00 pm EDST

CLASS: SCANDI SLIPPER CLASS Part 1 - KRISTIN DRYSDALE



This class teaches you everything you need to know about colorwork in a nutshell. *You will be provided with a coupon code to purchase a slipper pattern after registration; Kristin will provide suggestions as to which slipper patterns will work best for you).* This is an intensive colorwork class. Knitters will learn how to knit and purl with two colors at once by holding the yarn in one hand or in two hands. You will learn how and when and why to catch floats. Learn to read charts. How to decrease in colorwork, and my favorite longtail cast on, and how to join seamlessly in the round. You will improve your DPN/flexiflip skills. We learn about gauge and sizing. And learn how to do a Norwegian braid to finish off the slippers. After making these slippers, you will have the colorwork skills to knit anything you want in colorwork.

Skills required: Intermediate. If you are an enthusiastic beginner and you know how to knit and purl with confidence, you can take this class.

For Class 1: We will start the slipper and you'll be asked to complete it to a certain point before Class 2.

Homework: Bring your selected Slipper pattern

Supplies:

- Gauge-size DPNs or Flexiflips. Suggested needle size: US 4/3.5
- Brown Sheep Prairie Spun DK yarn or comparable in two contrasting colors
- Scissors, the usual knitting supplies

Saturday- April 27, 2024, 9 am-Noon EDST

CLASS: FAIR ISLE GIFT BAG - JANETTE BUDGE



Have fun learning how to knit Fair Isle. We will cover ways to attach new colours, different ways you can hold your yarns, how to carry your yarn at the back (floats), achieve an even tension and tips on colour choice and patterns. This project is knit in the round. I will give you techniques on how to get the look you are after, whether you want a more subtle look, traditional or bold and bright.

Skills required: Participants must be able to knit with 2 colours in the round.

Homework: Before class cast on 88 stitches using 2ply jumper weight or 4ply yarn and knit 8 rows circular (do not cast off). This creates the base of the bag. Jamiesons of Shetland Spindrift or Jamieson and Smith jumper weight is ideal or something similar.

Supplies:

- 4-5 DPNs or circular needle suitable for 88 – 96 sts in size 3 –3.5mm.
- Between 2 and 10 colours of Shetland jumper weight 2ply (or other woolly 4ply equivalent/fingering weight yarn) You can choose how much you want to challenge yourself with colour changes. (To knit it exactly as the bag in the centre of the photo in blues you will need 5 motif colours and 2 background colours. One of the motif colours is also the top and bottom of the bag.) You need approximately 1.5yards per fair isle row of either background or motif yarn. There are 31 fair isle rows in the chart. In addition, you will need around 60 yards for the base and top of the bag combined. This is a chance for you to play with colours in fair isle so bring as many colours as you have in your stash as you may change your mind as we discuss ways to choose yarn colours in the class.

Saturday- April 27, 2024, 1:30 - 4:30 pm EDST

CLASS: KNITTING WITH THREE COLORS AT ONCE (without dropping yarn, getting tangled or swearing) - KRISTIN DRYSDALE



This class will teach you how to knit with three colors at once with ease. Knitting with three colors is a bit like a dance, you will learn to weave colors in and out, catching floats where you need to and you can do it all without getting your colors all twisted up. For this class you will be making the Astrid Cozy (cowl). *You will receive the pattern or code after registration.*

In this class we will cover: Latvian Braid, Knitting with the right hand, Knitting with the left hand, Knitting with two colors in your left hand, Catching floats with the main color, Catching floats with the contrasting colors, Catching floats with two contrasting colors, Chart reading, Colorwork tips and tricks, Weaving in and out new colors, Picking up and knitting stitches, Mattress Stitch.

Skills required: Advanced Skills required are basic knit, purl, cast on, and bind off, as well as the ability to work various colorwork, cable, and lace techniques, increases, decreases, knit in the round (dpns and circulars), read charts, and use advanced shaping methods such as short rows.

Homework: Cast on stitches as per pattern.

Supplies:

- Four colors of sport weight yarn, approx 392yds total (Details will be emailed after registration.)
- Needles: US5 (3.75 mm) 24" circular (or size needed to obtain gauge)
- Stitch markers
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors

Sunday, April 28, 2024, 9 am-Noon EDST

CLASS: STEEKING FAIR ISLE - JANETTE BUDGE



Have you always wondered about steeking? When is it used? Why is it used? In this 3 hour class Janette will take the fear out of cutting your knitting. Used when knitting in the round especially for fair isle or colorwork knitting where an opening is required like an armhole or neck hole. She will demonstrate 2 ways to reinforce your steek, for you to follow along with during the class and talk about 2 others. Janette will show you how best to pick up stitches for a rib or button band in your steeked project.

Skills required: Knitting homework is required for this class and a general understanding of stranded or fair isle knitting is beneficial. Must be able to knit in the round.

Homework: You will need to knit a small cuff BEFORE the class so that you can practice steeking on your sample. A handout will be sent prior to the class on knitting the full sample for cutting during the class. Sample is 21 rows long and 52 stitches in the round.

Supplies:

- Either 4-5 short DPNS or circulars in size 3mm or 3.5mm suitable for small circumference knitting.
- Scissors, a small crochet hook and a Tapestry needle is also required.
- Yarn to knit the sample, can either be 2, 3 or 4 colours depending on what you have to hand. Only a few yards of each colour is needed of fingering weight or 4 ply equivalent yarn. Best if it is a woolly wool but not essential.
- A handout will be sent prior to the class on knitting the full sample for cutting during the class. Sample is 21 rows long and 52 stitches in the round.

Sunday - April 28, 2024 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm EST

CLASS: SCANDI SLIPPER CLASS Part 2 - KRISTIN DRYSDALE



YOU MUST REGISTER AND ATTEND PART 1!! This class teaches you everything you need to know about colorwork in a nutshell. *You will be provided with a coupon code to purchase a slipper pattern after registration; Kristin will provide suggestions as to which slipper patterns will work best for you.* This is an intensive colorwork class. Knitters will learn how to knit and purl with two colors at once by holding the yarn in one hand or in two hands. You will learn how and when and why to catch floats. Learn to read charts. How to decrease in colorwork, and my favorite longtail cast on, and how to join seamlessly in the round. You will improve your DPN/flexiflip skills. We learn about gauge and sizing. And learn how to do a Norwegian braid to finish off the slippers. After making these slippers, you will have the colorwork skills to knit anything you want in colorwork.

Skill level: Intermediate. If you are an enthusiastic beginner and you know how to knit and purl with confidence, you can take this class.

Homework: Bring your slipper completed to the point indicated in Class 1

Supplies:

- Gauge-size DPNs or Flexiflips. Suggested needle size: US 4/3.5
- Brown Sheep Prairie Spun DK yarn or comparable in two contrasting colors
- Scissors, the usual knitting supplies