



NatureSpeak Knits

Class Catalog

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Hello!

My name is Jeanne Abel. I've been knitting for *many* years. My grandmother (Gran) taught me when I was young somewhere in the late 60s. I've been designing since around 1980. After working in the (hard & nasty) corporate world for over 20 years, I found myself, to my delight, able work in the (soft & cuddly) fiber world!

>>Thanks to all that continue to help make that happen!!<<

The following is my class catalog. The skill level of the classes are indicated by the *'s.

- * bashful beginner has never touched knitting needles.
- ** brave beginner has knitted a scarf or two, knows how to knit & purl.
- *** beyond beginner has knitted a bit; scarves, hats with some shaping.
- **** intermediate has worked with shaping, stitch patterns, maybe some color.
- ***** experienced is ready for advanced techniques, is game for an adventure!

The schedule indicates the classes that **require** some work before the class begins. All classes that are two or more sessions will have homework. It's possible that a class could be shortened with additional pre-work, or lengthened with no pre-work. More information is available upon request.

I love shape. I love color. I love texture. I love fiber. Knitting is my medium of choice. I love to get folks excited about shape, color, texture and fiber. Knitting is my vehicle.

Happy knitting!!



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Custom Fiber-Buttons

*
1 – 1 or 2
hour
session

We all need buttons! Learn the basics of creating needle-felted buttons to match that wonderful hand knitted or crocheted sweater. 1 hour class covers the basics, 2 hour class cover the basics plus variations.



Those Fancy (but Oh, so easy) Scarves!

*
2 – 2 hour
sessions

We'll create a quick, very easy, elegant scarf out of some fancy yarns. It's a great project for learning to knit. You'll learn how to cast on, knit and bind off. We will discuss the purl ... trying it is up to you. No experience necessary or expected. This is a great project for kids, too.



Learn to Knit

*
3 – 2 hour
sessions

Students learn to cast-on, knit, purl and bind-off, as well as follow pattern instructions as we work through Knitability's® Sample Stitch Scarf. No previous knitting experience necessary.



Knitting from silk hankies & caps

**
1 – 1 or 2
hour
session

Silk is decedent! Here we learn a method of knitting from those (fairly inexpensive) silk hankies or caps. They are available as blanks (natural white) and from many hand dyers looking gorgeous! An ounce of silk will give you enough to make a light scarf. 1 hour class covers the basics, 2 hour class cover the basics plus variations.



Entrelac Headband

**
2 – 2 hour
sessions

This is a beginning entrelac class that teaches the technique creating a wonderfully warm headband in two colors of DK or sport weight yarn. Yardage is low so think silk or cashmere!



Fisherman's Mitten

**
3 – 2 hour
sessions

If you love mittens but need your fingers, this mitten is for you. This advanced beginner class teaches a basic mitten with a built in flap that flips back to expose the fingers. Knitted with worsted weight wool and felted for warmth and extra protection (almost waterproof!).



Magic Moebius

**
1 – 2 hour
session

In this class we will conquer the provisional cast-on and the "Magic Moebius" technique. Almost everyone will have a wonderful muffler by the end of class.





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Simply Hooded

**
2 – 2 hour
sessions

Two great gift ideas. Make two different luxurious hoods with some silk blends. Each only requires 100 yards of yarn. That makes them very affordable!!



The Bias Headband

**
1 – 2 hour
session
(pre-work)

Knit a rectangle - striped, solid, fancy, plain - give it a twist and you have a very intriguing headband. A great EASY gift for guys and girls, adults and kids (think school colors!!). The class will focus on the odd assembly.



The Fluff Bag

**
2 – 2 hour
sessions
(pre-work)

Ready to move beyond scarves? Create this cute, eyelash handbag in this advanced beginners class that teaches some additional basic techniques; picking up stitches, knitting in the round, felting, following a pattern, etc.



The Next Step

**
4 – 2 hour
sessions

Knitability's® The Next Step. This is a GREAT first sock class. These quick, cozy socks are knitted on larger needles and then washed to felt them into warm slipper socks, any 'boo boo's literally disappear! The perfect gift idea (everyone will want them).



Toddler Poncho

**
3 – 2 hour
sessions

This is a cute, hooded poncho to fit 6 mos. to 2-3 yrs by Fiber Trend's®. Pick your colors and learn a few new stitches and techniques. Perfect for advanced beginners.



The Willow Ponchos

**
2 – 2 hour
sessions

Learn the techniques you need to create this asymmetrical poncho; it could be elegant with beads or casual with fringe. This one has great drape and is more delicate than the "#15 with bulky yarn" versions.



Waves and Ripples Afghans

**
1 – 2 hour
session

Two simple afghan patterns in ... yes ... Garter stitch!! We'll start a baby-doll size blanket in class in either (or both) patterns.





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WispAround Vest

**
2 – 2 hour
session

Don't let the shape scare you. This is actually really "straight" forward. We'll be discussing the lefts & rights of shaping and working with linen or silk the yardage makes it affordable. We'll also practice the hardest part ... putting it on!



2 Kinds of Color

2 – 2 hour
sessions
(pre-work)

This class focuses on 2 different color knitting techniques: Intarsia and Fair Isle. We'll create a cute little bag (that can be felted) in one of several color-ways, learning both techniques.



Ravenel

3 – 2 hour
sessions

In this class, you can choose to make the vest or jacket version of Ravenel. We'll take it step by step. In the first 2 classes, we'll create and finish the body (completing any vests). The third class focuses on finishing the sleeves on any jackets.



Cabled Vest

5 – 2 hour
sessions

Brown Sheep's® Little Cabled Vest is a great project to learn cables or as a first garment. We'll discuss gauge, sizing, shaping, cables, finishing ... Quick knit with bulky yarn, this vest turns out really sharp.



Circular Afghan

2 – 2 hour
sessions

Work through a unique circular afghan (or a cape or a Christmas Tree skirt!) in from 2 to 14 colors. (Think of your stash!) Each wedge is knitted separately providing a great "traveling" project. The class focuses on shaping, assembly & finishing ideas.



Entrelac Knapsack

3 – 2 hour
sessions

You want to make that Entrelac Knapsack but Don't be afraid. We'll work through Knitability's® Entrelac Backpack step by step. Most folks will finish the bag before class is complete.



Entrelac Mittens

3 – 2 hour
sessions

In this class we will use the entrelac technique to create a wonderful set of lined mittens in two colors of DK or sport yarn. Pair these up with the headband for a great set.





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Finishing Techniques

2 – 2 hour sessions
(pre-work)

Learn techniques to cast on, pick up stitches, seam and bind off invisibly. Several techniques will be explained and practiced. Some knitting experience required.

From the Top

3 – 2 hour sessions

Whether it is your first sweater or your tenth ... try it from the top! This one is worked in the round with a SET-IN sleeve. That means no seams. There are two shapes, one is slightly tapered to the waist. The ribbing can have cables or not. Lots of sizes Lots of choices.



Gran's Hug

2 – 2 hour sessions

In this class we will start Gran's Hug. We will conquer the provisional cast-on and make sure everyone is well on there way to creating this great wrap. A heavy worsted weight yarn on large needles allows for great drape.



Knitted Bead Bracelets

1 – 2 hour session

So many folks love these bracelets. The beads are knitted in giving a very elegant look. These are knitted on very small needles but they are a 'quick knit'!



Seaman's Scarves

2 – 2 hour sessions

This wonderfully shaped scarf is knitted in two pieces with wider ends and a skinnier middle (not so bulky at the back of the neck). Cable or Twisted stitch patterns make the ends fun to knit.



Entrelac Handbags

2 – 2 hour sessions

Looking for another entrelac project? This bag is "too cute". The pattern offers 3 bag sizes (we'll start the small or medium in class) with a spring snap closure. We'll discuss keeping entrelac shaping techniques simple.



Felted Clog Workshop

1 – 6 hour session,
(includes lunch)

In this class we will work through Fiber Trend's® Felt Clogs pattern creating a slipper like those retailing for \$75 to \$80. These are quick, great for the whole family and really comfortable.





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Lace Answers

2 – 2 hour
sessions

Don't be afraid of Lace Knitting In this class, we will start simple and build. We will practice swatching and then start a Lacy Tank.



Knitting Help

2 hour
sessions

Need knitting help? Sign up for as many classes as you need. They will be small (max of 4) and get help with your patterns, projects or anything knitting related.

