

DYED IN THE WOOL

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A fiber shop and place to knit, spin, weave and crochet

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Store Hours:

Tues. through Sat: 10am - 4pm
Closed Sundays & Mondays

New Class Schedule For July

As we move into July I am hoping that this will be a schedule that we can follow. I so hope that we can return to our regular schedule shortly but until then I hope this will do.

All classes will be one hour long and masks must be worn.

I have created three class options per day except for Tuesday which has four. They have been spaced apart to allow for cleaning in between classes.

As with most of our classes, during your class you can choose what you want to work on.

- I will begin taking sign up requests by email at dyedinthewool@msn.com on Sunday for the following week.
- You can only sign up for one week at a time
- When you submit your email please include your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices.
- You will receive an email in return with your scheduled class. If you would prefer a call please include your number on your email.
- If you cannot attend a scheduled class please notify me as soon as possible as there may be a wait list for some classes.
- **If you don't feel well (for any reason) please let me know by email or by leaving a message on the shop phone if it is outside open hours (412-364-0310). Please stay home until you feel better.**

What's New At Dyed In The Wool

We just received a wonderful box of yarn from Dream In Color. More colors of Smoothy with Cashmere. They are gorgeous and are going to feel wonderful in your hands. I just finished socks for Bob and have cast on another pair for him with one of the latest colors.

I have been knitting up some new designs and some store samples. I plan to have them in the shop soon. If you like the Lerwick you are going to love the Lerwick Loop. I am knitting one now in Berroco's Millefiori but I will be writing the pattern for three different weights of yarn with a number of loop lengths to suit everyone.

What is Ease?

Ease is what makes our clothes fit comfortably on our bodies. Ease means something different to everyone and some patterns will talk to you about the amount of ease the designer built in. This can be confusing as not all designers do this. This is where I really rely on the schematic. Many pattern will give you a "fits bust size" measurement but the measurement I look for is the "finished measurement".

For example many Rowan patterns will give us both measurements. I know that my bust measures 36" and the finished measurement for the sweater I want to make is 46". This information tells me that this sweater is an oversized sweater. While I like oversized sweaters I really don't want 10" of ease. I would then look at the sweater that is one size smaller and it is a 34" bust that finishes to 44". I might consider making the smaller size in this design as 8" sounds better to me. I will still check the schematic to make sure that all the other measurements for this size work for the fit I am looking for.

If I were to be looking at a pattern for a fitted sweater, where the sleeves fit the shoulders precisely and it should be worn close to the body then I would make sure that the schematic of the finished measurements fit my body to within 1" to 2", depending on what i would be wearing under it.

Some patterns will tell us that this design should be worn with negative ease of 1" to 2". Being a 36" bust I would look for a finished measurement of 34" to 36".

You should determine by the style and what you like on your body how much ease you are wanting on any particular garment.

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