



# Kiwi Knitting Company, LLC

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## Kiwi News

The biggest event at Kiwi this year is almost here!! Cat Bordhi arrives November 11<sup>th</sup> for 3 days of classes. Soon Tucson will be teeming with Moebius knitting and innovative sock knitters – and new designs will be popping up everywhere. The classes are full, but if you are at all interested, I am still taking waiting list names in case spots open up.

Another exciting event is the Kiwi Blog is now active! Jill Holbrook is our blog master and has already posted several fun things – check out her Halloween posting! One of our new book selections is [Teeny Tiny Mochimochi](#) which inspired Jill's little ghosts. You'll be seeing more about what the staff is up to as well. I know Brigid was snapping pics of her "Custom Pet Sweater Class" last Saturday. We hope you will participate as well. Just go to [www.kiwiknitting.com](http://www.kiwiknitting.com) and click on blog at the top of the page.

Customers have been busy these last couple of months with our bicycle yarn graffiti project. You can see this on the blog, too, as we are trying to post progress monthly. You can participate, too! If you can make an I-chord or knit a rectangle, there is something that can be covered with it! Thanks to "Ordinary Bike Shop" who donated the bicycle!

Books and yarn are filling the shelves at a fast pace these days. There are so many new things that it is hard to know what to highlight. Aracaunia's new silk/wool yarn, **Rinihue**, inspired Brigid to knit a jacket from this quarter's featured book [Knit, Swirl!](#). Now she has several planned from stash and even has me starting one (after Christmas stuff is done.) It has even spawned a class! I am intrigued by Debbie Bliss' new yarn **Paloma**. The woven construction of this chunky alpaca/merino wool keeps it light and soft. If you have someone on your Christmas list that likes soft and not much time to invest, this yarn will knit a hat or scarf in no time. One of the latest arrivals is Berroco's **Boboli**. As I am writing this, it has not even been put on the shelves, but the colors have already attracted a sale. If you want a really fast gift or wardrobe accessory this holiday, I have several selections of the ruffle scarves for you from sparkly, lacy **Triana** to the short ruffles of **Ripple** & Crystal Palace's **TuTu**. These yarns can also be used as a feminine addition to scarves, shawls, & sweaters. But these are just the tip of the iceberg! Hope you'll come by to see the full selection!

Welcome to our newest staff members, Jill Holbrook who will be working this season as well as blogging and Carolyn Webb who has already inspired customers and only worked one day! Read more about all Kiwi's employees and teachers in an upcoming blog posting. Jill and Carolyn will be joining returning employees Marilyn, Desi, and Brigid. We are all here to help you become inspired and/or make your inspiration a reality.

Happy Holiday's to everyone!

## November 26<sup>th</sup> -- Hats, Scarves, Gloves, Scarves!

For the last several years we have gathered to kick-off a knitting project to provide hats for orphanages in Agua Prieta, Mexico. This year, we would like to brighten the lives of the

homeless residents of all ages in Tucson. November 26<sup>th</sup> is the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Please join us with your crafty friends and relatives for refreshments and camaraderie while we knit hats, scarves, gloves, or socks that will keep people warm during our cold winter weather. You can use this event as a starting point (some yarn will be available) or as a drop-off time. All items should be received by 6 PM December 21<sup>st</sup>. As usual, we will hang the early arrivals around the shop for all to see!

## Mark Your Calendar! Sock Summit Planned This February!

Watch the next newsletter for specifics, but you will want to plan some time February 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> to immerse yourself in socks. We're planning classes and demos for basics as well as the latest techniques, patterns and tips.

## Winter Closures

Kiwi will be closed Thur Nov 24<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving Day and Mon Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will close at 4pm on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve.

## Knit Night

One way to finish your forgotten projects is to join us for Knit Night! There is friendly conversation, refreshments, and help when you need it every **Monday** from 7 – 9 PM. The fee is \$5 for non Kiwi Klub members (applicable to a purchase on the night you attend). [**Note:** No Knit Night on Mon Dec 26<sup>th</sup> and Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>.]

## Sock Group

Looking for friendly faces & warm feet? Come to Kiwi from 1 – 3 PM on the first Saturday of each month! Sock knitting is strongly encouraged, but not mandatory! Drop-in's welcome.

## Bead Crochet & Beading Workshop

Join our knowledgeable & enthusiastic group to work on bead crochet or other beading project(s) of your choice. Novice & experienced participants are actively working on bracelets, necklaces, and earrings using various techniques. 1 – 3 PM each Thursday except Nov 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Kiwi Klub

### Join the Kiwi Klub!

**Kiwi Klub** membership includes the following benefits:

- ♥ A clear Kiwi tool case!
- ♥ A pattern-of-the-month (remember to pick up when you're in the shop).
- ♥ A 10% discount on yarn for the project of the month.
- ♥ Weekly Knit Night fee
- ♥ One scheduled tech class each month.
- ♥ Discounts on scheduled classes and other events.

Cost is \$60 per year for membership June 1 – May 31<sup>st</sup>. The cost is pro-rated during the year as of the first of each month so you snowbirds can take advantage while you're here. New Memberships close on March 1, 2012. A real bargain just for the Knit Nights alone!

## Knit Doctor

Feel free to drop in on Friday mornings when Kendra or Holly is available from 10 AM – Noon to help with your knitting and crocheting challenges. (No charge!) **Knit Dr will not be available on Nov 11 & 25, & Dec 23.**

## Classes!

Whether you want to learn a new skill, try a new project, or simply socialize, we have just the class for you - from the basics to advanced techniques. Private lessons are available, too. You'll love working with a great line-up of teachers: Mary Boussios, Brigid Connolly, Holly Harper, Jill Holbrook, Deborah Levine, Eirene Jacobson, & Kendra McNally. **Check [www.kiwiknitting.com](http://www.kiwiknitting.com) for updates.** In order to provide you with the individual attention you deserve, classes are limited to 5 unless otherwise noted

We'd like to hear from you! Let us know what classes you would like to see and best times for you. E-mail me at [Lynnd@kiwiknitting.com](mailto:Lynnd@kiwiknitting.com) or use the suggestion box when you visit the store.

## Special Events

**Cat Bordhi -- Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, & 13<sup>th</sup>** Classes are full. We are excited for Cat's arrival!

**Heather's Finnish Paivatar Sock Cast On and Trim** – Heather Ordover is in town for the holidays and will be here at Kiwi to teach the cast on and trim methods for her cover-girl “Finnish Paivatar Sock” newly published in [Knitting Socks From Around the World](#). The class will be 2PM – 5PM Fri Dec 30. Materials you will need are 2 contrasting colors of yarn & 2 circular needles. Cost is \$30.

## Beginner Classes

**The Beginning Crochet Series** – Learn the basics of crochet – the foundation chain, single & double crochet, pattern reading, and more. Then create an easy scarf to help you practice your new skills. Materials: A size H crochet hook & 175 yds worsted yarn. Cost: \$32.  
Teacher: Mary Boussios.

10 AM – Noon  
1 – 3 PM

Tue Jan 3 & 10  
Mon Nov 21 & 28

**Intermediate Crochet** – Once you have learned the basics, this class will take you to the next level. You will make a hat while learning how to increase & work circular construction similar to “Granny Squares”. Materials: 100g worsted yarn & a size H crochet hook. Cost: \$32.  
Teacher: Mary Boussios. 10 AM – Noon Wed Jan 18 & 25

**The Beginning Knitting Series** — A series of 4 modules that can take you from non-knitter to confident knitter ready for most common knitting projects. Making a sampler scarf allows you to master the knit and purl stitches, casting on (starting), binding off (ending), basic increases and decreases and pattern reading. Take one or all. Materials: 200yd worsted weight yarn and knitting needles size 8, 9, or 10. Cost: \$55 or \$20 per module. Teachers: Lynn Davis or Kendra McNally.

1– 3 PM:  
7 – 9 PM:

Wed Jan 11, 18, 25 & Feb 1  
Thu Jan 5, 12, 19 & 26

**Second Steps** – Second Steps is a series of 3 classes for the new knitter. Using a simple hat, these modules will expand your knowledge of casting on, increasing & decreasing, knitting in the round and simple color work. Cost: \$43. Teacher: Lynn Davis.

10 AM - Noon:  
7 – 9 PM:

Sat Jan 28, Feb 4, & 11  
Tue Nov 15, 22, & 29

**Spin DR** – Jill will be at Kiwi on the Saturday mornings listed below to teach beginners and

those needing help to move to the next level alike. Learn hand spinning, how to use a spinning wheel or bring your questions about preparing and spinning fibers. Materials: Your hand spindle and/or wheel, fiber and questions. Cost: \$20/session. Teacher: Jill Holbrook

10 AM – Noon Sat: Nov 19 & Dec 17

## Tech Classes

Cost: \$20/class unless otherwise noted. Unless otherwise indicated, please bring a small amount of worsted weight yarn & US 7 knitting needles.

**Pattern Reading Basics** – Scarves have been fun but now you want a little more challenge. But those patterns don't seem to be written in English! Come learn "knittingese" and the huge discovery that it isn't quite as confusing as it may appear. Kendra will also share several resources available to help. Teacher: Kendra McNally. 10 AM – Noon Thu Nov 3

**Cables** – Think that cables are beyond your reach? Discover the TRUTH! Cables are a simple addition to that Christmas hat, scarf, or mitts that will impress everyone! Teacher: Lynn Davis. 1 – 3 PM Fri Nov 18

**Increases/Decreases** – Discover the world beyond Kf&b and k2tog. You will love the results each technique brings to your knitting! Teacher: Holly Harper. 10 AM – Noon Wed Nov 23

**Seams** – From the simple to the sophisticated, learn the techniques that will make the dreaded s-word your newest friend. You will be amazed at how beautiful your projects will look with these techniques. Materials: a darning needle & a crochet hook; a project or swatches in need of seaming. Teacher: Kendra McNally. 10 AM – Noon Tue Nov 29

**Entrelac** – French for "interwoven", entrelac is great for everything from blankets to sweaters. Here is your opportunity to learn the elements of this beautiful and intriguing technique. Teacher: Lynn Davis. 10 AM – Noon Sat Dec 10

**Chart Reading** – If your knitting has progressed to lace, cable, and color patterns, but you are getting lost in the long strings of instructions or confused by unusual terminology, TAKE THIS COURSE! Learning to use charts instead can greatly simplify these projects for you. Teacher: Kendra McNally. 10 AM – Noon Thu Dec 29

**Fair Isle** – Intrigued by the beauty of items made in patterns with 2 or more colors? Learn the techniques to start creating your own! Materials: small amts of 2 different colors of yarn & appropriate needles. Teacher: Lynn Davis. 10 AM – Noon Sat Jan 7

**1 Color Brioche St.** – Known by a variety of names, the brioche stitch has many uses and different methods of production. It also opens up a world of design and color possibilities. Teacher: Kendra McNally. 1 – 3 PM Fri Jan 13

**Lace Elements** – Face your fear of lace! It is really just holes in your knitting. The beauty is in how you make those holes. In this class, you will make a swatch to start you reading lace charts and learning some basic lace patterns. If time permits, a simple knitted-on border will also be included. Materials: Bring a swatch of 38 sts and 4 rows of garter stitch. Teacher: Kendra McNally. 10 AM – Noon Tue Jan 17.

**Cast On's** – There are many different methods to get those stitches on the needles. Each has its best uses. This class will help you learn techniques and when to use each. Teacher: Holly Harper. 1 – 3 PM Wed Jan 25

## Projects

Patterns are provided unless indicated otherwise.

**Bead Crochet Bracelet** – Learn this internationally popular technique for making vintage bead rope jewelry while creating a beautiful bracelet or necklace. No crochet experience is necessary. Materials: 6 colors of size 6/0 seed beads; #10 crochet thread; 2.1 – 1.5 mm steel crochet hook; scissors; bead mat; & thread heaven. Cost based on private lesson fees. Teacher: Deborah Levine. Scheduled on a private basis only. Call for contact information.

**Christmas Tree Tea Cozy** – This crocheted Christmas tree can serve a dual purpose this holiday season. Use it over your favorite teapot to keep it toasty OR insert a cardboard or Styrofoam cone inside for a great table decoration. Materials: 380yd light green wool; 190y darker green wool; 50g fluffy/sparkly yarn; size H8 crochet hook; & beads or other small decorative items. Cost: \$32. Teacher: Mary Boussios. 10 AM – Noon Tue Dec 6 & 13.

**Entrelac Hobo Bag** – This was my favorite project from [Entrée to Entrelac](#) with its graceful shape and the beautiful entrelac lines. Materials: 500y worsted yarn; US8 24” circular needle; access to the pattern from [Entrée to Entrelac](#). Cost: \$32. Teacher: Lynn Davis. 1 – 3 PM Tue Jan 31 & Feb 7.

**Grown Up Booties** – Toasty, quick slippers made from a simple pattern and finished with 3 short seams. Nostalgic and adaptable (personalize with cute buttons, pom-poms or trim) and made from heavy worsted yarn, these slippers will make sweet gifts just in time for the holidays. Materials: 120y heavy aran or bulky yarn such as Lamb’s Pride Bulky; US 8 knitting needles; stitch markers; & access to the pattern in [Whimsical Little Knits](#) by Ysolda Teague. Cost: \$32. Teacher: Kendra McNally; 1 – 3 PM Mon Nov 7 & 14

**Felted Ornaments** – These cute little ornaments from Fiber Trends are fun and pretty fast to knit. Choose from the bell, mittens, sock, or boot. Materials: 35 yds DK or worsted feltable wool and 3 – 6y novelty yarn and/or trims (optional), US7 (DK yarn) or US10 (worsted) knitting needles; Fiber Trends pattern 210. Cost: \$20. Teacher: Lynn Davis. 1 – 3 PM Wed Dec 14

**Finishing Clinic** – This clinic is for those who are at a point in a project that requires sewing or other finishing work and are just not sure the best way to get the job done. This is an informal class designed to give you personal help with your project. Materials: Project in progress; tools such as tapestry needles, holders, a crochet hook and the needles/hook used to work the project. Cost: \$20. Teacher: Brigid Connolly. 1 – 3 PM Sat Dec 10

**Ishbel Beret** – This pretty slouch hat starts with a knitted hem, followed by a lace repeat that decreases to the end of the crown. Make it with a luxury yarn for yourself or a worthy friend. This is great project for those who are familiar with knitting in the round but not yet attempted working a lace pattern in the round. Materials: 155y (18”) – 215y (24”) lace or fingering weight yarn. Cost: \$48. Teacher: Kendra McNally. 1 – 3 PM Tue Nov 22, 29, & Dec 6

**Lace Scarf** – You’ve learned the elements of lace knitting and are ready for your first project. How about a graceful scarf? The first week will get you started with a provisional cast on, tips and tricks of knitting lace and the rhythm of lace knitting. The second week will be all about edging and finishing the scarf. Materials: 400y (or more) lace weight or fingering weight yarn in a light color – much easier to see your work; US1, 2 or 3 knitting needles for lace yarn or US3, 4 & 5 for fingering (preferably circulars); crochet hook (2 - 2.25mm); stitch markers; scissors; a small amount of light weight contrasting yarn; and pencil & paper. Cost: \$32. Teacher: Jill Holbrook. 10 AM – Noon Tue Jan 24 & 31

**Le Slouch Deux** -- Simple enough for an advance beginner yet complex enough for the seasoned knitter looking for a quick stash-busting project. Le Slouch Deux is a pattern you’ll

want to knit. This cap is knit top down so you can try it on as you go to get the perfect depth. Low on yarn? No matter! You can make it less slouchy. Lots of yarn? Add an inch or two and make it slouchier. Materials: 165y worsted yarn; US 8 double point & circular needles; 2 colors of stitch markers; & the pattern available from [www.knitandtonic.net](http://www.knitandtonic.net). Cost: \$32. Teacher: Kendra McNally. 10 AM – Noon Thu Dec 8 & 15

**Mariposa Shawlette** – A small garter stitch shawl worked from the center out, incorporating a simple lace pattern highlighting the center back. The reversible pattern finishes with a ruffle that makes this a flirty little shawl even more fun! Great to show off at your next party or keep you warm in cool rooms. Materials: 440y of fingering yarn; US5 40” circular knitting needle; stitch markers; & the pattern available at <http://theknitter.themakingspot.com>. Cost: \$48. Teacher: Kendra McNally. 10 AM – Noon Mon Jan 9, 16 & 23

**Peppermint Tea Cozy** – Whether your favorite Christmas tea is peppermint or Earl Grey, it'll be cheerful and warm this year with this festive tea cozy. This interesting construction creates an insulated cozy that keeps your tea - well - cozy. Materials: 380y red wool; 190y white wool; scraps of Christmas green yarn; US8 knitting needles; H8 crochet hook; size 6 seed beads (optional). Cost: \$32. Teacher: Mary Boussios. 10 AM – Noon Wed Nov 9 & 16

**Socks your Way** – If you have mastered knit and purl and are looking for a new challenge, this course may be just what you are looking for. You will be introduced to several different techniques for sock construction then choose the one that you prefer to make your first sock. A great project for trips, sport events, or while waiting for your children's lessons. Materials: 100g of fingering or sport weight yarn; a set of US 0, US 1, or US 2 circular or double pointed needles; pattern provided. Cost: \$42. Teacher: Kendra McNally.

10 AM – Noon  
7 – 9 PM

Tue Oct 25, Nov 8 & 15  
Tue Jan 10, 24, & 31

**Swirl Jacket Knit-a-long** – Circle sweaters and vests have captured knitter's imaginations periodically in recent years, but none seem to fit and flatter every figure as well as the jackets from [Knit Swirl!](#). Brigid and Lynn are intrigued and either actively working or getting ready to start one of these incredible coats. This is a perfect vehicle for combining yarns of different textures & complimentary colors. Join us for this amazing journey! Materials: Total of 550 – 1000g DK to chunky yarn depending on the style chosen; 32 – 40” circular needles for yarn selected; & access to a pattern from [Knit, Swirl!](#) by Sandra Mclver. Cost: \$48. 1 – 3 PM Sat Jan 14, 28 & Feb 11. (More sessions may be planned as needed.)

### Winter's Featured Book!

I admit I was dragged kicking & screaming into ordering [Knit, Swirl!](#) by Sandra Mclver. “Another circle sweater” I thought. Thank you, Pat, for the push! After reading the foreword by Cat Bordhi that ends with “I believe this sweater is destined to become one of the oft-knit, beloved, and reliable knitting designs in history”, I realized I had totally underestimated the book. Cat & her group of accomplished designers who first saw this sweater dubbed it “The Miracle Sweater” as they felt young and graceful wearing it no matter their age, size, or shape. Imagine that Sandra then spent 3 more years applying the discipline that lead her to the top of her first career as a vineyard owner & developer of quality wines to perfecting the structural mechanics. Although the 4 basic designs have a similar feel, each is meticulously engineered to work for different body types and fit preferences. They are all knit in one piece (okay get ready to cast on a passel of stitches) and require only simple knitting skills. You can use a variety of color and textures or a single colorful or sumptuous yarn. This is a project(s!) that allows you to play and experiment during and after construction!

## Class times don't fit your schedule?

Call about private lessons or to find out if more classes are being planned when it is convenient for you. (881—1319)

### Store Policies

New policies in **bold**

- Full skeins of yarn are returnable up to 1 year after purchase except sale items & special orders. A receipt for the purchase must accompany EVERY return.
- Needles and patterns are not returnable after 3 days.
- Needles and equipment must be in the original packaging and accompanied by a receipt. Store credit only will be given.
- Pre-registration and payment are required to reserve your spot in our classes and events.
- Cancellations must be made by close of business the day previous to your class. Refunds are given only if your spot is filled, but you may reschedule for a future class at no extra fee.
- The stated times for each class are estimates and may vary by the number of people attending.
- Class materials are not included unless specifically stated otherwise.
- 2% discount given for cash/check purchases.
- Checks greater than \$250 are accepted only with the approval of the owner.

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