

All About You!

Pattern Drafting & Charting For Knitters.©

I developed this class as a solution for knitters who cannot find a Knitting pattern that appeals to their taste in clothing and most especially, for women who cannot find a pattern to fit their body as it really is.

The focus of the course is your body measurements and how they translate into knit fabrics. The methods and techniques taught are commonly found in the garment industry but presented in a simplified form for the purpose of the home knitter to utilize for their personal use.

The Course Fee is \$150.00 and includes all materials.

Course Outline

Class #1: What's My Size?

To achieve a correct fitting garment and to make informed choices about what silhouette and "shapes" look best on your "shape", you need to know the dimensions and proportions of your body.

Wearing a form-fitting, long sleeve t-shirt (**this is a must - no exceptions!**) I will lead you through the measuring of your body from head to toe. You will use these measurements for the creation of your personal pattern.

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Classes #2 & #3: Creating The Bodice & Sleeve Block

Using your body measurements, I will take you through the construction of a Basic Pattern. We will be drafting a simple Round Neck Pullover or Sweater with Set-In Sleeves. You will then make a tissue paper copy of this pattern and cut out a First Fitting sample which will be used to check your measurements.

Class #4: Yarn Choices and Blocking of Knits

This class will provide an overview of the most common Yarn Weights and Classifications. To assist you in making informed choices about the appropriate yarns for your Knitting & Crochet projects, I will also take you through the finishing and after care process which is known as Blocking. How our yarn choice behaves once it is knit, washed or dry cleaned will have a huge impact on whether we choose to knit with the same fibre again.

Class #5: Swatching For Success

The Gauge Swatch, aside from a good fitting pattern, is the most important factor in the knitting & crochet process. You are taking this course because you want to make garments that fit you - not knit them and end up gifting them because they don't fit!

I am most passionate about this process and ***you will have homework to bring to this class*** of three Gauge Swatches. Details are provided at our first meeting. We will use these swatches later in the pattern alteration and creation process.

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Class #6: Curves Ahead - Shaping/Finishing Techniques for Knitting & Crochet

I will introduce you to advanced shaping and finishing techniques beyond the basics covered in beginner knitting/crochet classes. You will use these to interpret and alter published patterns, having the foreknowledge of when it is appropriate to substitute one technique for another and when it is best to leave the pattern as written.

Class #7: The Knitting Code - Deciphering Knitting Patterns.

Knitting has a language and associated abbreviations all its own. I will take you through the most common terms and lead you through examples of well written and poorly written patterns and how to translate these into a system that is convenient for you to understand.

Class #8: Charting A Revised or Personal Pattern

Using all the information learned in the series, I will lead you through the process of charting a knitting pattern to be altered or a design of your own.

You will combine the information from your personal pattern and fitting garment with your Gauge Swatch, and applying your new knowledge of Shaping Methods, you will learn to chart a knitting pattern that you know will fit you.

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The Fine Print...

†Please speak with me first before registering for this class. I wish to ensure that you are clear on what is expected of you as a student and to discuss your expectations. I am at Village Yarns Wednesday thru Saturday. **416-232-2361**

†It is imperative that you be committed to attending all eight classes in this series. †There are no make-up dates for this course. Please contact me before registering if there is going to be a conflict with your attendance.

†There is homework for 5 of these classes. You must be committed to returning to the following class with your assignments completed. Failure to do so means you are left behind and will not benefit from the following classes instructions.

†Please arrive early. We have a lot of ground to cover in these classes. I start sharply at 7pm and end promptly at 9pm. *Your late arrival is very disruptive to the process and will not be appreciated.*

†It is imperative you come to classes #2 through #8 with your body measurements. We rely on this information throughout the whole process and you cannot move forward without them.

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