

THE TAIL SPINNER

2008-2009 Class Catalog



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Disclaimer

The information in this catalog is subject to change and updates. Please call the shop ahead of time or double-check the website occasionally for those classes in which you are interested.

Generally, if you have signed-up for a class in advance, there will be no change to the schedule except for emergencies or severe weather conditions.

If you have a group of two or more, we will make special arrangements to schedule a class just for you!

Note: If a special discount is offered in this catalog, it takes the place of any other offered discount and is NOT in addition to other discounts.

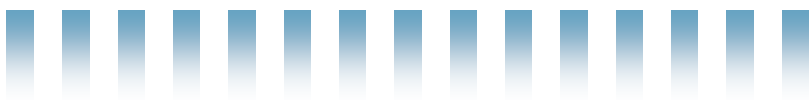


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CLASSES— GENERAL INFORMATION

We have put considerable effort into planning a variety of classes to satisfy all levels of students. We hope to make your fiber arts experience a good one!

ALL classes will be held at the Tail Spinner. Free parking is available on Wilmington Street and in the public parking lot in front of the Fire Station. Please be sure not to park in the way of the Emergency Vehicles.

Classes start promptly, so please be on time.

Class hours are scheduled for the maximum number of students. If the class is not a full class, it may be dismissed a bit earlier.

NO CELL PHONES IN THE CLASSROOM. Cell phones are disruptive to our instructors and to other students. Please leave your cell phones at home or in your car or turn them off!

Deposits (if required for a class) are non-refundable, and must be made to secure your spot. — If the class is canceled for any reason, we will refund your deposit.

Classes may be postponed and rescheduled due to weather conditions. If you cancel for any reason, your deposit will be refundable **ONLY** if your spot can be filled. If your spot cannot be filled, or if you run into scheduling conflicts once the class has started, your deposit will not be refunded, but it may be used for the next scheduled class.

Most class materials are discounted if you purchase them at the Tail Spinner.

Unless otherwise indicated, basic Knitting and Crochet classes are at **NO COST** to you **IF** you purchase your yarns and needles at the Tail Spinner. Otherwise, there is a charge of \$10 per hour per student.

Please ask for the materials list and pre-class assignment when you reserve your spot for a class, if it is not indicated in this catalog.

Students should wear old clothes to classes. Clothing may get dirty or (in the case of dyeing) discolored.

NOTE: You may see “KH2” under pre-requisites. This means “Know How To.”



The Knitting and Crochet classes are scheduled according to shop hours and your schedule. We will try to work with you to provide instruction at your convenience. Please call ahead to make your appointment.

BEGINNER KNITTING—101*

Begin knitting in just one class! Learn how to cast on, knit, YO (yarn over) and bind off. (The purl stitch is learned in 102). Supplies: We supply yarn and needles, or you may bring a size 7 or 8 US needle and worsted weight yarn from home. Prerequisites: none. Scheduled by appointment.

BEGINNER KNITTING—102*

Continue your knitting experience! In this class you will learn the long-tail cast-on, the purl stitch, increasing and decreasing, changing colors, and how to knit in the round! You will be making a basic hat, which may require you to attend more than one session. Materials needed are a US #8, 16-inch circular needle, and two skeins of worsted weight yarn. Prerequisites: Knitting — 101 or equivalent. Scheduled by appointment.

DESIGN A SWEATER—201*

After completing class 102, you are ready to move onto bigger and more challenging projects. In the “Design a Sweater” class, you will knit a small sweater appropriate for a stuffed Teddy Bear or a baby. You will learn some new techniques, including how to design a sweater for you or anyone else. This particular class spans over several weeks/sessions. Prerequisites: Knitting — 102 or equivalent. Scheduled by appointment.

***Most classes are free IF you purchase your yarns and needles at the shop. Otherwise classes are \$10 per hour.**



KNITTING CLASSES—CONTINUED...

SOCKS-SOCKS-SOCKS—202*

Learn the art of knitting socks. From the cuff down to the toe up. Learn with Double Pointed Needles and with circulars. Additional techniques learned in this class are short row heels, picking up stitches, the Turkish Cast-On, Provisional Cast-On, different increases/decreases, short rows, gussets, and the Magic Loop method of knitting. This class takes several weeks/sessions to complete. Prerequisites: Knitting — 102 or equivalent. Scheduled by appointment.

MITTENS & GLOVES—203*

Mittens and gloves are very similar to knitting socks, and many of the techniques used for socks are used here. This class takes several weeks/sessions to complete. Prerequisites: Knitting — 102 or equivalent. Scheduled by appointment.

PIQUE A TECHNIQUE*

Unravel the mysteries of Entrelac, Fair Isle, Cables, Lace, Filet, Aran, or Slip Stitch knitting techniques to add to your repertoire. Prerequisites: Knitting — 102 or equivalent. Scheduled one technique at a time by appointment.

KNITTER'S REVIEW*

If you haven't knit for awhile or you've taught yourself and wish you knew a little more, this class is for you. We will review the basics of knitting — cast-ons, increases and decreases, gauge and other techniques that will bring a smile to your face and make your knitting better and so much easier. Scheduled by appointment.

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KNITTING CLASSES

MODULAR/MULTIDIRECTIONAL KNITTING — WORKSHOP

Modular knitting is similar to putting together a jigsaw puzzle. We begin with a basic shape and build upon it to create all sorts of wonderful garments and accessories. Essentially, modular knitting is worked one square/shape at a time, but there are no seams. There are endless possibilities that you can do with these techniques. Multidirectional knitting involves knitting in different directions, which results in different shapes being directly incorporated into your knitting. These are very fun techniques that can result in absolutely beautiful garments. Prerequisites: KH2 Cast-on, knit, purl, bind-off. Cost is \$30 for both sessions.

- Purchase a Modular Garment Kit and get 40% off the class and a discount on the kit. Several Styles to choose from!

COMMUNITY KNITTING/CROCHET

Knit or crochet for charity. Bring a group and come in and knit or crochet on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 12:30-3:30 p.m. All items will be donated to Onslow Memorial Hospital or the Navy Relief Society. This is a great way to socialize with others who share your passion. — Best of all—for every item donated, you will get \$5.00 off your next purchase at the shop of \$25.00 or more. — Only one item may be redeemed per visit.



CROCHET CLASSES

CROCHET — 101 & 102*

Begin to crochet in just one class! Learn how to chain and single crochet in your first class. Second class gets you familiar with half double and double crochet, followed by a triple crochet. Supplies: We supply yarn and hooks depending on your preferences. Prerequisites: none. Scheduled by appointment.

TAPESTRY CROCHET*

Learn how to change color to create designs in your crochet to make interesting accessories and garments. Prerequisites: Crochet 101 & 102 Scheduled by appointment.

HAIR PIN LACE CROCHET*

Learn the basics of working with a hairpin lace tool and crochet hook to make an open and airy garment. Supplies: We supply yarn and hooks depending on your preferences. Prerequisites: Crochet 101 & 102 — Scheduled by appointment.

LEARN A CROCHET TECHNIQUE*

Want to know more about filet crochet, Tunisian, broom stick Lace, or just a granny square? Pick out something you want to learn, and we'll get you hooking up stitches in no time. Supplies: We supply yarn and hooks depending on your preferences. Prerequisites: Crochet 101 & 102 Scheduled by appointment.

***Most classes are free IF you purchase your yarns and needles at the shop. Otherwise classes are \$10 per hour.**



DYEING CLASSES

DYEING BASICS*

Want to learn how to dye your own fiber or yarn? This is the class that will take you through the steps on how to dye your fiber and yarns the way you want to. Student will dye selected fibers or yarn. Basic cost of the class is \$30, which includes the cost of the dyes and the class materials. Additional fees are for the yarn or fiber selected. Prerequisites: None.

YARNS TO DYE FOR*

Learn how to dye a patterned yarn. Student will hand paint a skein of yarn to recreate a repeating pattern. Cost of class is \$60, which covers the cost of dyes, yarn, and class materials. This class is approximately 4 hours long. Prerequisites: none.

DYEING WITH NATURAL DYES*

Learn to dye with natural dyes. The cost of the class is \$60, which covers the cost of the dyes, yarn/fiber, and class materials. This class is approximately 4 hours long. Prerequisites: None

DYE WORKSHOP*

The Dye Workshop combines the above classes into two days of fun. Total Cost is \$120, which covers all the materials mentioned in the above descriptions. It also saves you \$35 by taking all three classes at once!

*Students should wear old clothes that they do not mind getting dirty or splattering.



NEEDLE FELTING CLASSES **

BEGINNER'S NEEDLE FELTING CLASS

Learn the basics of needle felting by making a small ornamental piece that you will embellish to give it lots of character. Cost: \$25.00 which covers class fee and supplies needed for the class. This class can be scheduled by appointment for groups of three or more. Approx 2 Hrs

EMBELLISH with NEEDLE FELTING**

With a special needle, some scraps of yarn or a little bit of fiber and a little creativity, you can personalize your felted bags, hats, or garments. Let Melissa show you how easy and fun it is! Prerequisites: NONE Cost: \$20.00 which covers the class fee and supplies needed for the class. This class can be scheduled by appointment for groups of three or more. Approx 2 Hrs

NEEDLE FELTED CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT**

Create a detailed Christmas Ornament by sculpting with wool fibers and a barbed needle. Learn how to add shape and dimension and color. Prerequisites: NONE (But Beginner's Class helps significantly) Cost: \$30.00 which includes supplies. Approx 5 Hrs

ADVANCED NEEDLE FELTING CLASS**

Create a detailed, three-dimensional sculpture. You can choose from three different animals for this project. Prerequisites: You must have attended at least one of the other classes. Cost: \$65.00 which includes supplies. Approx 8 Hrs

** The basic needle felting kit with foam and 4 needles of various sizes is available for \$8.00. This is a one-time, additional cost that is not calculated in the cost of the classes.

OTHER SPECIALTY CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

WET FELTING CLASS

Learn the basics of wet felting by making a small ornamental piece that you will embellish to give it lots of character.

Cost: \$35.00 covers supplies needed for the class. Prerequisites: None

FELTED, BRAIDED WOOL RUG

In this class, the student will learn how to create a braided mat. The techniques taught in this class will allow the student to create various other items, including a rug. Cost for the class is \$85.00, which includes class materials and supplies. Prerequisites: None.



COMBINE YOUR VACATION WITH A WEEKEND RETREAT

Want to get away from it all? Come and spend a few days with us for a Knitting, Spinning, Weaving or Felting retreat, or combination. You may choose to stay at the Sara Margaret Inn Bed and Breakfast, which is located in Richlands; or you may choose one of the hotels/motels in Jacksonville or on the beach. We can accommodate a group and specialize the time you choose to what you want to learn. If you are interested in a retreat, please contact us.



SPINNING CLASSES

BEGINNER'S SPINNING CLASSES

One-Day Class -- Instruction Fee: \$85.00 -- Includes class materials, wool for spinning, and the use of a spinning wheel. You may bring your own wheel if you have one. Fiber preparation and the use of a drop spindle are not covered in this class. Class size is limited, and a \$20 deposit is required to secure your seat in the class.

Curriculum

- Learning about the Spinning Wheel & Its Maintenance
- How to Treadle
- Threading the wheel, proper tension, and ratio
- Spinning yarn—Practice! Practice! Practice!
- Finishing the yarn
- How to ply
- Removing the yarn onto a Niddy-Noddy
- Creating a skein and setting the twist

Two-Day Class -- Cost: \$165.00 -- Class size is limited.

The cost for the class includes class materials, wool for spinning, hand carders, a drop spindle, and the use of a spinning wheel. You may bring your own wheel if you have one. — To ensure you have a seat in the class, a \$30.00 deposit is required and is non-refundable unless you have a "bonifide" emergency. This is necessary to cover class expenses and material costs.

Curriculum

- The History of Spinning
- Different Wools and Fibers
- Discuss the different types of sheep wool
- Discuss the other available animal wools, i.e. angora, llama, etc.

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SPINNING CLASSES

- Discuss plant and other fibers, i.e. silk, cotton & flax
- Fiber Preparation
- Discuss greased and scoured wool and methods for cleaning
- Teasing & Hand Carding Wool and Creating Rolags
- When to use regular hand cards vs. those for fine fibers
- Using a drum carder
- Using a Drop Spindle
- Types of Drop Spindles
- Z Twist and S Twist
- Drafting the Fibers
- Learning about the Spinning Wheel & Maintenance
- Identify all the parts of the wheel
- How to Treadle
- Threading the wheel, proper tension, and ratio
- Spinning yarn—Practice! Practice! Practice!
- Finishing the yarn
- How to ply
- Removing the yarn onto a Niddy-Noddy
- Creating a skein and setting the twist

Note: If you already own a drop spindle and/or hand carders, please call the shop for the reduced price.

A **Three-Day** class is also available which covers all of the above but also includes scouring of the wool and the dyeing process. Visiting and seeing fiber animals is also a part of this class. If in season, a shearing demonstration will be given. **Cost is \$215.00** A \$30 dollar deposit is required to hold your seat in this class, as described for the two-day class. Same Supply list as for the 2-day class applies.

NOTE: You should wear socks and old clothes for these classes.



SPINNING CLASSES

SPINNING—THE NEXT STEPS

This class is designed to learn the fundamentals of creating a consistent yarn. The cost of the class is \$85, which covers class materials and the fibers used in class. This is an intense one-day class due to the amount of time needed to complete the project. Class hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for the day. Class size is limited to no more than five students, and a non-refundable \$15 registration fee will hold your seat for the class you wish to attend. Students should bring hand carders. Prerequisites: Must know how to spin a single yarn and ply it into a skein.

Curriculum:

- Care and Maintenance of Your Wheel
- Fiber Preparation, including combing/blending
- What is Ratio
- What is Twist
- Control Yarns to Measure Your Spinning
- Cultural Considerations

SPINNING—LET'S MAKE NOVELTY YARNS!

Learn to spin novelty yarns. The cost of the class is \$85, which covers class materials, the use of a wheel, and the fibers needed. This is an intense one-day class due to the amount of time needed to complete the project. Class hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for the day. Class size is limited to no more than five students, and a non-refundable \$15 registration fee will hold your seat for the class you wish to attend. Students need to bring two bobbins of fine to light worsted, hard spun yarn and hand carders. Prerequisites: Must know how to spin a single yarn and ply it into a skein.



SPINNING CLASSES

SPINNING—THE LONG AND THE SHORT OF IT!

Learn to spin specialty fibers, such as FLAX, Cotton, Silk, Angora, and Alpaca. The student will create a yarn that changes from one fiber to the next. The yarn created from this class can be knitted into a scarf or shawl, and you will get the pattern used for the sample garment. The cost of the class is \$85, which covers class materials, the use of a wheel, and the fibers needed to complete enough yarn for a scarf. This is an intense one-day class due to the amount of time needed to complete the project. Class hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for the day. Class size is limited to no more than five students, and a non-refundable \$15 registration fee will hold your seat for the class you wish to attend. Students should bring hand carders and at least one empty bobbin. Prerequisites: Must know how to spin a single yarn and ply it into a skein. Curriculum:

- Learn How to Setup Wheel for Fine Spinning
- Learn about the Different Fibers
- Drafting Methods to Use for Spinning Different Fibers

3-DAY SPINNING WORKSHOP

This 3-day workshop combines *Spinning the Next Steps* with *Spinning—The Long and the Short of It* and *Let's Make Novelty Yarns*. You will save \$55, as the entire weekend workshop is \$200.00. Classes run Fri — Sun OR Sat— Mon. The same prerequisites apply. Students need to meet the prerequisites and bring those items described in the class descriptions. — Seating is limited.

***Note: You may attend one or two classes if desired. (Reduced rate for two classes).**



WEAVING CLASSES

BEGINNER'S WEAVING on the RIGID HEDDLE LOOM

In this class, the student will get hands-on experience and learn the fundamentals of weaving on a rigid heddle loom. The cost of the class is \$85, which covers class materials, the use of a loom, and the yarn needed to complete a scarf. This is a two-day class due to the amount of time needed to complete the project. Class hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Class size is limited to no more than three students, and a non-refundable \$15 registration fee will hold your seat for the class you wish to attend. Prerequisites: NONE

Curriculum:

- Identify the Parts of a Loom
- Basic Terminology
- How to figure your number of ends in warp
- How much yarn (length) is needed for the warp
- How much yarn (length) is needed for the weft
- Winding the warp
- Dressing (Warping) the Loom
- Loading the Shuttles
- Basic Weaving



WEAVING CLASSES

WEAVING on a FOUR-SHAFT LOOM

In this class, the student will get hands-on experience and learn the fundamentals of weaving on a four-shaft loom. The cost of the class is \$95, which covers class materials, the use of a loom, and the yarn needed to complete the project. This is a two-day class due to the amount of time needed to complete the project. Class hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Class size is limited, and a non-refundable \$15 registration fee will hold your seat for the class. Prerequisite: Beginner's Weaving Class

Curriculum:

- Recap of basics learned in Beginner's Weaving Class
- Review of Pattern Weaving
- Basic Weaving

WEAVING on the TRIANGULAR LOOM

In this class, the student will get hands-on experience and learn the fundamentals of weaving on a triangular loom. The cost of the class is \$75, which covers class materials, the use of a loom, and the yarn needed to complete one triangle. This is a one-day class. Class hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Class size is limited, and a non-refundable \$15 registration fee will hold your seat for the class. Prerequisites: NONE



SPECIAL EVENTS, CLASSES & WORKSHOP DATES

April 2008

5-7 April—Three-Day Beginning Spinning Class

19 April—Averasboro Fiber Festival in Dunn, NC

19 April—One-Day Beginning Spinning Class

May 2008

2-3 May—Onslow County Museum Historical Days

3 May—Sock It 2 Ewe—Knit 2 socks from the toe-up using Magic Loop

10 May—Advanced Needle Felting Class

17 May—Fiber Weekend at the Shop (Enjoy Demos)

24-25 May — 2-Day Beginning Spinning Class

31 May — Yarns to Dye For

June 2008

7-8 June—Beginner Weaving Class

14 June—Beginner Needle Felting Class

21–23 June — Spinning Weekend! “Spinning the Next Steps” —
“Spinning the Long & Short of It” — “Spin Novelty Yarns”

July 2008— Christmas in July

12 July—Needle Felted Christmas Ornament

19 July — Triangular Loom Weaving Class

26 & 27 July— 2-Day Beginner’s Spinning Class

August 2008

2 August — Advanced Needle Felting Class with NEW Sculpture

9 August — Braided, Felted Wool Rug Techniques

23 August—Beginner Weaving Class

30 Aug-1 Sept —Spinning Weekend! “Spinning the Next Steps” —
“Spinning the Long & Short of It” — “Spin Novelty Yarns”



SPECIAL EVENTS, CLASSES & WORKSHOP DATES

September 2008

6 September—Wet Felting Class

20 September— Triangular Loom Weaving Class

October 2008

**Celebrate Spinning & Weaving Week
— 30 Sept-4 Oct**

11 & 12 October — Beginner's Weaving Class

October—State Fair

24-26 October — SHOP CLOSED FOR SAFF

November 2008

1 November—Felted Christmas Ornament

8 & 9 November — 2-Day Beginner Spinning
Class

All of November — Last Minute Christmas Ideas

December 2008

12 Days of Christmas!!!!!! — This will be a new event this year!!!

25 December— **CLOSED**— Christmas Day

January 2009

1 January—**CLOSED**—New Year Day

January 24 & 25 —Beginner Spinning Class

February 2009

21 & 22 February—Beginner Weaving Class on the Rigid Heddle Loom

February 28 — Needle Felting Embellishment Class

March 2009

Mar 7-9 — Spinning Workshop — Attend one, two or all three classes.

March 14 — Needle Felted Easter Bunny

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class schedule.*

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