

Read All About It...

CLASSES: JANUARY 2010

NEW YEAR, NEW YARN

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Happy New

Year!

January 5th, 2010

Happy 2010, friends!

A new year--*and* a new decade. It's sort of hard to believe. This is a big year, too, for Inish Knits--in May, **we'll be celebrating our 10 year anniversary!** Just think: we've already shared an entire decade of yarn, needles, patterns, fashion (*remember novelty yarn--yikes!*), coffee, lazy afternoon chats, a few tears, three owners and an overall passion for fiber together in little downtown Cedar. Here's to ten more fabulous years!

And as I always do at the start of a new year, I'm thinking of a few ideas to implement over the next twelve months. Not resolutions, exactly--more like a commitment to a year of positive growth and change. I'm not going to give it all away now, but here are a few numbers I'm shooting for in 2010:

--**1** shopping cart added to our website, www.inishknits.com

--**12** sweaters knit

--**100** skeins of handspun yarn

--**500** "Friends of Inish Knits" on Ravelry (*see article below for more details*)

Can it be done? We'll find out! Thanks to all of you for making 2009 such a great year--last year's success has imbued me with the confidence to shoot for the stars in 2010.

Best,

Melissa

Winter Hours

CLASSES: JANUARY

Monday-Saturday:
11 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Open Knitting &
Spinning:**
Tuesdays 6:30-8:30
p.m.

When We're Not Knitting...

...we're blogging about it!
Check out Melissa's knitting
journal, where she writes about
knitting, spinning and other
addictive habits.



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2010

◆ **Learn to Knit, Level I**
Saturday, January 9th: 2-4 p.m.
OR
Monday, January 11th: 2-4 p.m.

Have you always wanted to learn how to knit for yourself or your friends? Come see how relaxing (and exciting at the same time!) this popular craft can be. No previous knowledge is required--just pull up a chair and we'll get you started.

One 2-hour session, \$10.00. Materials included.

◆ **Learn to Knit, Level II**
Saturday, January 16th: 2-4 p.m.
OR
Monday, January 18th: 2-4 p.m.

Okay, so you can cast on, knit, purl and bind off. What's next? This session will be devoted to increasing, decreasing and learning to knit in the round. After this session, knitting a hat or a pair of mittens would be the natural next step.

One 2-hour session, \$20.00. Materials included.

◆ **Cables**
Thursday, January 14th: 12-2 p.m.

Learn to knit this fun technique in one two-hour session. Cables are (surprisingly) much simpler than they look, but add so much character to a knitted piece. Some variation of these twisted stitches is essential to most traditional knitting motifs.

*One 2-hour session, \$25.00.
Materials included.*

◆ **Fingerless Mitts**
Tuesday, January 12th: 12-2 p.m.
OR
Thursday, January 28th: 12-2 p.m.



Find out what makes these small accessories so popular. We tend to think it's because they're fast, cheap and super easy, but we'll let you draw your own conclusions! Choose from two different patterns to suit your mood (and your level of commitment).

One 2-hour session, \$20.00. Materials included.

◆ **Handcrafted, Not Homemade- It's All in the Details**

Wednesday, January 13th: 2-4 p.m.

One of the most important aspects of knitting isn't the actual knitting-it's the sewing, seaming & wrestling that some cleverly call "finishing". Knowing how to match up the proper techniques insures overall knitting success. This first session will put you at ease, leaving you to create pieces you're proud to call hand-knit. We'll be holding this class at least once a month, year-round; **these techniques are essential for knitting success!**

One 2-hour session, \$10.00. (Contact us to find out what you'll need to bring.)

◆ **Socks!**

Wednesdays, January 20th & 27th: 12-2 p.m.

Want to keep your toes toasty this winter? Learn how to knit this fun small project in two

2-hour sessions. Once you've braved socks, there's nothing you can't knit! (And yup, we're talking about double-pointed needles here!)

Two 2-hour sessions, \$35.00. Materials included.

◆ **Sweater 101**

Fridays, January 15th, 22nd & 29th: 12-2 p.m.

Whether you have just learned to knit or you're ready to move on to your first big project, your first sweater should be a project you'll never forget. Does a first sweater make you think of mismatched arms and a droopy frame? Debunk that myth by taking this class!

Three 2-hour sessions, \$25.00. (Materials NOT included--contact us to find out what you'll need to purchase.)

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Class Policies:

Please help us continue to offer classes and outstanding service by purchasing class materials at Inish Knits. When it is stated, "Materials Included," materials include yarn, needles, pattern and instruction for the allotted class time. **All materials needed for Sweater 101 (yarn, needles and patterns) will be available to students at 15% off.**

Registration for classes is complete once all class fees are paid. Space will be held for three days with phone registration; after three days, all registration fees are due. Payments via credit card over the phone are always accepted.

To fully maximize class time, please pick out and purchase materials prior to the beginning of class.

Class size is limited to six participants in order to give students the attention they deserve. To secure your space, please sign up as early as possible. If a class is full, or you have a larger group in mind, please feel free to call Inish Knits-we will try to make arrangements to cater to your needs.

Cancellations made three days before the beginning of a class will receive a full refund of class fees. Refund of class materials will be based on Inish Knits' return policy. Sessions not attended will not receive partial refund. No refund will be given once class has begun.

Questions? Please call 231.228.2800
or email us at inishknits@charter.net.

NEW YEAR, NEW YARN



Resolve to treat yourself in 2010!

We're stuffed to the gills here at **Inish Knits**, ready and armed for winter. (And why not, *really*, when we've got five solid months of white stuff swirling around out there!)

What's new in the shop?

- *Debbie Bliss Alpaca Silk Aran (14 colors)
- *Debbie Bliss Cashmerino Aran (18 colors)
- *Debbie Bliss Fez (16 colors)
- *Debbie Bliss Luxury Tweed Chunky (16 colors)
- *Noro Bonbori (2 colors)
- *Noro Retro (7 colors)

Plus, huge color additions to shop standbys, including:

- *Debbie Bliss Luxury Tweed Aran (12 new colors)
- *Debbie Bliss Rialto DK (13 new colors)
- *Noro Iro (4 new colors)
- *Noro Kureyon (6 new colors)
- *Noro Silk Garden (6 new colors)
- *Noro Silk Garden Sock (12 new colors)



There's pattern support for sweaters *and* small projects, as well as free shop patterns that come with the purchase of the yarn. **We've got Northern Michigan's best selection--put on a handknitted hat, clip the coupon at the bottom of the page and come check us out.** You'll be glad you did.

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Quite possibly the best thing for knitters since the invention of the ballwinder..



"Ravelry is a social networking website that allows knitters, crocheters, spinners and weavers around the world to organize and share projects and ideas (Wikipedia)". I know, I know--who needs one more online diversion? But from experience I can tell you that this particular tool is too useful to ignore. You can organize your needle collection, download thousands of free patterns, sell or trade from your stash and make new knitting friends within your community and beyond. And best of all? It's free. Sign up today at <http://www.ravelry.com/>.

For those of you who have been Ravelry users for awhile, you'll be happy to know **there is now a Ravelry group for Inish Knits!** Everyone is welcome--it's a great way for townies, tourists and travelers alike to keep in touch and talk shop. **Just click on the "Groups" tab and type "Friends of Inish Knits" into your browser--there we are.** Please join us--and help us reach our goal of 500 friends in 2010!

**\$5.00
OFF
your
next
purchase**

Start the decade out right--with a new knitting, crochet or spinning project. We've got tons of ideas, ranging from small gifts to sweaters for you. From wool to silk, alpaca to cotton and every fiber in between, you'll be tickled with Northern Michigan's **best** yarn selection.

Offer good through January 22nd, 2009.

****Purchase must be \$30 and up. Offer does not apply to sale items or special orders.***

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