

## **Beginning Knitting**

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**Mondays, 7:30-9:00 p.m.**

Knitting can look baffling but is easy once a few basic skills have been mastered. The goal of this class is to demystify knitting and to launch each student onto a productive knitting path. Beginners will learn basic skills: the knit stitch, the purl stitch, cast-on, bind-off, increase, decrease, and basic cables. Additionally, students will learn to repair mistakes and dropped stitches.

### **Required materials:**

- US size 8 or size 9 knitting needles--**must bring these to first class**
- Worsted weight yarn (preferable wool or a wool/acrylic blend)  
Good yarn to buy is Cascade 220, Karabella Aurora 8, Brown Sheep Lamb's Pride Worsted, or Lion Brand Wool-Ease.

Sources for cheap knitting needles: AC Moore, Michael's, yard sales -- also good sources for cheap yarn.

Less cheap, but won't break the bank: Springwater Fiber Arts Workshop, Old Town Alexandria; Woolwinders, Rockville; Knit & Stitch, Bethesda; Stitch DC (but sometimes they run out of needles).