

# Terri's Yarns & Crafts

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## Summer 2019 Newsletter & Class Schedule

### News From Ava

Welcome to summer in east Tennessee! There is a lot going on now that the kids are out of school. Picnics, vacations, trips to the local amusement parks all compete with time needed for work and chores. Remember to take time for yourself to work on a craft project. Perhaps you might even take a class to learn something new.

I finished the patterns for the adult sizes of the Sweet Rosebuds Sweater and the Lace Edged Cardigan. They are for sale at the shop and website, as well as Ravelry.



Terri's is now carrying certain yarns from Universal Yarns. Stop by and check out the selection!

Happy Crafting!

### Class Schedule

#### Painting Together!

Free

Wednesday, June 19, July 3, July 17, July 31  
10:00 am to 5:30 pm

Bring your paints, something to work on and join us for a day of fun and art! Everyone works on something different but it is a great way to get help and inspiration.

#### Advanced Knitting

\$5.00 per class

Mondays July 15: German Short Rows  
5:30 pm to go out to eat or 7:00 pm for class. Come join us!

#### Beginning Crochet

\$60.00 (includes all materials and tax)

4 sessions: Saturday July 13, 20, 27, August 3  
1:00 pm

You will learn the basic crochet stitches, how to increase, decrease, and read a pattern. Each class lasts roughly 1.5 hours. Projects simple dishcloths, a scarf and a stuffed ball.

Please sign up and pay 3 days before the first class. Any classes missed need to be made up before the next regularly scheduled session.

#### Individual Class Sessions

\$10 per hour plus materials if needed

Call to schedule a private session in crocheting, knitting, or sewing. This is a great way to get help with a specific project or technique.

## Fun Dates To Remember!

- 6/16/19 Father's Day
- 6/17/19 Eat Your Vegetables Day
- 6/21/19 1st day of summer
- 6/23/19 National Pink Day
- 6/29/19 Hug Holiday
- 7/4/19 Fourth of July
- 7/7/19 National Chocolate Day
- 7/13/19 Friday the 13th
- 7/14/19 National Barn Day
- 7/20/19 Moon Day
- 8/3/19 National Watermelon Day
- 8/26/19 National Dog Day

## *Musings On Modern Life*

At the start of day  
Schedules to co-ordinate,  
Hectic life takes over.

Noon meal on the run  
Crossing items off my list,  
I ponder life's joy.

At the end of day  
As darkness comes upon  
me,  
I give thanks for life.

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## *Choosing Yarn!*

Starting a new project is fun! A trip to a yarn store is full of stimulation – for your senses as well as your imagination. Your eyes feast on the colors, your fingers on the feel of the skein. Your brain flits from one possibility to the next. Oh what joy!

If you already have a pattern that you want to knit or crochet, you will need to find a yarn that fits the specifications of the designer.

One of the first things to think about is the fiber. What is the project going to be used for? Who is going to own the finished item? Natural fibers like wool, alpaca, cotton, mohair and angora are great. They do require a little more care than some man-made fibers. We have all probably put a sweater into the washer by mistake and gotten a shrunken version out. The water, heat, soap and agitation cause scales on the fiber to lock together. The resulting fabric (or felt) is thicker, can be cut, sewn or decorated. If you are making something that will need frequent cleaning or will be used by someone who doesn't take the care during laundry time, perhaps a blend of natural and synthetic fibers would be better.

Color is another thing to think about. If your pattern is intricately detailed cables or knots, a solid color is most likely going to show off your work best. In a variegated yarn, long runs of color show up as wider stripes or even blocks of color. Some pattern stitches look too busy. Working a swatch is a good way to see how the yarn works with the pattern.

Swatching is something that a lot of knitters and crocheters don't want to do. Understanding why you need to swatch will save you time and heartache later. A swatch not only lets you see how the yarn works in the pattern, it also is needed to make sure you are using the needles or hook size necessary to get the finished size desired. Swatching means working a certain number of stitches and rows and then measuring. Your numbers are then compared to the pattern. A larger size of hook or needle make the stitches bigger so the number of stitches per inch is smaller. Vice versa, a smaller tool makes the stitches smaller and the number per inch is bigger.

Obviously if you are working a scarf, stuffed animal or Christmas ornament, the item can be a little bigger or smaller than the instructions say. If you are doing garments, being "off" on the gauge even a little bit can be the difference between being able to wear the garment and having to find someone else who can. It can also mean using more yarn than was called for in the pattern. You may not be able to find more of the yarn. Now dig out the pattern you have wanted to make but couldn't decide how to start.

Remember, look at the LABEL, work a SWATCH, and ENJOY!