

Supply List

Beginning Knitting

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Basic supply list:

- **Straight Knitting Needles** size [US #8 / 5mm](#) or [US #10 / 6mm](#) (I prefer wood or bamboo knitting needles because they grip the yarn a little bit and are light weight to work with, but metal and plastic needles are OK)
- One skein of a light, solid colored (white, light blue, not variegated) **Practice Yarn** in DK or Worsted weight (this can be inexpensive, acrylic yarn or something you already have in your stash) Red Heart Super Saver is really affordable and one skein is 364 yards of yarn. Another affordable option is Loops & Threads® Impeccable™ Yarn Solid which has 285 yards per skein and is sold at Michaels.
- **Scissors**
- [Stitch markers](#) or scrap yarn (the practice yarn can be used)
- [Susan Bates Metal Knit-Chek Gauge Tool](#), or you can use a ruler or measuring tape
- **Project Yarn** (200 yards worsted weight for hat **or** 400 yards worsted weight yarn for scarf)—more details to come
- **Pencil**
- [Plastic Yarn Tapestry needle](#) or [metal darning needle](#) (a large, blunt sewing needle) for weaving in the ends—the eye of the needle must be big enough for the yarn to go through.

Basic knitting patterns for the hat and scarf projects will be provided as PDF files by the instructor but students are welcome to bring their own. Patterns should be printed out by the students.

Optional supplies:

- Highlighter pen
- Crochet hook size H / 5mm, I / 5.5mm, or J / 6mm
- Pom-Pom maker (various sizes)
- ¾" or 1" Button (for adding detachable pom-pom to hat project)
- Faux fur approximately 4" square
- Sewing needle, thread
- Polyfill or cotton balls

For Knitting a Hat in the round project:

- US #6 / 4mm 16" circular knitting needle
- US #8 / 5mm 16" circular knitting needle
- US #8 / 5mm double point knitting needles

Yarn and Knitting Supply Sources:

Local Yarn Stores (LYS):

Knit 1, Chicago: <http://www.knit1chgo.com/>

Yarnify!, Chicago: <https://www.yarnify.com/>

Evanston Stitchworks, Evanston: <https://evanstonstitchworks.com/>

Dye Hard Yarns, Oak Park: <https://dyehardyarns.com/>

Online

Less Expensive options

Red Heart Yarns: <https://www.yarnspirations.com/>

Lion Brand Yarn: <https://www.lionbrand.com/>

Michaels:

JoAnn Fabrics:

Range from Closeout Sale prices to Expensive

Webs: <https://www.yarn.com>

Jimmy Beans Wool: <https://www.jimmybeanswool.com/>

LoveCrafts: <https://www.lovecrafts.com>

Two Fancy, Women-owned businesses that I like:

Spincycle Yarns, Bellingham, WA: <https://spincycle yarns.com/>

Farmers Daughters Fibers, Great Falls, MT: <https://thefarmersdaughterfibers.com/>

Please Note: Classes and workshops may be cancelled if enrollment minimums are not reached. You will be notified by telephone at least 3 days prior to the scheduled start date should cancellation become necessary.

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