



QUINLAN VISUAL ARTS CENTER

Knitting 101

Not your Grandma's Knitting Class!

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KNITTING SUPPLIES: You can get all of your 'basics' at Wal-mart. No need to get too 'fancy' right away!

Basic Knitting Supplies

Yarn-

Choose one skein of an inexpensive acrylic yarn and a color that you like that feels good on your fingers. Red Heart brand and Caron both make an inexpensive yet very soft acrylic that would be perfect to start with. Feel free, if you like, to select a variegated (multicolored) yarn to keep it interesting.

*Stay away from anything too dark- black, navy, dark green (it will be hard to see your stitches), furry, glittery, or textured "novelty" yarns. ,

2 small balls of 100% cotton yarn (for dishcloths)

Needles-

US needles range in size from #00000 US (thinner than a toothpick) on up to #20+ (which look like soup cans.)

We will be knitting with needles in the size #8US-#10 US size range (about the thickness of a pencil or a pen) Hold some and see what you like. Select straight or circular needles (it doesn't matter- but I prefer circulars- length not important). At this point, it doesn't matter if you purchase plastic, metal or wood (although most knitters find they end up liking one more than the others, I personally don't care.)

Odds and ends- Tapestry needle, stitch holders (looks like a big safety pin) crochet hook(same size as needles) and scissors and small bag to hold them in.

First class- We will learn to cast on, a knit stitch and a purl stitch. Your "test strip" can be continued into a scarf, if you desire. We will focus on washcloths in this class and move to other projects depending on individual progress. Other topics to be addressed, reading a pattern, gauge, fiber content, etc.