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Garter Stitch and Beyond

workshop outline

Many of us learnt to knit the humble Garter Stitch before moving on to more complex and challenging stitch patterns and projects. Yet so often, the magic of Garter Stitch is missed or forgotten. Did you know, for instance, that there's a right side and wrong side to Garter Stitch? Or that it's a 2-sided stitch pattern? In this class you'll learn about the unique properties of Garter Stitch, and how you can use them to your advantage. Woolly will demonstrate Garter Stitch specific techniques – grafting, seaming, picking up stitches, working on the bias, and much more.

Topics covered
Participants will work through a number of different garter stitch techniques, as well as learn about garter stitch itself. Topics covered include grafting garter stitch, picking up stitches along a garter stitch edge, invisible (mattress stitch) seaming for garter stitch, RS/WS of the fabric, short rows, the magic of the square gauge, mitre squares, creating chevrons, directional knitting and creating circles and spirals.

Class structure
This is a 3hr in-person, or 2hr virtual, teacher led class. I will demonstrate a number of techniques and participants will work through a number of exercises.

Materials and equipment
Several small balls of up to 50g and the appropriate sized straight needles are required. Participants will also need a crochet hook, some waste yarn, and a tapestry/darning needle.

Homework
Prepare the following swatches:
2 x completed (cast off) swatches
2 x swatches left on the needles
Each swatch should measure 20 stitches by 40 rows.

Handouts
Workshop notes covering all of the techniques, including photo tutorials where applicable, will be provided.

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