

2010-2011 4-H Knitting

Goals:

1. Learn to cast on
2. Learn to knit (and purl) – advanced members will be learning stitch patterns
3. Learn about the heritage of knitting
4. Give a knitting demonstration (after the New Year), such as:
 - a. How to select yarn for a project
 - b. Explain the history of knitting
 - c. Steps to complete a knitting task
 - d. How to block a finished knitted item
 - e. Different tools used for knitting
 - f. Any other fun idea related to knitting!
5. Evaluate some knitted items
 - a. This will be performed at a meeting in the spring
 - b. Learn about standards of quality for knitting
 - c. This will help you evaluate your own knitting
6. Community Service Project
 - a. Help me come up with ideas as to what we could make and/or who we could help for the project!
7. Exhibit your completed knitting project at 4-H Exhibit Days!
 - a. A copy of the pattern you used
 - b. A swatch (2-4" knitted square, with proper gauge)
 - c. *Finished* knitted product
 - d. Completed record book, preferably entered online (including 4-H story and a page on the heritage of knitting)

Supplies Needed:

1. A bag to keep your project in (almost anything will work, but look for something that has a zipper and is big enough to hold your needles)
2. Shorter length straight knitting needles, US Size 9, 10, 10 ½, or 11 will work
3. One skein of yarn, worsted-weight (4-ply): acrylic or acrylic blends, wool, worsted-weight cotton, etc.
4. A small pair of scissors for cutting yarn
5. A soft tape measure to check the gauge and size of your work
6. Optional (but recommended):
 - a. Needle tips, to keep your stitches on the needle when you're not working on your project
 - b. Crochet hook (Size E, F, or G), to "catch" lost stitches

Meeting Dates:

Friday, September 17
Friday, October 15
Friday, November 19
Friday, December 17
Friday, January 21
Friday, February 18

Friday, March 18

Friday, April 22

Friday, May 20

*Summer Knit Pits to be scheduled

**I realize that many of you participate in activities throughout the year, so just let me know and come when you can. ☺

Come prepared to have fun!!!!