

# *Top-Down Sweater - Your Choice*

*or any sweater pattern of your choice*

## Class Description and Materials List

*Take the next steps in knitting - learn more about gauge, sweater construction, reading directions, and finishing*

**Skill Level:** **Very** Experienced Beginner+

**Skills Taught in Class:** increases and decreases; knitting to gauge; measuring; alternate cast on and bind off; reading a pattern; and “reading” your knitting; choosing the right yarn for the right project, and lots more.

**Prerequisite Skills:** knit and purl, basic increasing and decreasing, cast on stitches

**Location/Date/Time:** Yarn Expressions; 3 session class, **Saturdays; February 15th, and March 1st and 15th**, from 900 - 1100 am.

**Fee:** **\$65.00** plus materials. Tools and materials may be purchased when you register for the class or any time prior to the first class session. Registered students receive a **10% discount** on all class tools and materials. While the store will open a few minutes prior to each class session, please keep last minute purchases to a minimum so the class can start on time.

**Instructor:** Kirsten Muldoon

**Description:** Choose a top-down sweater pattern, or a traditional sweater pattern. A great resource is Ann Budd's book, *The Knitter's Handy Book of Top-Down Sweaters*, available at **Yarn Expressions**. Using this resource you can choose the style - cardigan, pullover, cables, raglan sleeves, yarn weight, and needle size that fits your body best. Gauge swatches will be used to make sure your project will fit properly when completed. Additionally, other types of increases and decreases will be demonstrated and practiced. This class will help increase your knitting skills and give you more confidence so you can move on to more complex projects.

**Materials List:** *(Pattern will be your choice. If you need help in choosing your pattern, please visit Yarn Expressions for help, before the class)*

**Yarn:** will be determined by your pattern choice

**Needles:** will be determined by your pattern choice

**Gauge:** will be determined by your pattern choice

**Tools:** stitch markers. Scissors or snips, and pen & paper to take notes

**Sweater:** bring a sweater that you really like!!! One that fits and flatters the best!!!

**Homework:** prior to the first session, knit a swatch using your chosen yarn and needle size indicated as indicated in your pattern.

**Swatch directions:**

1. Cast on number of stitches indicated in pattern that will yield 4 inches **plus 10 stitches.**
2. Knit in garter stitch 5 rows
3. Knit first 5 stitches in garter stitch, knit in stockinette stitch to the last 5 stitches, knit the remaining stitches in garter stitch
4. Continue in stockinette stitch until you have knit the number of rows indicated in the pattern that will equal 4 inches
5. Knit in garter stitch for 5 rows
6. Bind off loosely
7. Block the swatch

## Yarn Expressions Class Policies

*Class space is limited; to reserve your space, class fee must be paid in full.*

*All class fees are non-refundable! Please understand we are securing an instructor's time and holding a place just for you.*

*You will receive a 10% discount on any yarn purchased for a class. Please support your local yarn shop by using our yarns for your class project.*

*We offer classes for all skill levels, but not every class is designed for every level. To ensure that everybody gets the most out of the class, please respect the skill requirements listed for each class. If you feel you need to brush up on your skills prior to the class or need extra help outside of class, please schedule a private lesson.*

*When classes are offered outside of regular store hours, the store will open 15 minutes before class starts for any last-minute needs.*

*Please be respectful of your fellow students and turn cell phones off during class.*

*To enable everyone to focus on the class, please do not bring children with you.*