



Happy New Year! Resolution Idea List Below...

Local Designer Series: Stitch House is thrilled to invite you to meet Jen Paulousky of Blue Alvarez Designs for our first Local Designer Series on Friday, January 22 from 6-9pm. This evening will include a showing of Jen's designs, a mini-workshop on one of her favorite knitting techniques and casual discussion on knitwear design. Jen designs and sells knitwear and other clothing through her company, Blue Alvarez Designs. She has shown her fashions at Rockin' Runway, Craftland Providence, Seamless (Boston Museum of Science), and elsewhere. She holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering from McGill University, with additional training at Rhode Island School of Design. Jen is also an instructor at Stitch House in both sewing and knitting. She teaches our "Get to Know" series on sewing, serger and knitting machines. She is scheduled to teach in February – meet her in January, learn from her in February!

Knitting

Knitting 101/ Intro to Knitting - If you have no knitting experience, or have tried a few times but quit because that scarf was just taking too darn long and you got bored, then this is the class for you! This class will teach you the basics, and together we will create something small, manageable and fabulous. Not only will you leave with a finished project, but you'll have the motivation and the tools to keep knitting! *Offered Tuesday evenings from 6-8 **OR** Saturdays 11am-1pm (both ongoing enrollment). Classes are \$75 (not including materials) for 4 weeks.* Join Claire or Katie for this great class!

FREE Clapotis Nights - Chelsea loves her Clapotis and wants to share her knitting experience! Join her on Wednesday nights in January to make your own. This is a fabulous wrap, made popular on Ravelry and designed by Kate Gilbert, is sampled in the shop, one made in SWTC Bamboo (golden yellow), the other in Blue Heron Rayon Metallic (blueberry). Check them out and join Chelsea any or all Wednesdays starting January 6th. You should know how to knit and purl but we'll go over the pattern and help you manage the repeat design in this pattern - we just ask you buy your yarn for the Stitch House.

Intro to Lacework – Now that you've mastered the knit and purl stitches, add something extra special to your knitting: lacework! Join Bill for this 2 weeks series on Lace Techniques. You'll learn two to three cable patterns and how to read them in patterns and charts. You can start a new project (we recommend the Yang Most Exquisite Scarf or the Figheadh Mavis Lace Scarf) or work on a swatch. This is a 2 week series meeting Thursday January 21 & 28 from 6-8pm and costs \$30 (not including materials).

Magic Loop 101 Want to do things 2-at-a-time? Socks, sleeves, legs and more? Come for this one-time workshop and we'll get you making two things at once on a long circular. Please bring a project of your choice – socks are a great choice, but sleeves etc. are also welcome. *Saturday, February 6th from 2-4pm for \$15.*

Toe-Up Socks Workshop If you've got the basics of sock knitting down but want to try something new, come to this one-day workshop. This class will teach you different possibilities for starting a toe-up sock, and will also handle the turning of the heel in reverse! Bring a toe-up sock pattern and materials to work on. *Saturday, February 20th from 2-4 pm for \$15.*

Drop-in Help - Learn to knit or get help with a tricky part of your current project. Space is limited to no more than 2 people per session. Call to reserve your time slot today! *Saturday afternoons (\$10 per hour)* Katie is happy to help you!



Sewing

Saturday Sew Intensive for Beginners and New Sewers – So you want to learn to sew or continue developing your skills? Pick your own project and get started. You will learn how to read and follow pattern instructions, cut out patterns and make minor pattern alterations for a better fit. We start sewing the first week so come with a pattern and fabric ready to go. *This class costs \$75 (does not include materials) 2 Saturdays from 10:30-2:30. Light lunch provided. Choose from the following sessions: January 23 & 30 OR February 13 & 20.*

Introduction to Sewing - “Learn to Dress Yourself” This four week class will give you experience in the basics of sewing so that you will have the knowledge and confidence to undertake projects on your own. You will learn how to understand and follow pattern instructions, cut out patterns and make minor pattern alterations for a better fit. In addition you will learn clothing construction fundamentals such as seams, darts, waistbands, zippers, buttonholes and hem techniques. *This class runs 4 Thursday evenings February 4, 11, 18, 25. The cost is \$75, materials not included.*

Home Decorating 101: Window Treatments - This 4 week class will provide you with the skills and confidence needed to construct ONE window treatment for your home. You will review the correct way to measure your window to ensure a proper fit. At the completion of this course you will have a functioning treatment and instruction on how to mount and install it in your home. During the series you are welcome to use the shop machines, when available, to make another one to compliment the one you’ll work on during class time. *Offered from 6-8pm on 4 Wednesdays starting February 24th for \$100, materials not included.*

Introduction to Sewing: Butler Bags - Amy Butler is the designer of beautiful fabrics and patterns. Using her patterns and fabrics in just two sessions you’ll have a great new tote or bag to show off to all your friends! This class will give you experience in the basics of sewing so that you will have the knowledge and confidence to undertake projects on your own. You will learn how to understand and follow pattern instructions. All materials for this class are available at Stitch House. *This class will be held 2 Tuesdays February 2 & 9 from 6-9pm for \$60.*

Get To Know Your SEWING MACHINE better! – Do you own a sewing machine and have a great fear of getting starting or trying more than a straight stitch - join Jen for a One-Day Workshop on Saturday, February 6th from 10-11:30am for \$15. Jen Alvarez can’t wait to share what she knows!

Get To Know Your Serger! – Do you own a serger and have no idea how to use it or simply rethread it - join Jen for a One-Day Workshop on Saturday February 27th from 10-11:30am for \$15. Students who took the first series will be able to do more with their serger. Jen Alvarez can’t wait to share what she knows!

FYI for DIY

If you are registered for a sewing class you will be given a card good for a one-time 10% discount at *Sew-Fisticated Fabrics* located at 735 Morrissey Blvd. near Lambert’s Fruit Market. Fabric can also be purchased at Jo-Ann Fabrics and Winmill Fabric at 111 Chauncy Street in downtown Boston.

BOOK YOUR KIDS’ BIRTHDAY PARTY OR YOUR GIRLS NIGHT OUT NOW FOR THE SPRING!

Private Classes, **GIRLS NIGHTS OUT** and Birthday Parties also offered – Call for Details.
