

PURL'S YARN

EMPORIUM

Dear yarny beloveds,

November always brings mixed feelings, this year more than ever: there's relief from being done with the big push for SAFF, for sure. But also our feelings about Thanksgiving. Before we had the store, we always opted out of Black Friday sales and celebrated Buy Nothing Day instead. Last year, for the first time in 15 years, we went away for Thanksgiving and didn't have our big sales weekend. This year, we're planning on having our big capitalistic sales days again -- it's a little too lucrative to leave on the table, especially as we look at potential plans to expand our ability to host more community gatherings, classes, and crafting studio time.

But we're also keeping our ears open about what's going on in the world. If the people at the bottom are going to take back the country from the kleptocrats in power, there will be a national strike at some point. It will probably require some sort of horrific triggering event followed by days or weeks of people demonstrating in the streets. Lots of great organizations have been laying the groundwork for this. And it's important not to call for actions too soon and have them fail. Having large numbers of people stay home and businesses closed will hurt. People will feel the loss of income orders of magnitude greater than now. Think about stocking up on things like rice and beans.

When and if this happens, we'll still be here for you as a community, and we'll facilitate all the sharing and help we can (but we won't sell you yarn). We are truly thankful that we've built something much more meaningful than just a place to exchange cash for goods. We loved seeing some of our further-flung friends at SAFF, and are so grateful for all our yarn buddies who helped with setting up and taking down of the booth. Y'all rock!

Please remember that there are multiple times during the week to gather with your crafty friends at Purls (see below). We've also got our [Discord server](#) and [blog](#) for connecting in between all the things. These coming months are going to be tough. As we get less and less light and the various winter holidays come and go with all their multi-layered and conflicting, and often intense, feelings, we always need to remember and lean on our chosen family and community. And these coming months will likely be more tough than usual with the added layers of economic hardship (many among us will be dealing with less funds for food and much higher healthcare costs) and all the other anti-democratic and hateful crap being thrown at us and our communities. Lean in. Check on your peeps. Check on your neighbors. Check on strangers. Check on yourself. Take healthy breaks from screens and news. Don't bury your head in the sand, but engage and fight like hell for our democracy, but also know your limits, and those of your beloveds. Check here for ideas on ways to engage in mutual [aid](#) (our biggest weapon right now - taking care of one another). We'll weather this storm. We know how to pick up dropped stitches and frog away the mess. And if we don't, we've got friends who do.

Love to you all,

Elizabeth & Rik

p.s. bonus points to who can figure which part of the above Rik wrote vs. Elizabeth. lol

November & December Stitch Group Fun at Purl's & Beyond

Purl's offers several opportunities for gathering in crafty community. Bring a project to work on (but not your most complicated as conversations can be entertaining, emotional, and wonderfully distracting!). Stitch groups are NOT a learning time, though you can always seek help from your stitch group companions.

- **Wednesday mornings**, 10am-noon
- **Wednesday Mid-Week Craft Night**, 6-8pm
sometimes we play games, do special crafts; basically a mid-week fun crafting get-together (store not technically open)
- **Thursday Mornings**, 10:30am-12:30pm
Sometimes this group meets off site when the weather is nice
- **Thursday Nights**, 6:30-8:30pm; virtual only, zoom info [here](#))
- **Sunday Nerd Night**, 6-8pm; hybrid; we will be viewing the final episode of the newest season of Star Trek Strange New Worlds this first Sunday of October; we will then be enjoying the light-hearted hijinks of Gokushufudo (Way of the Househusband) for a little while. It's an endearing slice of life anime about a reformed yakuza boss who approaches household chores with great vigor. You can come in person or join virtually. Virtual info [here](#); join specific weekly email list for this group by emailing us [here](#)
- Elizabeth's **Mending Group** meets at Local Cloth (408 Depot St) on first Monday mornings of each month from 10am-noon (**Nov. 3, Dec. 1**) and 2nd Tuesday evenings of each month from 6-8pm (**Nov. 11, Dec. 9**) -- all meeting at Local Cloth. Come and join us any time and bring your mends!
- A contingent of stitchers from Purl's will be going to the [Carolina Renaissance Fair](#) for Time Traveler weekend on **Sunday, Nov. 16**. Everyone is purchasing their tix separately. [Find info here](#). Join us! And let us know you're coming so we can connect up for some crafting in public..
- **For ongoing updates check our revamped website:**
<https://purlsyarnemporium.com/>
- **For further info and connection:** Check out our [new blog](#) or join our [Discord](#) to check in on monthly event plans.

PURL'S SPRING 2026 RETREAT

Registration is now open for our **Spring 2026 Retreat taking place Friday - Sunday, March 27-29** (with optional add-on of March 26/Thursday).

Join us for a weekend of fiber fun with friends, old and new. Retreat rate includes Friday dinner thru Sunday breakfast. Add-on Thursday includes Friday breakfast & lunch. Our retreat will be back in Barnhardt Lodge at the Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain. Our weekend includes multiple ways to craft together and learn some stuff from one another while also finding time to relax in whatever way best suits you (hiking, walks, tea time, porch sitting, napping, etc.).

- **Single Room:** \$370
- **Floor Bed in Shared Room:** \$220 per person (find your own roommate or we will pair you with someone)
- **Bunk Bed in a Shared Room:** \$170 per person (all floor beds must already be full)
- **Add-on Thursday:** \$150 per room (for whole room; can be divided among multiple people staying in room)

Whether you are interested in attending our retreat or not, you can also **contribute to our scholarship fund** to help others attend. If you will need financial help to attend, please let us know.

Deposit of \$50-\$100 required to reserve your room. Full payment due Jan. 31. Please [contact us](#) if you have questions and/or are interested in attending.



If you didn't get to SAFF (Southeastern Animal Fiber Festival), we do still have many of our special items we (and our fibery friends) crafted for the fiber festival:

- our new colorways of [Yarn Dick](#) (our detective mystery themed dk weight yarn) that also has a murder mystery booklet you can buy separately for fun. And if you are one of the first to solve the mystery, you could win free yarn!
- our Cryptids Crafting Collection including [Tarot Deck](#), [Cryptid Mini set](#), [project bags](#), [tote bag](#), and [enamel pins](#).
- our special Star Trek themed cowl kit: [Transporter Accident!](#)
- the new colorway of [Whose Sock!](#)
- all kinds of [new project bags](#) by Elizabeth
- Zines and stickers by Ingram
- hand-dyed yarn from Sara Basile aka Skeinchanger (only available right now in the store and not online)
- Yarn Carousels - also presently only available in the store - back online soon!

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped us out at SAFF: helping setup our booth and dismantle it, too. And everyone who stopped by to say hello, in the shop or in our booth, whether you purchased anything or not... we love connecting with our extended yarny community!

November & December Classes



Click the button below for our Store Calendar. Click Pic to Left for Class page of the website.

CALENDAR

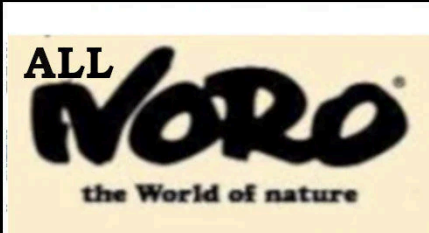
- Only November class that still has openings is our Intro to Crochet on Saturday, Nov. 22 from 10-12 - but ust one opening so [Email](#) asap if interested.
- **In December** we'll have just 2 classes: a **Beginning Knit class** (learn to cast on and knit) on **Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10-12**. There are presently still 3 openings. We will have an **Intro to Crochet class** on **Saturday, Dec. 13, 10-12**. This class also presently has 3 openings. Classes do fill up fast so reserve/register asap.
- **You MUST pre-register for any and all classes. All classes are \$30. Call or [Email us](#) if interested.**
- You can also reach out about scheduling a **stitch doctor** or connecting up with one of our awesome crochet and knit tutors for one on one sessions supporting you with something you are struggling with or wanting to learn (new technique, etc.). Please call or email to schedule these - don't just show up. These sessions are generally \$15/30 minutes.

Thanksgiving Weekend Sale

Different Yarn Faves 20% off Each Day!



FRIDAY, Nov. 28



SATURDAY, Nov. 29



SUNDAY, Nov. 30

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Asheville, NC

Our Thanksgiving weekend sale will include 20% off all Malabrigo yarns on Friday, Nov. 28; 20% off all Noro yarns on Saturday, Nov. 29; and 20% off all Juniper Moon Farm yarns on Sunday, Nov. 30. Our hours will be same as usual: 10am-6pm. We appreciate your business but also completely appreciate you staying home and relaxing with friends and family.

10% off entire order

Use the following code at checkout in store or online, or click the link below to automatically apply the discount to your online order.:

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Apply discount

Offer valid Nov 1, 2025 - Nov 30, 2025
One use per customer.

Purl's is open Wednesdays - Sundays, 10am-6pm.

We are CLOSED Mondays & Tuesdays.

In November we will be CLOSED Wednesday, Nov. 26 & Thursday, Nov. 27. We have yet to determine what days we will be closed in December.

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