

CROCHET CORNER

With Pam Evans



WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE

CROCHET FOR BEGINNERS
TIPS AND TRICKS
COMMUNITY PROJECT

Be part of a
community
project!

Ukee Recreation has teamed up with one of our brilliant instructors, Pam Evans to bring you a Crochet Newsletter. We hope to teach beginners the basics in crochet and get those with a little more experience to help out with a community project!

For the last couple years, Pam has been volunteering her time to knit and crochet hats and booties for West Coast Babies. Now, she's hoping to get some community involvement on a new project - crocheting City Squares to make lap blankets for seniors and blankets for newborns. What better time to learn a new hobby? Whether you're a beginner or an expert, let's dive right in!



THE BASICS

What you need to get you started

When thinking about crocheting, people seem to have an idea in their head that it's a hard hobby to learn. The reality is, it's much easier than knitting! Since you're only using one implement instead of two, the concept is quite simple to grasp and can be easily picked up by anyone, especially children. Be warned, this hobby is very relaxing!

To get started, you will need some yarn, a crochet hook, an idea of what you want to make, and a little determination. For more information on choosing the right hook, check out [Spruce Crafts](#) for tips. You can also find easy crochet patterns for beginners [here](#).

In order to get started on any crochet project, you must start with a [slipknot](#) to begin creating your [chain](#). These two steps are the backbone to any project. For further instruction, check out this [Beginners Crochet](#) video with Pam Evans.

TIPS AND TRICKS

When purchasing yarn, keep your eyes peeled for for a number on the label as the number will tell you what size crochet hook you need. Be sure to use the proper size this will make your crochet career much easier and less frustrating. Check out [Joy of Motion Crochet](#) for further details.

Tension is key when crocheting. In the beginning, don't worry so much about nailing this step however, the tension will determine whether your masterpiece will be tight and small or loose and sloppy.

"People think crocheting is hard but the truth is - it's just a series of knots. Easy."
- Pam Evans



HOW TO MAKE A DISH CLOTH

Have you thought about how much waste goes to landfill from disposable sponges? If you're looking for a bit of a challenge and ways to reduce your carbon footprint - we've got the perfect project for you! Creating a dishcloth is by no means 'hard' and can be rewarding on many levels.

Pam has created a simple instructional video on how you can [make a dishcloth at home](#). Think of all the money you will save on birthdays and Christmas!

"Nothing worth knowing is done in 20 minutes. Stay with it and work at it." – Pam Evans

CITY SQUARE

As part of a community project, we are asking anyone who may have time to crochet a city square and drop it off at the Community Centre. We would love to put all of the squares together to create lap blankets for seniors and baby blankets. The more, the merrier! Find the instructional video [here](#) or follow this [link](#) for a step by step written guide. If at anytime someone would like crochet coaching from Pam, please reach out to the community centre at recreation@ucluelet.ca

NEED SUPPLIES OR HAVE SUPPLIES TO DONATE?

Anyone who is interested in beginning crocheting and doesn't have any yarn can reach out to the Ucluelet Community Centre. Please note, supplies are limited. [Tofino Knit Company](#) also has some beautiful yarns available.

If you have supplies collecting dust in your basement, whether they're knitting, sewing or crocheting, the UCC will happily take any donations!

Also, if you interested in becoming part of a knitting, crocheting or sewing club, contact us at recreation@ucluelet.ca and we will put you in touch with the right people!