

## **DEMYSTIFYING DOUBLE-KNITTING**

This is a class for knitters who want to explore the wonderful world of double-knitting (DK). That's the twosided technique, *not* the yarn weight!

DK is a versatile and wonderful way of creating stunning effects in reversible, two-sided knitting, so no more wrong sides, no unsightly floats, and best of all, two garments in one, as whatever beautiful pattern is displayed on the front, shows on the back too, but with the colours reversed. Magic!

Because the results are often so impressive, a lot of people feel that DK is beyond their knitting capabilities. This class proves that belief to be entirely wrong! As with any other type of knitting, no matter how complex the finished project, it is only One Stitch at a Time (#OSAAT), and if you can knit and purl, then you too can become a DK wizard.

In this class we will be exploring how the basic mechanics of DK work: looking at the structure of the fabric, and how the two sides interact with each other to create the interlocked, reversible beauty that only DK can give you. We'll talk a little bit about what is possible in the technique, to give you a flavour of where this foundation can eventually lead you, but we'll mostly be concerning ourselves with getting you familiar with what yarn goes where!

We'll be starting with a two-colour cast on, learning about simple, no-pattern DK (one colour on one side, and a different colour on the other), reading DK charts, changing colours, and while we are learning all of this information, we'll be creating a cute little coaster, with a gorgeous heart design on it. When you've finished, you can turn it over, and look! There's another heart, in a different colour! Congratulations, you are now a double-knitter!

**Class Length:** Three Hours.

**Level of experience:** Intermediate

**Materials Provided by Student:** One set of 4mm knitting needles. Can be circls or straights. About 10g of each of two contrasting colours of DK-weight yarn. Choose a smooth yarn with a high twist for best results.

**Skills Required:**

NECESSARY:

The ability to knit and purl.

**Homework:** Prior to coming to the class, please learn the Two-Colour, Alternating, Long-Tail Cast On for Double Knitting ( <https://youtu.be/RO-maaxl8Rc> ), or at the very least, know how to do the standard Long-Tail Cast on, tying a slip-knot with two strands of yarn, and as a little bonus, knitting two stitches together, with TWO strands of yarn.