

Barbara Benson

Despite the fact that Atlanta, GA doesn't have ideal knitwear weather, Barbara loves living and knitting in the South. Self-proclaimed as "a bit silly and a bit nerdy", this often translates into her designs. When it comes to the art world, her love for the Art Nouveau and Art Deco movements shines through with intricate stitch work and swooping shapes. When not knitting she can frequently be found wielding either a camera, a chef's knife, or a Minecraft pickaxe (with her son). Barbara has a catalog of independently published patterns as well as having patterns published in Twist Collective, Knitscene, Interweave Knits Holiday Gifts, Knit Edge, Knit Now, Lace One-Skein Wonders, and Masterpiece Knits. More information about Barbara and her designs can be found on her website at <http://tumpedduck.com> and Ravelry at <http://www.ravelry.com/designers/barbara-benson> If video is more your thing check out her fun and educational videos on her YouTube channel Watch Barbara Knit <http://www.youtube.com/c/WatchBarbaraKnit42>

Leslie Grabowski

Leslie has been knitting and crocheting since five, when her mom taught her. Being a lifelong crafter, her creative journey has included beading, embroidery, sewing and painting. She's also an avid gardener and loves to redo furniture. Leslie has taught knitting, crochet and sewing in yarn shops and privately. She particularly enjoys working with mother/daughter groups. She is also a part-time French teacher for Fairfax County (VA) public schools and for Adult Ed classes. Leslie says: "Knitting is like an old friend to me; always there to celebrate a creative whim and comforting in times of stress. When admiring a FO, I'm always amazed that it started with a string of yarn!"

Jennifer Raymond

Jennifer Raymond is a knit and crochet instructor who teaches up and down the East Coast. Her classes feature a high energy style, sense of humor, and enthusiasm. Jennifer works to create courses that appeal to a variety of learning styles and include: handouts, one-on-one instruction, and interactive elements. In addition to teaching, she creates quirky yet classic garments; recent publications include patterns in Sockupied, Creative Knitting, Piecework, Interweave Crochet and Knitty.

Heather Storta

Heather is a TKGGA certified Master Knitter, and a current member of the TKGGA Master Hand Knitting committee. She has been designing knitwear and teaching knitting for over 8 years. Her designs have been published in Cast On magazine and Knitscene, as well as Knitty and elsewhere. When not knitting, designing, or teaching she homeschools her two boys - and loves every minute of it!