

2020 Instructors

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!"

Amy Wentley

Amy has been knitting most of her life and explored many other crafts including crocheting, quilting, bead making, weaving and spinning. About ten years ago, she embraced knitting and began teaching on the advice of her son who said, "Mom, you should knit more. Knitting makes you happy!" Since then Amy has been teaching knitting in person, currently at Warm 'n Fuzzy in Cary, NC, and on Zoom. She loves to teach beginners and to lead her students to grow and embrace challenges. She draws on her previous career as a technical writer and corporate event planner to translate complicated patterns for intermediate and advanced knitters and turn that information into engaging classes that help her students achieve impressive results. She has written an e-book, "Basic Socks: Top-Down on DPNs" and an award-winning pattern "Baby Turtle Frenzy Blanket," both available on Ravelry. Amy offers over 100 videos on her YouTube Channel providing instruction on techniques supporting the many classes she taught. Follow her blog at chaiknucklesknitting.com.

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Amy Tyler

Amy has degrees in modern dance, kinesiology, and physiology. Her art and science backgrounds give her a keen understanding of learning movement skills, composition, pattern recognition, and systematic exploration. She translates that understanding into practical approaches to spinning and knitting techniques, and knit designs that focus on texture and structure. She teaches spinning and knitting at venues across the country and is well known for her animated and engaging teaching style. Amy has published articles in Spin Off, Interweave Knits, and PLY Magazine. You can find out more about her work on her website, www.stonesockfibers.com

Amie Palmer

Amie is a lifelong fiber arts enthusiast who has fallen in love with knitting. She believes there are two types of knitting projects: the ones that require concentration and those meant for meeting up to chat with fellow knitters. She always has at least one of each on her needles. She graduated from Georgia Tech with a Masters in Electrical Engineering. She interned for Lawrence Livermore National Lab before working in telecom for ten years. During this time, she dabbled in knitting and made a couple lumpy sweaters during college, but it was a slow learning process. After having kids, she discovered that carpool lines are excellent places to pick up an old skill and teach it new tricks. She finds that basic math and breaking patterns into simple chunks are the best way to take the guess work out of knitting projects. Based in Durham, NC, Amie loves teaching for local yarn shops and regional fiber festivals, as well as Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, and Durham Arts Council. She has taught at Southeastern Animal Fiber Festival, New York Sheep and Wool Festival and Carolina Fiber Festival. She is a TKGGA member who is also a TKGGA Certified Knitting Judge. When not teaching, she is also a technical editor for knit and crochet patterns. Amie's favorite projects include custom-fitted sweaters, brioche, and exploring the technical side of knitting. Her sweaters and colorful felted purses have won awards at the North Carolina State Fair and Southeastern Animal Fiber Festival. She can be reached through email at DaisyAndCloverDesigns@gmail.com, on Instagram as DaisyAndCloverDesigns and on Ravelry as amiep. Her website is www.DaisyAndCloverDesigns.com