



fall symposium: *for designers* november 5-7, 2020

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the well-rounded designer: concept november 5, 2020 – 7:30-9:00pm

How many times have you had a great idea but couldn't actually knit it? How often have you created something but then not been able to re-create it for yourself or others? Concept, Execution and Communication are all vital parts of design, and each aspect requires a certain skill set. Successful designers understand how these parts are interconnected and the subtly different ways of thinking that are required for each.

You'll identify the skills you need to take your idea from thoughts to action, and then on to sharing it with others. Start thinking about the design process as an integrated whole, with separate components, and become a more efficient and well-rounded designer.

Homework and supplies: None

execution: math for designers november 6, 2020 – 9:00am-12:00pm

This class will take the mystery out of those pesky math calculations you have to do when designing. While drafting a basic sweater, we will calculate yarn amounts, figure rates of increase/decrease across a single row, how to shape V-necks and sleeves, and stitch pattern placement. You'll learn how a swatch can tell you much more than what your gauge is. Depending on the needs and skill levels of the participants, we'll talk about more advanced subjects like grading, sleeve cap shaping, and more.

Homework: None

Supplies: Pencil, paper, calculator (or phone)

communication: pattern writing november 6, 2020 – 2:00-5:00pm

If you have a design you'd like to publish, or even if you just want to share your design with other knitters, you need to be able to write it so others can read it. Learn how to craft a well-written pattern, avoiding typical mistakes along the way. Explore the joys and pitfalls of describing grading for a number of different sizes, and pick up tips for getting your designs accepted for publication.

Homework: Bring a published pattern you find difficult to follow and one you find easy to follow.

Supplies: Pencil, paper, optional: Laptop or tablet