

THE PANDEMIC Hobbyist

Maintaining your sanity in Sisters

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Reimagining a community of makers

The coronavirus pandemic has forced many businesses to pivot to online sales and services. The Stitchin' Post has turned their online presence into a community of makers that reflects the evolving personality of the store.

World-renowned instructors — including store founder Jean Wells — are offering online instruction that is far more than a substitute for in-person classes. The instruction is thorough and repeatable, so crafters can retain more of the instruction.

“You can pause it and do part of the technique, start it up again and do another part of the technique,” Valori Wells said.

Zoom-based Q&A sessions offer another layer of quality to exclusive content. Classes are in development to provide opportunities to create as a family.

The shop also continues to offer in-person classes in a COVID-safe environment.

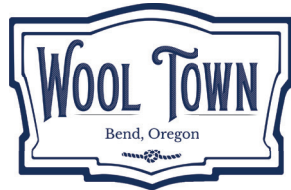
“Our biggest intention is to stay connected,” Wells said.

Makers who participate in person or online know that, despite the separation and isolation imposed by the pandemic, they are still part of a vibrant community.

Wool Town is your local supplier for all things craft



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Handmade crafts soothe the soul

There is something profoundly satisfying — and soul-soothing — to creating your own functional and wearable art. Wool Town, located in downtown Bend, puts the crafts of knitting, weaving, crocheting, macramé, spinning and needle felting within everyone’s reach with supplies, kits and guidance.

“I have a lot of supplies,” says owner Katie Ketchum. “We carry a wide range of yarns in wool, silk, linen, cotton, hemp and bamboo.”

Now is a perfect time to look forward to the “indoor” season and the holidays. Handcrafting gifts can be a meaningful way to honor friends and loved ones.

“Try one of our unique-yet-simple knit or crochet kits,” Ketchum suggests. “Hats are a favorite to wear and give for the season. A scarf is another good place to start. Or try a knit basket or throw for the home.”

Needle felting is very popular.

“It’s a little simpler and it’s not as time consuming,” says Ketchum. “You can have something nice in a couple of hours. It’s kind of like playing with clay, except you’re playing with wool.”

Choose your crafting adventures

Fancywork Yarn Shop is turning crafting through the pandemic into an adventure.

Pandemic Project Mystery Kits are like a choose-your-own-adventure project, allowing the crafter to embark on a knitting or crochet adventure from the safety of home. Choose your adventure (price) level and tell Fancywork what your crafting vehicle is: knit or crochet. Then let them know your chosen difficulty level or what your skill level is, and offer three words of inspiration to go on.

“We’ll curate the perfect fiber adventure especially for you!” says Fancywork owner Elise Jones. “Your Pandemic Project Mystery Kit will include a pattern, some pretty awesome yarn to make it with, and maybe even a fun little surprise to boot!”

Jones, who has 30 years experience as a knitter, offers a tremendous array of yarns, featuring many artisan yarns.

“We’re proud to support the rancher, the miller, the yarn houses,” she said. “There’s something more alive about working with that yarn.”

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