



Understanding Japanese Knitting Patterns – 6 hours

Brief description (1-2 sentences)

Japanese hand knitting patterns are presented in a graphic format that most experienced knitters can follow, once the basics are explained. This class shows you how to interpret the schematics and graphics so you can knit the designs for yourself.

Extended description:

Western knitters aren't familiar with Japanese hand knitting designers, but their creative and often unusual designs can open up another world of knitting for you. Even without knowledge of Japanese, you can knit from Japanese knitting patterns once you become familiar with the charted format. We'll learn how to "read" a schematic, and how to find basic information such as gauge. We'll also cover the symbols used in stitch charts, which are standard among all Japanese publishers, and we'll swatch a couple to practice with Japanese symbology. Bring any Japanese patterns that you may have questions about.

You *must* be very comfortable knitting from charts.

Class format: Lecture and discussion (interactive), some swatching