C H A R L E S G A N D Y K N I T S

Hate seaming? Then this class is for you. We will take the mystery and dread out of seaming exploring all types of seaming needed to finish your projects in a professional…almost invisible…way! Side seams, shoulder seams, easy Kitchener, three-needle bind offs, and maybe more…..all will be covered. So get your tapestry needles out and come join the fun!

**FINISHING 101**

SUPPLIES

50 meters 8 ply NEUTRAL colored wool (no acrylic, please!) a few yards of contrasting colored yarn.

Appropriate needles: 3.75 mm to 5.0 mm

Normal supplies: Tapestry needles, crochet hooks, scissors, tape measures, row counters, etc….don’t fret! I will bring extras!

HOMEWORK

**Using your NEUTRAL COLORED yarn, please make the following swatches. Since they begin to look alike, once you have finished each set, please put them in a plastic baggie and label them so when we begin to work you can easily identify which set we are working on. Oh….(don’t hate me!) please block them once you have finished them!...it will make finishing them SO much easier!!!)**

1. **MATTRESS SEAM for Stockinette and Reverse Stockinette Seaming** CO **10 stitches**, work in stockinette st (STOCKING!)(knit 1 row, purl 1 row) for **15 rows**, BO. (I think you say “cast off??”) MAKE 4 SWATCHES. NOTE: In an ideal world these two swatches would have the exact same number of rows. If you have trouble counting rows, you may want to work these swatches AT THE SAME TIME by working from both ends of the ball of yarn…or use a row counter…don’t fret, if they are not exactly the same --- which, let’s face it happens in the real world, I will show you how to fix that too!
2. **HORIZONTAL TO HORIZONTAL:** CO **15 stitches**, work in stockinette st (knit 1 row, purl 1 row) for **10 rows**, BO. MAKE 2 SWATCHES.
3. **VERTICAL TO HORIZONTAL**: CO **15 stitches** and work for **10 rows**, BO. CO **20 stitches** and work for **10 rows**, BO.
4. **KITCHENER:**  CO **10 stitches**, work in stockinette st (knit 1 row, purl 1 row) for **15 rows**, **Do NOT** BO but leave a 15” tail. MAKE 2 SWATCHES. NOTE: IF you have Double Point Needles…you may want to do these swatches on those needles and just leave the stitches on the needles OR place the stitches on waste yarn.
5. **3 Needle Bind OFF :** Yes this is the same as #4! **CO 10 stitches** work in stockinette st (knit 1 row, purl 1 row) for **15 rows**, **Do NOT** BO but leave a 15” tail. MAKE 2 SWATCHES. NOTE: IF you have Double Point Needles…you may want to do these swatches on those needles and just leave the stitches on the needles OR place the stitches on waste yarn.

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