



City Knitting hosts

## Cat Bordhi in a "mass rebellion of intelligent minds"

Friday, September 24, 2010

Cat Bordhi's mission, according to Stephanie Pearl McPhee, "is to make you a more creative, free-thinking knitter who problem-solves and experiments with vigor and fearlessness. The best part? She can."

Cat teaches and inspires more than a 1,000 knitters each year in her classes all over North America. Her Youtube knitting tutorials have nearly one million views, and her innovative books, *Socks Soar on Two Circular Needles*, *A Treasury of Magical Knitting*, *A Second Treasury of Magical Knitting*, *New Pathways For Sock Knitters*, and *Personal Footprints for Insouciant Sock Knitters* have reached well over 100,000 knitters. She is also the author of an award-winning novel, *Treasure Forest*. For more information, visit [www.catbordhi.com](http://www.catbordhi.com), or visit her Facebook page.

**8:30 am - 4:30 pm- Class**

**11:30 am - 1:30 pm- Lunch and a chance to shop in class from two local dyers.**

### **Really Personal Footprints for Rebellious Sock Knitters**

6 hours, limit 24 students (intermediate to advanced)

Description: In 2008 I set myself the challenge of developing a sock knitting process that would be as simple as humanly possible without sacrificing fit or design possibilities, and my book, *Personal Footprints for Insouciant Sock Knitters*, seems to have met my goal.

These socks are knit 100% in the round, with no rows or purling. There are no short rows, no stitches to pick up, no gauge calculations, no gussets, no heel flaps, and no grafting. However, to keep the method simple I had to limit choices of toe and heel, and require that the foot operate in multiples of 6 stitches. This all works quite well, but is limiting. Were I a reader rather than the book's author, I would have rebelled against these limits pretty quickly, and so I welcome you to gather with me for a mass rebellion of intelligent minds.

In this workshop, you will follow the book's basic premise of knitting to fit your foot and recording your foot's requirements on a cut-out footprint for future use, but you will choose (or invent) any toe you like, and will shape the foot and fit your heel using any arrangement of decreases and durability elements you like. I will teach and discuss a variety of toes and heel strategies, hoping to inspire you to take matters into your own hands, on your own feet, and find yourself in the end with a unique and perfectly fitted Personal Footprint to use insouciantly again and again. Personally, I can't wait to be among all you rebels.

Class supplies: Please choose yarn colors that allow you to easily see what you are doing - no charcoal! Needles may be dpns, 1 long circ, or 2 circs. I want you to make fast progress in class, so choose a worsted weight wool. Bring your choice of needles in a size that gives you fabric that is dense yet elastic, also bringing several additional so you can adjust if necessary. Also bring a piece of cardboard large enough to trace your foot on (like a cereal box), and scissors for cutting it out. If using dpns, you will also need one 24" or longer circular needle for trying the sock on and opening the leg; it can be the same size or smaller than your dpns.

## Registration Form

Please print this document. Save the first page for your records. Remember your supplies list is on the first page.

Please fill out this registration page and mail the bottom portion in with your check.

How will the class be filled? How will you know if you got in? I want this to be a fair process for everyone. Class will be filled on a first come first served basis; I will look at your envelope's postmark dates to determine this. (Sorry for the inconvenience of not doing this online- thanks for understanding.)

I will accept the first 24 students. The following 10 will be wait-listed.

When I receive your registration, I will confirm it right away by e-mail and/or a phone call to let you know I received it, and whether or not you got in. Your place is held until I reach you. Once we confirm with each other, I will deposit your check, securing your place in class. You will then receive a map and receipt by mail.

If your registration arrives after the class has filled, I will still contact you. Your choices then will be to have me hold your check and place you on a waiting list, or you may have me return or destroy your check and registration.

Please know that if you have e-mailed me or told me in person of your intent to attend, this is no substitute for getting your registration in to me.

Status updates will be posted at [www.city-knitting.com](http://www.city-knitting.com).

### Refund policy:

Once we have confirmed with each other as outlined above, the only way to get a refund will be in the case that I can fill your spot from a waiting list. This policy applies from now through Wednesday, September 22. After that date, I will not have time to make arrangements with wait-listed people. So, no refund after September 22. On your own, you may transfer your registration to someone else, as long as they are not already on the confirmed list. Please notify me if you do this, so I can have a proper name tag ready.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, St, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone- only list those you wish me to use.

home: \_\_\_\_\_ mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ work: \_\_\_\_\_

Write your check for \$ 100 to City Knitting.

Mail it to Lorilee Beltman, 1535 Pontiac Rd SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

Many thanks! We are looking forward to a great day!