

# A NAUTICAL YARN

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## EARLY SUMMER HOURS & SUMMER SUNDAYS

Our hours will expand during the **Heartland Yarn Adventure** (HYA) and we will be open 7 days a week and until 5 pm on weekdays during the event. Read more about the HYA below. Our online store (nauticalyarn.com) is open 24/7 every day and packages are shipped daily.

Each Sunday until Labor Day, Nautical Yarn will be open from noon-3 PM so we can enjoy **Summer Sundays** with you. Carole, Michele, and Debbie invite you to come in and knit or crochet with us any Sunday. Also, if you have any questions about your project or would like to learn how to knit or crochet this is a good time get help from us. Of course, we may have to jump up and help a customer from time to time. So, if you find yourself at loose ends on a Sunday afternoon, stop in and join our little soiree.

## UPCOMING CLASSES & EVENTS

We just completed the **Summer Picnic Crochet Along** and it was so much fun. The yarn comes in a kit from Sirdar and the cost of the kit is \$59.95 which includes all the yarn, the pattern, and some fun goodies! We still have a few kits available with links to online video instruction and pdf patterns. Suitable for beginners, the Summer Picnic Crochet Blanket begins with basic crochet stitches and gradually introduces more advanced crochet techniques week by week. Whether you're new to crochet or an experienced maker, you'll enjoy learning, stitching, and creating something special with this guided crochet blanket CAL.

A new class for a versatile, **Simple Shrug** will begin in August after the Heartland Yarn Adventure is over. The **Simple Shrug** can be knit in any weight of yarn from fingering to worsted. If you are part of the HYA you will receive a free pattern for the shrug when you present your PASSPORT to be stamped (no purchase necessary). If you would like to attend the free class either in person or virtually, please let us know (231-845-9868) or sign up online. (If you register online, please make sure you create a userid and password, so you can login to retrieve your class handouts.)



## Heartland Yarn Adventure

Very soon (July 25th—August 3) the **Heartland Yarn Adventure** yarn shop hop will begin. This shop hop spans 84 shops in four states—Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky. We are one of the westernmost shops and are participating for our second year. Last year we had a ton of fun and met so many knitters and crocheters from around the Midwest!

- ♥ To join the **Heartland Yarn Adventure**, you'll need one thing: a \$5 passport. You'll be able to buy yours from any participating shop. (If you're one of Nautical Yarn's first 20 purchasers, you'll also get a commemorative enamel pin this year!) The passport lists all the participating shops with their addresses, phone numbers, & hours during the event.
- ♥ Each participating yarn shop will stamp your passport when you visit - no purchase necessary.
- ♥ You'll leave your stamped passport page at the last shop you visit. That shop will send it to HYA for drawings.
- ♥ Every stamp in your passport gives you another entry into the prize drawing.
- ♥ Nautical Yarn Hours during the Heartland Yarn Adventure are expanding Monday—Friday (10—5), Saturday (10-3), Sunday (Noon-3)
- ♥ Special **deals**: this could be extra savings on the shop's clearance stash, a buy-one-get-one deal, or something else. **At Nautical Yarn we are offering 10% off store-wide.**
- ♥ Free **gifts**: a few examples we saw last year were free patterns, hand-made stitch markers, mini-scissors, and mini-skeins of yarn. These may have purchase requirements - again, it's up to each individual shop to decide how this will work. **Nautical Yarn is offering a free pattern for our Simple Shrug to PASSPORT holders.**
- ♥ Door **prizes**: many shops will have their own prize drawings for things like project kits, needle sets, or gift cards. **Nautical Yarn will have a daily raffle for a \$25 gift card that can be used online or in-store.**
- ♥ Games: some shops might even have a fun little game for you to play and maybe even win a prize!

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## LET'S TALK ABOUT TARIFFS!

Yarn has two seasons, Fall/Winter (F/W) and Spring/Summer (S/S). Yarn shops order S/S yarn in late fall and F/W yarn in late spring. We at Nautical Yarn placed our F/W 2025 orders in May and yarn has begun to arrive at the shop with more coming in August, September & October.

As we were placing orders this past spring, tariffs were looming. For the most part, we didn't know how each country where yarn is produced and processed would be affected and we did not know the percentages of tariffs for each of our suppliers. Also, the fleece for a yarn might come from Country A, the fiber spun into yarn in Country B, the yarn dyed in Country C, and the final product exported to the United States after all the aforementioned steps. So, calculation of the impact is not always a straightforward percentage.

But now, we are beginning to see the impact of tariffs at Nautical Yarn. Many brands of needles and hooks come from China. We ordered a year's supply of Chinese brands before tariffs with China went into effect. So we should not need to increase prices on those products for at least a year.

Another example—A premiere yarn company from Europe announced a 25% tariff that goes into effect August.1 We ordered a large volume of yarn from this company in May at normal prices, so we don't have any tariffs to pass along to you until our next order. However, the next time we order (or any special orders) will come in at the 25% increased price. In many cases, the US companies that distribute yarn throughout the United States have pledged to absorb some of the price increases caused by the tariffs with Nautical Yarn absorbing a share of the price increases so that you, the consumer, are not hit with the full price increase.

We are actively seeking solutions to this problem. For example, we will be ordering a machine-washable wool and acrylic product made entirely in the US and reduce (but not eliminate) our orders of Encore which is imported from Turkey. The US yarn is from a grand, old company named Germantown and the yarn is 70% acrylic and 30% wool. We have a swatch in the shop that has been machine washed and dried and it looks and feels great. The new yarn from Germantown will cost a dollar or so more than Encore's current price of \$6.95-\$7.95. Stop in and see what you think! We will continue to source the best quality fibers and tools and support the makers and mills that value craftsmanship. We'll do all we can to keep things accessible. We're all in this together. Thank you for understanding and for your continued support.

## KNITTER'S WEEKEND THIS FALL

This year during our **Fall 2025 B & B Knitter's Weekend** we will be working on a beautiful classic vest designed by Hanna Falkenberg called **Avenue**. More information is included on our website at <https://nauticalyarn.com/2025-b-b-weekend/>

This fall our Bed and Breakfast weekend will take place the weekend of November 7, 8, & 9. Our project this year is the **Avenue Vest** (pictured to the right). This is a "self-finishing" four-season vest with cap sleeves. Several nice techniques are used in the vest. The vest uses two colors of DK weight yarn. I am using Rowan Cotton Cashmere yarn.

Registration for the weekend is made directly through the B & B where you wish to stay. Prices vary depending on the B & B and room you choose, so we cannot state a firm price. You will need to check with the B & B. Make sure to inform them that you are registering for the Fall Knitting Weekend.

- Cartier Mansion (<https://cartiermansion.com/>)
- Lamplighter B & B (<https://www.ludington-michigan.com/>)
- Ludington House B & B (<https://www.ludingtonhouse.com/>)

Jenna & Chris Simpler own Cartier Mansion and Ludington House. They have announced that the Ludington House B & B is available to rent at a very inexpensive rate for events such as our B & B Weekend November 7-9, 2025 and our Spring Retreat scheduled for April 21, 22, 23, 2026. If you have a group of knitting friends who might want to rent the entire house, please contact Jenna or Chris at 231-843-0101 for rates and more information.



## KNIT & CROCHET RETREAT SPRING 2026

We have decided to make some changes to our **Nautical Yarn Spring Knit and Crochet Retreat** that we have held each Spring. Beginning in 2026, the retreat will be held in Ludington! Guests may stay wherever they choose, but Candlelite Inn, Cartier Mansion, Lamplighter Inn & Ludington House Bed and Breakfast will have special rates. The Book Mark Loft Apartments will also be available at special rates. The Lofts include 4 units (two 2-bedroom and two 3-bedroom that each sleep 6 or more, so bring your knitting group with you). You can see photos and registration information for the Book Mark Lofts on our website at <https://nauticalyarn.com/boutique-hotel/>

The dates are not finalized yet, but we believe the Spring retreat will be held Tuesday/Wednesday April 21-22, 2026. You may register for one or two nights (depending on the B & B) or come for the day on Wednesday, April 22. Registration for the Spring Retreat will begin near the Holidays because it is a great gift for a knitter or crocheter.

The retreat is very relaxed with lots of fun, delicious food, and great SWAG gifts and Door Prizes. We hope our change of venue is popular with everyone and hope you can attend.