

Panda's Crossing

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Shop Hours

I want to remind everyone that our hours are:

Tuesday – Friday 11am-6pm

Saturday 10am-5pm

During the week our register will close at 6:00pm. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation. We will be open late for shopping on all Bead Club and UFO Nights.

As always, there is a lot going on in the shop over the next 2 months. Here's the pertinent stuff that you need to know:

- It is time for another **Make It/Take-It**. What is a Make-It/Take-It? It means you buy a kit, then we'll show you how to make the project. These projects, by definition, need to be made quickly. We are going to be making a Shamballa Bracelet on **Saturday, February 18th**. It is very easy, and you don't have to have any beading experience to make it, but participants need to be at least 11 years old. These bracelets are all over the place right now. Using a basic macramé technique, you will make a bracelet with inexpensive bling balls and waxed cotton cording. This bracelet has an adjustable sliding closure...also using macramé. The beads we will be using are 12mm, there will be 9 of them, and due to the way it is made you won't have to worry about being uncomfortable wearing the bracelet while writing or typing. The cost is \$20.00 for a kit, and you must pay when you sign-up, and let us know what time slot you want. Once you learn the basic technique, you can use any available beads as long as the hole is large enough. I will have samples here, on that Saturday, of some other bead ideas. Those of you, who have been in the store since September, may remember the packaged bead mixes that we've been carrying. Well, I'm bringing in lots more and the holes in most of the beads are large enough for the cording to go through. Yeah! We plan to have 5 teaching sessions for this bracelet. Initially we will take a maximum of 6 students for every session. If we have a high demand for this project we will start taking 6 more per session and I'll beg my fabulous instructors for their assistance. The times for the sessions will be: 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm. All the kit options will use black waxed cording, but here are your bead options:

Elegant Evening

Purple People Eater

Green With Envy

Spring Mix

Black, White AB, Silver, and Pewter

All Purple Iris

Green Iris

Hot Pink with Pastel Pink and Green

Everything's Coming Up Purple 4 Different Purples
Mix It Up Cool Mix of Purple Iris, Gold Iris, Copper Sparkle and Peach AB

Please don't wait until a couple of days before the event to sign-up. Making kits takes time, and we may not have the color option you want. I'm just sayin'...

- We are continuing our **Bead Embroidery Support Group**. *This is not a class*. This is intended as a “support group” for those who are nervous about starting one of the bead embroidery kits we sell. You must know peyote stitch for the majority of the kits. We will be here for support even after you have started. Just let us know that you would like to be added to the Bead Embroidery Support Group email list.
- **The shop will be closed on Friday, February 24th**. Karen and I are heading to **Nashville to the Needlework Show**. We will be bringing back all kinds of new cross-stitch charts, fibers, fabrics, accessories...
- Back when some of us started the **Bead Club**, we had 2 meetings a month. The first meeting we had a volunteer teaching everyone a project. The second meeting we just had a free-for-all where everyone worked on their own project, and got to see what others were working on. It was a blast! We are going to try it again on this schedule, in March. Come on down...
- So many times I have been asked about our Christmas ornament classes...after we've already offered them. So, I am going to put together a **Christmas OrnamentLovers Group** email list. You must let us know that you want to be added, and you can give me your special requests for which ornaments you would like to be included. We will offer 1 ornament/Christmas related class on each schedule, starting on the next calendar. We will try this out, and continue it throughout the year, as long as we have good participation. If you have friends that love Christmas ornaments, please let them know. Please note that the first class is the Star Ornament, and we have scheduled it for March 21st.
- Please note that I've scheduled a **UFO Night** for **Friday, March 23rd**.
- The next **Stitch Retreat** is scheduled for **Saturday and Sunday, April 14th and 15th**. The theme is “The 4 Seasons”.

VIP Club

Do you know about our VIP Club? The cost is \$30.00 and you get 10% off all your classes and purchases, excluding gift certificates, consignment beads, and a few other items, for a full year from your sign-up date. Ask about it the next time you are in the store.

Panda's CrossingReturn Policy

No Refunds. Exchange or store credit will be honored only if accompanied by its receipt, and in resalable condition. You must return item(s) within 30 days of your receipt. Books, magazines, patterns, fabric, and special orders are not returnable.

Bead Club

The first Tuesday of every month is when our bead club meets. The meetings start at 6:00pm. We take turns teaching everyone...something. Everyone is welcome, and there is no fee for attending. Call us to find out what you need to bring, if anything. You don't have to participate with the planned project, however. You are welcome to work on your latest project and visit. You are encouraged to bring jewelry you've made to show it off. We have lots of fun. Come join us!

Special Note: If you would like to start attending our Bead Club, and would like to be notified by email about monthly projects, please come in and put your name on our special email list.

Stitch Club

The second Friday of every month is typically when our stitch club meets. If you think you would like to join us, please come. We meet at 6:00pm. It is a very fun group! Please check the calendar to be sure that we haven't changed the date.

3rd Friday Stitch Group

This group was formed by some stitches' who are interested in working on select projects together. Anyone who is interested in these projects is welcome to join, but you just have to let me know, in advance, so I can be sure to have the materials here for you. If you would like to see the projects just come in and take a look.

Framing

Since framing is not my forte, I have worked out an agreement with, in our opinion, the best framer in the upstate. Everyone who we've talked to that has taken their needlework there, or seen pieces framed by David raves about his work. The shop name is **LaurelCreek**, and is located on Cleveland St., downtown. They have had lots of experience framing needlework. If you let them know you are a Panda's Crossing customer they will give you a 10% discount on your framing order.

LaurelCreek **864-271-7723**
121 Cleveland St.
Greenville, SC29601

Classes

Below you will find descriptions of the classes we are offering for this schedule. Due to health reasons, we must cut back on our evening class offering, so please sign-up early as some of our classes fill-up quickly. To be fair to all class participants, and instructors, we have instituted some new rules for class participation.

Class Policies:

- 1) Payment is required at time of sign-up. If you need to cancel, please call us as soon as possible. With a 24 hr. cancellation, you will receive a shop credit for the class fee. If your cancellation is less than 24 hours, or you fail to show up for the class, there will be no credit or refund.**
- 2) If we have to cancel a class, you will receive shop credit for your class fee, and we will make every effort to reschedule.**
- 3) If you are more than 5 minutes late to a class, you cannot take the class, and your fee will be forfeited. You are welcome to come early for classes and shop.**

It is not fair to everyone else, who got there on time, to wait for latecomers to arrive, pick-out colors, and get settled.

- 4) Because some people are sensitive to certain scents, please be careful about applying perfumes and body lotions the day of the class. Some people have allergic or asthmatic reactions.**
- 5) Please turn the ringer off on your cell phone during class. It is distracting to others when cell phones ring, or people talk on their phones during class.**
- 6) Please bring magnification or additional lighting if you need them.**
- 7) If a class requires a book or magazine, please let us know when you sign up for the class if you need us to order it for you.**

We, and your fellow class participants, appreciate your cooperation with these policies.

I want to clarify the experience level/prerequisites required for our classes.

Prereq: None – No beading experience required at all. *No further clarification needed.*

Prereq: Some beadweaving experience is required. (Just not your first beadweaving class, but it can be your second.) *Again, no further explanation needed.*

Prereq: Some beadweaving experience. *You need to have taken at least 2 beginning beadweaving classes. Beadweaving uses a needle. This does not include beadstringing or wirework.*

Prereq: Intermediate beadweaving experience. *You have to not only have taken beginning beadweaving classes, but have had a fair amount of experience in beadweaving. You have to have taken some of the “some beadweaving experience” classes and done well at them.*

Most stores will simply take your money, no matter what skill level is required for a given class. Since everyone pays the same amount, it is my policy that everyone needs to be at the same skill level for any given class. We want our classes to be a fun experience for everyone involved, not just make as much money as we can. We will be happy to assist you in determining which classes are right for you.

Beaded Cross Pendant

In this class you will learn to make a beaded cross using 4mm firepolish. Cheryl has made quite a few of these and they really are nice. Cheryl will show you the 1-needle method of right-angle weave.

Prerequisite: Some beadweaving experience required.

Cost: \$35.00

Beadstringing Class

Create a three-strand bracelet and learn the proper use of the crimp tool. Kit includes beads and instructions.

Prerequisite: None

Cost: \$35.00

Beginning Peyote Bracelet

Karen has come up with a new project for our beginning peyote class. You will be making a patchwork bracelet using peyote cubes. I really like the project...I think you will too. Kit includes all materials and instructions.

Prerequisite: None

Cost: \$35.00

DBL Chip Bracelet

This is a yummy bracelet! It has a peyote base that is embellished with semi-precious stone chips and seed beads. It also incorporates a snap clasp that makes it very easy to put on and take off. Kit includes beads and instructions. Pre-work required.

Prerequisite: Beginning Peyote Beadweaving

Cost \$40.00

Deco Triangle

This is a very interesting focal piece. How does June Huber come up with all these great patterns? This one requires a solid knowledge of peyote. There is pre-work involved, so you will need to come in and select your color choice and pick-up your beads. I loved making this pendant and was really surprised at how each raised row of the triangle was constructed differently. Fun, fun, fun! **The *Deco Triangle* pattern is required. If you do not own this pattern, please let us know when you register.** Kit includes all materials needed to complete the pendant.

Prerequisite: Proficiency with peyote required.

Cost: \$35.00

Double Wheel Ring

If over the top bling is not for you, try this understated project. A double wheel of Swarovski crystals offer the sparkle a girl needs, but with the sophistication a lady desires. You will be able to complete 2 rings in this class. Kit includes all materials needed to complete project.

Prerequisite: Some beadweaving experience required

Cost: \$35.00

Earrings 101

Make 2 different styles of beaded earrings. Basic wire-wrapping and other techniques will be learned during this class. Many earring examples will be available for viewing, and techniques used to make them will be explained. Kit includes all materials. You may want to bring your own basic set of tools with you to class.

Prerequisite: None

Cost: \$35.00

Edwardian Ruffles

This bracelet uses seed and peanut beads in colors that flow into one another in a ruffled design, reminiscent of Edwardian styles. The focal point, a sparkling beadwoven dome, hides and protects a small magnetic clasp. This bracelet uses circular peyote and circular right-angle weave. Kit includes all beads needed to complete the project. ***Beadwork February/March 2012 is required. If you do not own this issue, please let us know when you register.***

Prerequisite: Proficiency with peyote, and some experience with right-angle weave.

Cost: \$40.00

Fishing For Compliments

Pretty crystal roundels are scattered amongst a base of netting. This bracelet was very well received when I first brought it in on Saturday. It defies description...you just have to see it to know how gorgeous it is. Kit includes all materials required to complete the project.

Prerequisite: Intermediate beadweaving experience

Cost: \$35.00

Flat Herringbone Bracelet

You will make a bracelet using the flat herringbone stitch. Kit includes beads and instructions.

Prerequisite: Some beadweaving experience is required. (Just not your first beadweaving class, but it can be your second.)

Cost: \$35.00

Hearts of Fire Ring

If you liked the Bling Ring, try this one. Five Swarovski hearts come together to form this show stopping ring. This is really a special ring. Come in and check it out. Kit includes all materials needed to complete project.

Prerequisite: Some beadweaving experience required.

Cost: \$35.00

Herringbone Snake

Yet another pattern from June Huber, and it's a doozy! When I made one of these and showed it around everyone loved it, and couldn't wait to make one. Then I made a second one and wrapped them together. Wow – Gorgeous! The pattern pack has 3 different variations. In this class you will learn the basic technique. **The Herringbone Snake pattern is required. If you do not own this pattern, please let us know when you register.** Kit includes all materials needed to complete the bracelet.

Prerequisite: Must be proficient in herringbone.

Cost: \$35.00

Kumihimo Bracelet

Even though we have had 2 demos and Karen taught this at a Bead Club, I am regularly asked if we teach this in a class. Sooooo...now we are. You will need to purchase a Kumihimo disc and 8 bobbins for this class (just under \$10.00). Karen will show you how to prep your thread and beads, how to start your braid, and how to finish your bracelet. Everyone is so amazed at how easy this is once they get started.

Prerequisite: None

Cost \$30.00

Netted Gem Bracelet

This is a gorgeous wide cuff bracelet!!! It has diagonal stripes of crystals, pearls, and fire-polish, and uses 11/0 seed beads.

Prerequisite: Intermediate beadweaving experience

Cost: \$40.00

Night On The Town

We have had this necklace in our display case for several months now and we have received sooooo many rave reviews that Karen has agreed to teach it. This necklace incorporates rondelles, pearls, and seed beads to create a lovely corralling effect. Kit includes all materials to complete the necklace. This necklace will not be completed in class.

Prerequisite: Intermediate beadweaving experience.

Cost: \$45.00

Peyote Starflower

Take your peyote to the next level with this challenging three-dimensional pendant. Modular units are worked separately and zipped together. A fully finished back completes the look and helps maintain the shape and depth of the piece. **The *Peyote Starflower* pattern is required. If you do not own this pattern, please let us know when you register.** Kit includes all materials needed to complete the pendant.

Prerequisite: Proficiency in peyote required. This is an advanced class.

Cost: \$35.00

Russian Spiral

Learn this wonderful “netted” spiral stitch and make a gorgeous bracelet. Kit includes beads and instructions.

Prerequisite: None

Cost: \$35.00

Spiral Rope Bracelet

Learn the basics of beading with the spiral rope stitch. This is a wonderfully versatile stitch. You will be making a bracelet. This technique has endless variations. Kit includes beads and instructions.

Prerequisite: None

Cost: \$35.00

Star Ornament

Our fantastically talented friend and customer, Karen Gillespie has come up with a wonderful ornament pattern. She has made very nice instructions and has graciously allowed us to share this with you. This project uses size 15 and 11 seed beads, and 3mm firepolish (or crystals). The ornament has stars dangling from netting. Karen modified this pattern from a necklace that she designed. The kit for this class includes all materials needed to complete the necklace.

Prerequisite: Some beadweaving experience.

Cost: \$35.00

Stylish Tila Bracelet

I saw a picture of this bracelet on a European blog and I just loved it! It’s surprisingly easy and, as we all know, when I draw instructions there are always colored pencils involved. The instructions may not be so very stylish, but this bracelet is! All materials and instructions for this bracelet are included in the kit.

Prerequisite: Some beadweaving experience required.

Cost: \$35.00

Tiny Bubbles

Previously this class was called *Cubes and Stuff*, but I modified the bracelet and changed the name. Now this bracelet is thinner and uses a metal push-pull clasp. It is loads of fun to make and gets lots of comments. You will be using cube and drop beads to make this bracelet. Kit includes beads and instructions.

Prerequisite: Some beadweaving experience is required. (Just not your first beadweaving class, but it can be your second.)

Cost: \$35.00

Tree of Life

Yet again, Rebecca has made an absolutely fabulous pendant using wire and semi-precious stone chips. You have to come in to see just how great this project really is. It's very organic! (This was a Bead Retreat project.)

Prerequisite: Earrings 101, or equivalent

Cost: \$30.00

Wire Rings

You will learn how to make 2 styles of wire rings. One uses a clustering of Swarovski crystals and the other uses a coin shaped fresh water pearl, or any coin shaped bead. Kit includes all materials needed to complete project.

Prerequisite: None

Cost: \$35.00