



# The Vermont Knitting Retreats

## with Beth Brown-Reinsel

✂ May 18-21, 2023  
✂ October 26-29, 2023

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### Afghan Mittens

#### Course Description:

In 1978, my college roommate traveled through Afghanistan, and came home with a husband for herself and a pair of mittens for me. These mittens have intrigued me over the years as they are knitted from the fingertips to the wrist in handspun yarn with wonderful motifs! They are finely knitted on very small needles. We will explore knitting mittens from the top down in motifs that are reminiscent of those from that part of the world.

**Level: Intermediate to Advanced** (Must be proficient with DP needles, Magic Loop, or working with two circulars). Prior experience in stranded (two-color) knitting is helpful.



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### The Cowichan-Inspired Pullover

#### Course Description:

On Vancouver Island in British Columbia, the Coast Salish people developed this V-necked, shawl-collared garment after learning of knitting through Europeans who visited their area. The Salish prefer motifs that reflect the natural world (whales, birds, etc.) as well as geometric motifs. The sweaters, still handspun by some people, are knitted flat on double-pointed needles, with thick singles yarns in 2 or 3 colors. This class will cover working with up to three colors in a row and weaving (on the right side and wrong side), reading a chart, putting stripes in ribbing (without color distortion), knitting pockets, a traditional shoulder join, creating a shawl collar shaped with short rows, knitting sleeves from the top down while shaping the cap, and hand-sewing in a zipper, or working a button band.

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I hope to you'll join us!

*Beth*



## Come to Vermont to knit and learn!

Nestled in the foothills of the Green Mountains of southern Vermont, a knitting retreat is held by Beth Brown-Reinsel two times every year. A variety of traditional workshops, based on Beth's research in many European museums, is offered to deepen the skill level of intermediate knitters. Attended by warm and friendly knitters from all over North America, the extended weekend is full of camaraderie, good food, interesting classes, and a lovely setting. All the sessions will be held in the Dutton Farmhouse, which is situated on an historic apple farm. There are four available bedrooms on-site, with hotels nearby.



*The Dutton Farmhouse*

### The Schedule

**Thursday Evening:** Arrive by 5 PM, wine and apps at 5:30, dinner around 6:15.

**Friday:** Breakfast- 8:30, Class- 9:30 -12:30, Lunch and break until 1:30, Class until 4 PM.

**Saturday:** Breakfast- 8:30, Free time- until 12:30, Lunch until 1:30, Class until 4 PM.

**Sunday:** Breakfast- 8:30, Class- 9:30 -12:30, lunch and break until 1:30, Class until 4 PM.

**The Cost:** \$595 includes all instruction and comprehensive handouts, Thursday welcome dinner, breakfast and lunch on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. (Dinners on those days are on your own. Sometimes the group will go out or bring dinner in.)

### Getting There:

- ❖ AmTrak and Greyhound both serve Brattleboro with one trip north and south each day.
- ❖ The closest airports are Hartford, CT (BDL), Manchester, NH (MHT), Albany, NY (ALB) and Boston, MA (BOS).
- ❖ For driving directions, enter "Dutton Farmhouse 255 Dutton Farm Road, Dummerston, VT 05301" into Google Maps
- ❖ Brattleboro Car Rental (Enterprise) 801 Putney Rd Unit 1, Brattleboro: 802-257-4700
- ❖ Taxi service is not always available--email Beth to confirm: bethknits@mac.com

**Staying There:** The following hotels are within 5-10 minutes and 5-10 miles of the workshop.

❖ The Hampton Inn	802.254.5700	www.hamptoninn.hilton.com/Brattleboro
❖ Comfort Inn & Suites	802.579.1344	www.choicehotels.com/vermont/brattleboro/comfort-inn-hotels
❖ Holiday Inn Express	802.257.2400	www.brattleboroexpress.com
❖ The Latchis	802-254-6300	www.latchis.com
❖ Motel 6	802.254.6007	www.motel6.com/Brattleboro, VT
❖ Chesterfield Inn, NH	603.256.3222	www.chesterfieldinn.com

**You can find more class details at:** <https://knittingtraditions.com/workshops/beths-vermont-retreats/> after September 18.

**To Reserve Your Place in the Retreat:** A \$150 deposit will secure your spot in any workshop, with the balance due 90 days before the start of the retreat. Checks should be made payable to: **Beth Brown-Reinsel**, and mailed to: **John G. Crane, Attn: Vermont Retreats, PO Box 1175, Provincetown MA 02657**

**If you have any questions, or for more information, email John:** [knitting.traditions.retreats@gmail.com](mailto:knitting.traditions.retreats@gmail.com)  
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