



The 2025 Vermont Knitting Retreats with Beth Brown-Reinsel

🌸 May 15-18, 2025

🌸 Oct. 30-Nov. 2, 2025

May 15-18, 2025 **The Norwegian Setesdal Lusekofte**

The beautiful, classic Setesdal Lusekofte, or lice jacket, emerged during the early 19th century. This garment is characterized by white ribbing and lower body, turning into black background on the upper body with white patterning called *lus* (lice) for the little white stitches which stand alone. A small sweater will be knitted in class, circularly, utilizing several two-color traditional motifs. The drop shoulder armholes and the front neck will be cut. Fabric will be traditionally embroidered by the student and applied to the neck and cuffs. Other techniques to be learned include knitting with a yarn in each hand, the Norwegian purl, weaving stranded knitting, and knitting self-facings. Using a wool flannel fabric, the front panel will be embroidered and sewn on. A short slide will be included.



Level: Intermediate to Advanced

(Experience with double pointed needles and sewing skills are helpful.)



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The Swedish Red and Black Pullover

The lovely red and black Swedish sweater from the Halland region can be dated back to the late 1800s. In this class, a small sweater will be knitted circularly compiling a variety of Swedish construction techniques: three different cast-ons, a choice of patterned or corrugated ribbing, two-color geometric pattern knitting, "seam" stitches, the traditional neck construction and front slit, purling on the wrong side with two colors, the Norwegian purl, two shoulder joins, two types of sleeve construction, plus a discussion on designing. A slide show of some of these historic garments will also be shown.

Level: Intermediate-must be experienced using double-pointed needles.



NOTE: Premium registration begins October 27, 2024 for PATREON members. General registration begins November 4, 2024.s

Come to Vermont to knit and learn!

Nestled in the foothills of the Green Mountains of southern Vermont, knitting retreats are held by Beth Brown-Reinsel 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—they book up quickly—with hotels nearby.



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 4:30 PM.

Saturday: Breakfast- 8:30, Free time- until 12:00, Lunch 12-1, 0, Class until 5:30 PM.

Sunday: Breakfast- 8:30, Class- 9:30-12:30, Lunch and break until 1:30, Photos and goodbyes!

The Cost:

\$645 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.

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| ❖ The Hampton Inn | 802.254.5700 | www.hilton.com/en/hotels/bravthx-hampton-brattleboro/ |
| ❖ Comfort Inn & Suites (New) | 802 579 1344 | www.choicehotels.com/vermont/brattleboro/comfort-inn-hotels |
| ❖ Holiday Inn Express | 802.257.2400 | www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/brattleboro/btbvt/hoteldetail |
| ❖ The Latchis | 802-254-6300 | www.latchishotel.com |
| ❖ Chesterfield Inn, NH | 603.256.3222 | www.chesterfieldinn.com |

You can find more class details at: <https://knittingtraditions.com/workshops/beths-vermont-retreats/> in the next few months.

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. Bedrooms are extra. Checks should be made payable to: **Beth Brown-Reinsel** and mailed to: **John Crane, 1010 Waltham St, Apt 10, Lexington, MA 02421**

If you have any questions, or for more information, email John: knitting.traditions.retreats@gmail.com