



Aker Fiber Farm Weekly Education Program

Aker Fiber Farm Weekly Fiber Arts course is designed for those who want a full fiber experience. Overall, students receive hands on experience on how to knit, crochet, spin, card, wash wool, felt, and dye. While completing this instruction students learn about different cultures and roles of people in textiles, history of textiles, biology of sheep and other fiber animals, biology of plant fibers, algebra (to adjust patterns), chemistry (while dyeing and washing), and measurements. Please see specific class information below.

Class is held in our studio at 56 Main Street Enfield, NH. We are in the "basement", off the parking lot of Black Smith Alley.

Classes are once a week from October 1 to April 30 in two sessions. Session 1 runs October 1 to Jan 15. Session 2 is Jan 16 - April 30. Classes are once a week for one hour and materials are included. Each class is limited to 6 children.

Class Descriptions

Wooly Warriors: Our Wooly Warriors class is for children 3 - 5 years of age. Students will experience the wool process (sheep to finished projects) in a fun hands on way. Students will improve fine and gross motor skills, attention span, and social skills while making a different project each week.

Class is offered: Tuesday 10 - 11

Shepherds: Our shepherds class is designed for students over the age of 5 with intermediate to no experience in working with wool. Students work mainly with wool and are exposed to different fibers from animals and plants. Students will use children safe dyes, washing materials, and equipment. Class is adjusted to fit their experience back ground and interest as they learn the entire wool process from sheep to yarn to finished product. Students will wash, card, dye, spin, felt, crochet and knit in this class while exploring the other non-wool specific items mentioned above.

Class is offered: Monday 9 - 10; Tuesday 1 -2; Tuesday 3:30 - 4:30 after school; Thursday 5:30 - 6:30
Adults

Fiber Explorers: Our fiber explorers course is designed for students over the age of 5 with skills above intermediate. This class will take students beyond wool as they work with a wide range of animal and plant fibers. They will spin at least 5 different fibers, dye with "adult" dyes (weak acid and natural), comb, process flax into linen, and have independent work time for exploring on their own. Students will use a microscope to analyze fibers, learn about mordents, and how to harvest plants for dyeing. This is an advanced course and all participants must have studio approval before entering this level. If your child has fiber experience but has not taken one of our previous classes please let us know.

Class is offered: Monday 10:30 - 11:30 Advanced; Thursday 1 - 2 Advanced

Cost:

Full Course is 7 month long and is: First Child: \$280; Second Child: \$252; Third Child: \$224

5% discount if full amount paid before sessions begin.

Please contact Patty Williams at patty@akerllc.com or 603-306-1144 for questions or registration.