



What to bring to meetings:

When you're a new crafter be sure to pick a "beginner" project and one that is easy to transport. Bring all your supplies needed to complete. There is an electrical plug available, but you may want to bring cordless supplies. Always bring complete instructions with your supplies. If unsure someone at the meeting can help you.

As a beginner stitcher you may want to start out with the standard 4ply "worsted weight" yarn, like *Red Heart* found at *JoAnns* or *Michaels*. Be sure to stick with a color that is easy on the eyes, like white or cream, or the lighter shades. When the yarn is curly or has a "bumpy" appearance it will be more difficult to see the stitches. Lots of yarn looks & feels wonderful, but may not be the best yarn to use till you are more experienced. We don't want you to get frustrated in the beginning.

Stitching: the right size hook or; it all depends on whether you crochet (knit) tight or loose. Usual rule of thumb is if you knit or crochet loose then go one size smaller needles and a tighter crocheter/knitter then go one size bigger. Most yarn will tell you which work best with that yarn. Do read the labels. Usually if you are crocheting a size "G" or 4.50 is a good size to work with and #10 needles for knitting works well. You may want to work with steel needles as they are easier to slip the yarn off and on in the beginning.

There are many yarn cases to carry your projects in at Michaels that are really great, and if you wait for their 40% off coupon you can really get a bargain on one. There's no need to run out and buy lots of stitching supplies, of course once you get hooked on to knitting to crocheting you will find yourself at a yarn shop more and more. This includes cross-stitching too. Start small and work your way up.

Some excellent crafting shops are; **Michaels** (always a great supply place with lower prices and lots of choices)**Super Joann's** (there's one on Carson near Bloomfield & a smaller one on Los Coyotes and Palo Verde) and also another **JoAnn's** (across from the Lakewood Mall on Lakewood Blvd) and of course **Hobby Lobby** (across from Lakewood mall)**Alamitos Bay Yarn Co** (in the Alamitos Bay center at the end of Marina Dr next to Malarkey's Pub) **Fabric Barn** great for all craft supplies. (3111 East Anaheim Street, Long Beach, CA 90804) **M&L Fabric** tons of fabric, laces, and other craft things cheap. (3430 W Ball Rd, Anaheim, CA 92804)

What were about:

Our club likes to have fun at our meetings. We spend time sharing and admiring each other's projects. If anyone needs help everyone is always willing to pitch in. We may work on a club project, charity projects and personal projects or watch a DVD and learn some crafting tips. We have lots of field trips and craft learning parties.

The point is to have a great time, learn, and meet others who love to craft. And of course there is always plenty of food to order.

Welcome and craft-on!