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Greetings Fiber Friends,

Hope you're all having a wonderful summer. The weather has been amazing. Of course here at the shop we're always looking toward the future and we're very excited about the new fibers and patterns for the fall and winter season that will start arriving in August. We've already been helping many of you pick out Holiday projects to work on during your vacation knitting time. Projects make long rides in the car or flights to vacation spots seem to take no time at all as you become lost in the stitches.

Upcoming events...

Stitch-n-Pitch at Raley Stadium August 3

One of our knitters purchased a block of tickets. If you're interested let me know there are a few left and these tickets come with a souvenir project bag. Enjoy a Sacramento summer evening with other knitters and crocheters and some great River Cats Baseball.

Coming August 21st—9am to 12- fee \$40

Knitting with Fabric with **Lorna Misgr**

Students should bring a "fat quarter" of quilting cotton fabric. These are readily available cuts of fabric 18" x 22". They also need SHARP scissors with long blades that will cut fabric easily, a 12" or longer ruler, a pen or pencil, size 8 or 9 needles. Optional would be: 1/4 yard of polar fleece, size 13 needles, small amount of mohair yarn.

Sign-up early! Class size is limited.



We're very excited to present another collection from Classic Elite!

Classic Elite Trunk Show August 12 to 23

Featuring the Woodland Collection a new yarn from the Verde Collection made from nettles and wool. This link has the preview.

http://www.classiceliteyarns.com/pattern_detail.php?patternID=110

Back by popular demand... If you missed out on our other workshop, here's another chance to have fun with Maya learning to dye your own yarn.

Hand Painting Yarn with Maya August 28th from 10am to noon

Class fee \$30 includes all materials. This is a participation workshop dyeing with safe food dyes. You'll receive un-dyed yarn and after a brief intro you'll be painting on your own.

THOUGHT YOU'D ALL LIKE TO SEE PHOTOS OF OUR SAMPLE KITS FROM KOLLAGE YARN'S "FEED YOUR CREATIVITY" LINE UP.

EACH MONTH (EXCEPT FOR NOV. & DEC.) FOR THE NEXT YEAR WE WILL BE RECEIVING A NEW PROJECT KIT. EACH ONE WILL BE A SAMPLING OF KOLLAGE'S SCRUMPTIOUS YARNS ALONG WITH A PATTERN.

HERE'S OUR FIRST KIT THE CABLED RIB HAT AND COWL. WE WILL BE KNITTING UP THE SAMPLES SO YOU CAN SEE THEM FINISHED BEFORE EACH KIT ARRIVES. IF YOU'D LIKE TO BE PART OF OUR YEAR LONG "FEED YOUR CREATIVITY" KAL YOU'LL GET FIRST PICK OF THE KITS WHEN YOU SIGN UP EACH MONTH. THERE WILL BE 2 MEETINGS TO GET KNITTING HELP AND COMPANIONSHIP CREATING EACH PROJECT. MEETING DATES FOR AUGUST WILL BE THE 17TH & 31ST AT 6:30PM KAL \$20. KIT PRICES WILL VARY.



Classes for August 2010 at Babetta's

In our project classes you can learn to knit anything from scarves to socks to felted purses to lace shawls to hats to sweaters. Pick your project and join in the fun. Our knitters inspire each other to try new things by sharing ideas and showing off their latest creation. Sign up for one of our classes and you will receive a coupon for %10 off your next purchase. If our class times aren't convenient we also offer private lessons in Knitting, Crochet, Spinning and Weaving by appointment.

***Pre-registration is required as class sizes are limited. Please choose your dates carefully. Because of scheduling conflicts and complications, make-up classes will only be allowed under special circumstances and individual consideration.**

Tuesdays August 3, 10 & 17

Knitting Project 6pm – 7:30pm fee \$40

Wednesdays August 4, 11 & 18

Knitting Project 1pm – 2:30pm fee \$40

Knitting Project 3:30pm- 5pm fee \$40

Thursday August 5, 12 & 19

Knitting Project 6pm – 7:30pm fee \$40

Saturdays August 7, 14 & 21

Knitting Project 4pm – 5:30pm fee \$40.

Private Lessons Knitting or Crochet \$15 an hour and Group Knitting or Crochet Private lessons \$10 an hour per person.

Spinning or weaving \$20 an hour and group rates are \$15 an hour per person.

Sit and Knit or Crochet Saturdays

You're invited to come and sit in our little living room and share your love of handwork with other Fiber Friends.

We're open from 8am to 6pm on Sat.

If you'd like to do some charity knitting with a lovely group of people our own group ["The Fair Oaks Purls"](#) meets the second Thursday of every month from 10am to noon here at Babetta's. This wonderful group of knitters started out knitting baby hats for local hospitals and has now decided to take on other charity knitting projects too. If you'd like to come join the group there's always room for more. This month's date is Aug. 12. If you'd like to drop off any knitted or crocheted donation items you can do that at any time and I will pass them onto the Purls for you.

FELTED MOBIUS BAG

Materials: 1 skein cascade 220 or 100 grams of any worsted weight wool that felts, 16” and 47” size 10 ½ circular needles, a stitch marker and about a yard of waste yarn of similar size in a different color.

With 47” size 10 ½ circular needle CO 160 sts using Cat Bordhi’s Moebius cast on. Here’s Cat herself to demonstrate.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LVnTda7F2V4>

Round 1-With waste yarn knit across 35 sts, then place these 35 sts back onto left hand needle, place marker and knit to the end of the round which is when you once again come to your marker.

Round 2 knit

Rounds 3-4 purl

Rounds 5-6 knit

Rounds 7-8 purl

Rounds 9-10 knit

Next round- Work I-cord BO to the end of the round, sew ends of BO together, With 16” circular pick up 35 sts from one side of the held sts from the waste yarn, then 35 more sts from the other side of the waste yarn. Cut away waste yarn. With RS (the knit side) facing join yarn at the right corner of the 35 sts, knit 70 sts, place marker and join in round.

Knit all rounds until body of purse measures 6”, begin deceasing.

Decrease round 1-knit 10 knit 2 together, rep to marker.

Knit 2 rounds.

Decrease round 2- knit 9 knit 2 together.

Knit 2 rounds.

Continue in this manner working decrease round with one less st in between working 2 knit rounds between each decrease round. End with k2tog around, cut tail and weave through remaining sts and pull tight. Weave in all ends, felt.



Place item in a laundry bag or pillowcase that you can zip or tie closed. Set washer to hottest water temp, lowest water level and highest agitation. Add a small amount of woolwash or mild soap. Check after about 5 minutes of agitation and then every couple of minutes if you want to control the size of your finished project. If at the end of a 10 or 15 minute cycle you can still see stitches or you want your bag smaller you can felt it longer. Do not spin item but squeeze out excess water in a towel to leave your project wet enough to block. It will keep the shape it dries in.

Happy Felting