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We will be closed Tuesday December 25

Special hours December 24 8am-4pm and January 1 10am-6pm



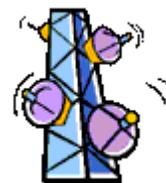
Holiday Season's Greetings Fiber Friends,

I hope this letter finds you enjoying your handwork as the Holiday Season approaches. We still have time to finish tea cozies, slippers, wash clothes, hats, mitts, cowls, scarves and more. I love this time of year because I get to be part of so many projects and gifts from and for all our Fiber Friends. There is something so satisfying about creating things with your hands to give to others.

New arrivals - Laurel Birch and Janet bags, lots of books, Interchangeable sets, Starry & Smooshy with cashmere from Dream in Color, Eucalan, Kookaburra wash, pre-felt sheets, Kiss-Kiss from Tahki/Stacy, Lavishea

Coming soon – Madelinetosh Pashmina, Scrumptious DK & 4ply, Targee Top from Mountain Colors

Babetta's now has WiFi





NEED HELP FINISHING THOSE HOLIDAY GIFTS?
GUSTINE'S FINISHING WORKSHOP
DEC. 11 6:30-8PM PRE-REGISTRATION FEE \$15

Book Sale December 8 & 9
All Interweave books 10% off



**Shop at Babetta's December 15
& 16 and receive a coupon for 15%
off an entire purchase in January
2013 when you spend \$40 or more.**

Don't forget about our ongoing food drive. Bring in a non-perishable food item and be entered to win a \$25 Gift Certificate. The drawing is at the end of each month.

Congratulations Fay our November winner!

Classes for January 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.

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.

Our project class knitting teacher Maya Gardner has been teaching at Babetta's for 7 years and can help you make your fiber dreams come true in a fun and patient atmosphere.

Tuesdays Jan. 8, 15 & 22

Knitting Project 10am – 11:30am fee \$40

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

Wednesdays Jan. 9, 16 & 23

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

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

Thursday Jan. 10, 17 & 24

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

Saturdays Jan. 12, 19 & 26

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

Charity Knitting Group

How would you like to do some charity knitting/crocheting with a lovely group of people? *“The Purls of Fair Oaks”* meets the second Thursday of every month from 10am to noon here at *Babetta's*. This wonderful group of knitters makes newborn and premie hats for local hospitals as well as other local charity groups. If you'd like to come join the group there's always room for more. This month's date is Jan.10. 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 on.

Free patterns for December 2012

Elegant Holiday Scarf by Babetta

Private Lessons

Knitting or Crochet \$20 an hour

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

Spinning or weaving \$25 an hour

Group rates are \$20 an hour per person.

50% deposit required when scheduling.

Cancellations with less than 24 hour notice will forfeit deposit with exceptions for emergencies. Other cancellations can be transferred to rescheduled lessons or store credit.

Materials: 1 Ball Lace Weight silk/mohair, size 10 needles finished measurement 5" x 68"

Gauge: Not critical for this project.

Cast on 34

Row 1 - K2, P2 across ending with K2

Row 2 - P2, K2 across ending with P2

Repeat these 2 rows until you have about 2 yards of yarn left and bind off in pattern.

Wet or spritz block.

We have a wide selection of colors from different companies in this type of yarn including a new one with a sparkle called Luna from S. Charles and some Hand Paints from Twisted Sisters.

A Mocha Cozy

Knit yourself or your friends a signature Mocha or Latte` Cozy that is reusable and helps identify your special beverage. It only takes a few yards of material and is a great use of leftovers from bigger projects. Worsted or thicker yarn works best for insulation. This pattern uses Karaoke from South West Trading Co. and uses a little less than a third of a ball or 33 meters.

Needle size 7 or size to obtain gauge. (I had to use size 6, I knit loose) Gauge: 4.5 st = 1" in st st.

CO 40 st on 3 DPNs, place marker and join into round being careful not to twist your stitches.

Tiny Twist Cable Rib Pattern used through out:

Rounds 1, 2, & 4 - (k2, p2) around slip marker before starting each round.

Round 3 =(k into the back of the 2nd st on the left needle, do not remove it, k into the front of the 1st stitch on the left needle, remove both sts, p2) repeat around.

Repeat these 4 rounds 7 times or until your cozy is the length you like and bind off loosely.

If you want to use a thicker yarn find your gauge and cast on enough stitches to equal 9" circumference making sure that the number of stitches is divisible by 4.

"Grammie's Slippers"

Like many of you the Christmases of my childhood brought new slippers every year. Since they were usually made of acrylic, I would love them to a state of holiness before I grew out of them. The best part when you're a child is how slippery they are on a tile or wood floor. I would never suggest that any of you grown-ups go running half way up the hall and sliding the rest of the way. Here is a version that is similar to the ones I remember my Grammie making for me. She always knew my favorite colors.

Materials: 200 yds for the largest size or less for smaller feet of worsted yarn, size 8 needles, tapestry needle

Sizes: Baby, Child, Adult (sizes are adjusted by foot length). This pattern is easily adjusted because of its simple rectangular structure. 4.5 stitches per inch

Cast on: 21(31, 41)

Row 1 – knit 6(10,12), purl 1, knit 7 (9,15), purl 1, knit 6(10,12) . Row 2 knit

Repeat rows 1 & 2 until piece measures inches from heel to beginning of ball of foot.

Toe is worked in knit 1, purl 1 rib until entire piece measures foot length. Do not bind off. Cut yarn leaving long enough tail to thread through a tapestry needle and draw through all stitches at least twice and pull tight then fold slippers in half with right sides together and use remaining yarn to sew top of foot together and weave in ends. Heel is also stitched together with right sides together and remaining ends woven in. You can embellish with one or two pompoms.



*Happy Holidays and New Year to all our Fiber Friends
From Babetta, Maya, Gustine and all our families*

