



# *Babetta's Yarn Café*

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Open Mon., Wed., Fri. & Sat. 8 to 6  
Tues. & Thurs. 8 to 8 & Sundays 8 to 4

**We are now open 7 Days a week at 8am!**

**[www.babettasyarnandgifts.com](http://www.babettasyarnandgifts.com)**

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**We will be closed Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Easter with our Families.**

## *Happy Spring Fiber Friends,*

I love spring. There's more light, more color in nature and great weather so I can spend time outside knitting and crocheting. Natural light is the best light for seeing the color of the yarn you're working with and seeing your stitches. We've got some wonderful new yarns in that are more appropriate for those far weather projects.

## **New Arrivals...**

Babetta's now carries some of the Paton's line of yarn and many of their patterns. We have **Grace, Pure, Bamboo Silk** and **Baby Bamboo**. Come check out **Serena** the newest Manos creation. It is a super soft Alpaca/cotton blend in sport weight. This month's **free pattern** was designed in this yarn. We now have **Tahki Cotton Lite** and **Mia, Firefly** from Classic Elite, **Cotton Candy** from Knitting Fever, **Hemp for Knitting** from Lanaknits, **Milky Soft** from Ella Rae, **Cool Wool** from Elsebeth Lavold, **Fleuris** from Louisa Harding and new for spring from Mirasol **Wach'I** Pima cotton/Silk blend and **Lachiwa** Pima cotton/Linen blend. There's a fresh supply of NORO including the new lace weight Sekku. **Silk Lace** from Madeline Tosh and **Silky Merino** from Malabrigo have also just arrived. **Crofter** and **Kisses** from Sirdar are here with lots of patterns for those baby gifts we all love to make. **Revive** from Rowan is a unique blend of 3 recycled fibers silk, cotton and rayon. After selling out in just 2 weeks we have a new selection of Hemstitched Flannel baby blankets and bibs from **Amme's Babies** for crocheting edgings on to and we're having a workshop in April on the technique. There's a new supply of **Paintbox, Tartelette** and **TyeDye Sock** from Knit One Crochet Too along with more colors of **Ruca** (sugarcane) and **Chaiten** (hand dyed silk) from Araucania.

## What's on the Horizon???

JoJo Land Harmony, Rhythm, Melody and Ballad – Misti Alpaca Pima Cotton/Silk - Eco Butterfly Baby Hat and Scarf Kits – Kraemer yarn and roving, Pagewood Farm's Roving and Alyeska - Great Adirondack yarn in a couple of ribbons - some new things from Prism and Be Sweet – Punta Yarn's Montoya, and Punta Cotton...There will also be lots of new patterns.

**Don't forget about our ongoing FOOD DRIVE. Bring a non-perishable food item and be entered to win a \$25 Gift Certificate. Drawing each month.**

## Project Classes for April 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 April 6, 13 & 20**  
**Knitting Project 6pm – 7:30pm fee \$40**

**Wednesdays April 7, 14 & 21**  
**Knitting Project 1pm – 2:30pm fee \$40**  
**Knitting Project 3:30pm- 5pm fee \$40**

**Thursday April 8, 15 & 22**  
**Knitting Project 6pm – 7:30pm fee \$40**

**Saturdays April 10, 17 & 24**  
**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 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.

**Would you like to make newborn hats to donate to area Hospital Nurseries?**

***Join the Fair Oaks Madhatters Knitting Group at Babetta's***

The second Thurs. of every month from 10am – 12pm upcoming date April 8. You can drop off hats to donate if you can't make it to our meeting dates.

# Workshops for April 2010

## Learn how to Crochet Hemstitched Flannel Sat. April 10 1pm-3pm

Class includes Burb Cloth, hook, and Crochet Cotton Cost \$30

## Knitting with Beads Sat April 17 1pm – 3pm

Class project – knitted hand painted silk bracelet. Pattern and Materials included. Cost \$50

## Make an Entrelac Scarf with Maya

### Sat. April 24 1pm – 3pm class fee \$50

Learn how to do Entrelac in this quick little project. A pattern and yarn will be included in the price. All you need are your hands and size 8 needles.



## Tomten Knit-a-Long

With Gustine

April 6, 20, & May 4

Time 6:30 – 8pm

Cost \$40 includes the pattern. Limited sign-ups.

Register soon to insure your spot. You'll receive a 10%off coupon for materials.

*The lovely Penelope modeling the famous Tomten*

If you missed the [FREEFORM CROCHET PURSE](#) workshop with Jennifer Tan you have another chance to learn this cool technique on a specific project. Bring all your hooks and some left over yarns and join the fun.

**Sunday May 2 1pm – 4pm cost \$40**  
**Basic crochet skills are all you need.**

If you'd like to be a part of *Knots-of-Love* Babetta's will be collecting hats to be given free of charge to people transitioning through the effects of chemotherapy or other life-threatening illnesses or injuries. We have a few patterns in the shop and you can find more plus the story behind this organization at [www.knots-of-love.org](http://www.knots-of-love.org). To find the patterns you need to scroll all the way down their page.

## FREE PATTERN for April 2010

### Manos Serena Drop Stitch Hat by Gustine

Materials= 1 skein Serena Alpaca/cotton, size 4 and 7 16" circulars and size 7 DPNs.

With size 4 needle cast on 100 stitches, place marker, join in the round being careful not to twist your cast on. Knit 1x1 rib for 1".

Increase round - with size 7 needle - k1, \*yo, k10,\* repeat from \*around ending with k9. Knit every round until piece measures 6".

Decrease - Change to DPNs when needed

Round 1 - (k9, k2tog) repeat around

Rounds 2,4,6,8, &10 knit

Round 3 - (k8, k2tog) repeat around

Round 5 - (k7, k2tog) repeat around

Round 7 - (k6, k2tog) repeat around

Round 9 - (k5, k2tog) repeat around

Round 11 - (k4, k2tog) repeat around

Rounds 12 - (k3, k2tog) repeat around

Round 13 - (k2, k2tog) repeat around

Round 14 - k1, \*drop 1, k2\* repeat around end with k1

Round 15 - k2tog around and cinch up with tail weaving in at least 3"



This hat would make a great Kemo hat for someone special. The material is light and super soft with just enough warmth for spring and the design is very stylish.

*See you in the yarn aisles,*

*Babetta, Maya & Gustine*