

# *Babetta's Yarn and Gifts*

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## **Spring Greetings Fiber Friends,**

I hope these first days of spring find you well and using your chosen craft for relaxation and happiness. The community that has developed around our shop is still expanding and it is so wonderful to share the love of what we do with so many of you. Thank you fiber friends for your continued support.

We'd like to extend a special welcome to all our newly acquainted friends from the wonderfully successful and exciting "DESTINATION ART" happening. We had great fun playing dress up for the Masquerade theme this year and I hope everyone enjoyed their craft and art filled journey from shop to shop. I'm already working on new ideas for next year's event. Congratulations to Janice Henderson who won the beautiful basket at our shop.

I heard a rumor that it's spring (even though when I look out the window or at my PG&E bill I think otherwise) and I've filled the shop with warm weather fibers accordingly. Come in and check out the newest cotton, silk and rayon yarns and lots of patterns to go with them.

**COMING Very Soon** and maybe already here – Silk Ribbon and Purse Kits from Bagsmith, Della Q Handmade and Embroidered Silk Bags and Needle Cases, From Frog Tree Alpaca – Pima Silk sport weight and Handmade Ceramic Buttons, MistiAlpaca Lace and Sport weight in many colors, Gaywool Dyes, Kid Linen Lace and new patterns from Louet, Sock Yarn imbued with jojoba and aloe from Skacel, and last but certainly not least – NORO.

**"CHECK OUT OUR NEW CLEARANCE AREA – SAVE 30% on selected items."**

For those of you who like to crochet I'm developing classes on Tunisian Crochet and Hairpin Lace for May. I'll be using Stitch Diva Patterns some of which will be featured in the April edition of Interweave's Crochet magazine. Many of the most stylish new looks incorporate these techniques along with good ol' crochet. It's not your avocado, mustard and burnt orange acrylic granny squares any more.

Private spinning and weaving classes will be available through April at which time Gustine will be taking time off to get ready for her first baby to be born. He's due the 20<sup>th</sup> of May. Good luck Adam and Gustine and baby boy.

**April Classes Bring May Flowers Sign up soon - some classes already full!**

Learn to Crochet Wednesdays from 5:30pm – 7pm April 5, 19 & 26 cost \$40

Learn to Knit Saturdays from 2pm – 3:30pm April 8, 22 & 29 cost \$40

Learn to Knit Thursday from 6:30pm – 8pm April 6, 20, & 27 cost \$40

Intermediate Knitting Saturdays from 4pm – 5:30 April 8, 22 & 29 cost \$40 **FULL**

Intermediate Knitting Wednesdays from 11am – 12:30pm April 5, 19, & 26 cost \$40

Intermediate Knitting Wednesdays from 1pm – 2:30pm April 5, 19 & 26 cost \$40 **FULL**

Intermediate Knitting Tuesdays from 6:30pm – 8pm April 4, 11 & 25 cost \$40

Private Knitting, Crochet, Spinning, & Weaving lessons available by appointment.

Workshops in April: April 8<sup>th</sup> 11am – 1pm Easter theme Needle Felting cost \$30 includes Kit

April 29<sup>th</sup> 11am – 1pm Slip Stitch Color Knitting cost \$30 includes Kit

Knitting Group dates this month are April 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> From 10am – 1pm

## Free Pattern for April 2006 Friendly Felted Easter Basket

**Materials;** Cascade 220 one skein each, color A- turquoise , color B-pink, color C-yellow , color D lavender, 16” circular size 15, stitch marker.

With color A CO 20 sts, k 21 rows in garter st.

At end of last row place st marker on right hand needle(the needle with the 20 sts)with this needle PU and knit 10 sts along the side of garter st ridges, then PU and K 20 sts down the long end of bottom, then 10 sts up other side of garter st ridge. You should have 60 sts, knit the last 20 sts till your marker.

Rounds 1-4; Knit with color A

Switch to color B and K rounds 5-8. Then switch to color C and knit rounds 8-11.

Switch to color D and knit rounds 12-19,

Round 20; K 25 ,YO, K 30, YO , K 5. Knit 2 more rounds in color D and BO.

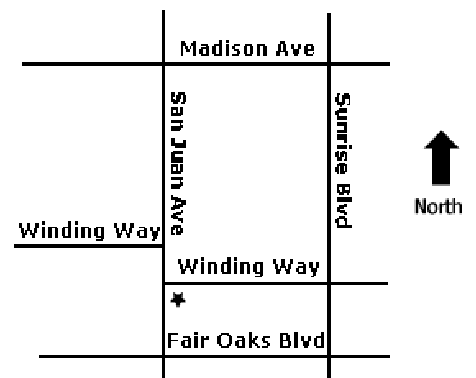
For handle; cut 8 stands each color 18” long braid them together then pull each end through YO and knot.

Felting instructions; Put basket in pillow case set water level to lowest setting and washer to highest agitation . Wash in hot water for 20 minutes with a small amount of wool wash or detergent. Do not allow to go through rinse and spin cycles. Rinse by hand if using detergent. Squeeze out excess water and make sure to shape your basket as it will keep this shape when dry.

Deepest apologizes for frustrations I have caused by hurrying to publication last month and not catching mistakes in the free pattern.

\*Pattern corrections for March Pattern - Slip Stitch Scarf\* Row 5 should read wyif and on each row you need to slip one stitch before knitting the last stitches.

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