



Babetta's Yarn and Gifts

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CLOSED December 25th and January 1st

Dearest Fiber Friends,

Merry Happy Seasons Greetings! This newsletter has gone to publication a good deal later than I had planned. My excuse of course is we've been very busy. I'd like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to all of you for your part in making Babetta's Yarn and Gifts continue to exist. Yes it is a yarn store but on another level it has become what we had hoped, a hub of caring and company and shared love of self-expression through the beauty of fiber. I think of myself as a sort of fiber enabler. Nothing makes me happier than helping someone find a project that brings them joy or distraction or stress relief. We all do hand work for different reasons but I'm convinced that the world would be a much more peaceful place if more people used their hands to create objects with color and texture. Thank you for your friendship, your sense of humor, your kindnesses and your emotional support.

I can't believe it's been two years since I signed my lease, got my business license and started ordering yarn. Everyday is so filled with things to do and I'll never be caught up but it's like my knitting, it's the process and the journey that brings me joy and satisfaction. My pledge to you is that I will continue to be on the lookout for the things you need to make your fiber dreams come true.

Peace be with you, Babetta

I hope you're enjoying the change of seasons and not getting too stressed out by the holidays. If you need any help with last minute projects ideas we can help. Small quick projects like wrist warmers, fingerless gloves, hats, sachets, dish and facecloths, or how about a knitted sleeve for that morning mocha all of which use small amounts of yarn and are unique and useful. We've got a couple of great books for one-skein projects as well as Holiday Magazines with some beautiful and unique ideas.

WISH LIST – Does your family have a hard time finding just the right gift for you? Make a wish list at **Babetta's** and you can send them in to find out what you really want! All they have to do is give us your name and we'll look up your list in the computer.

Just in- "Knitting Beyond the Edge" by Nicky Epstein, "Victorian Lace" by Jane Sowerby, "Cables Untangled" and "Knitting Beyond Scarves" both by Melissa Leapman, "Fiddlesticks" Lace Patterns, "Amazing Crocheted Lace" by Doris Chan, Lantern Moon Rosewood Circulars, Glass Knitting Needles from Knitting Dharma, and "The Knitter's Loom" from Ashford.

End of year Clearance Sale! Dec. 26 through Dec. 30
Save up to 30% on many selected Yarns and Products!

Special Thanks to those of you who have dropped off knitted items for the less fortunate.

Workshop in December- Make a Felted Water Bottle Holder

taught by pattern designer Betsy Coyne. Dec. 9 from 10am – 2pm fee\$45

Classes in December 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 December 5, 12, & 19
Intermediate Knitting 6pm – 7:30pm fee \$40

Thursdays December 7, 14, & 21
Advanced Beginning Knitting 6pm – 7:30pm fee \$40

Wednesdays December 6, 13 & 20
Intermediate Knitting 1pm – 2: 30pm fee \$40
Intermediate Knitting 3pm – 4:30pm fee \$40
Crochet All Levels 5:30 – 7pm \$40

Saturdays December 2, 9, & 16
Beginning Knitting 2pm – 3:30pm fee \$40
Intermediate Knitting 4pm – 5:30pm fee \$40

Join our twice a month knitting group. We meet the first and third Saturday of each month from 10am-2pm. This month we'll be getting together on Dec. 2 & 16. See you there!

Free Pattern for Dec. 2006 Babetta's Big Hair Hat

This hat was designed to fit over my big head covered with big hair. Using the smaller needles you can get a snugger fitting hat with the same pattern.

Materials: 1 100 gr hank Transitions, Silver Thaw or Kochoron from NORO, 1 marker, tapestry needle, and a cable needle Size 11 16" circulars and size 11 DPNs for oversized version or Size 10 16" circulars and size 10 DPNs for a snug fitting hat.

Cast on 72 stitches on smaller needle, place marker, connect in the round and work k2, p2 rib for 3 inches

Round1- *k2, p2 CB2 back,p2,k2 (p1,k1)5times, repeat from * 2 more times

Round 2- *k2, p2, k4, p2, k2 (k1, p1) 5times, repeat from * 2 more times

Round 3- *k2, p2, k4, p2, k2 (p1, k1) 5times, repeat from * 2 more times

Round 4- repeat round 2. Work rows 1 – 4, 3 more times

Decreasing- *k2, p2, k1, k2tog, k1, p2, k2, (k1,p1) twice, k2tog,(k1,p1)twice, repeat from * 2 more times

Next round-*k2, p2, k2tog, p2, k2, p1, k1, p1, k2tog, p1, k1, p1, repeat from * 2 more times

Next round-*k2, p1, k2tog, p1, k2, k1, p1, k2tog, k1, p1, repeat from * 2 more times

Next round-*k2, k2tog, k2, p1, k2tog, p1, k1, repeat from * 2 more times

Next round- k2, k2tog, around – Last round- k2tog around and leaving a10" tale cut yarn and thread through tapestry needle, draw through remaining sts and weave in ends.

If you use Transitions you should find the Angora section of the hank to start the hat to have a fussy band. Check out our [Free Pattern Page](http://www.babettasyarnandgifts.com) at www.babettasyarnandgifts.com for archives as well as links to other websites with free patterns.

CB2 back-slip 2 sts onto cable needle, hold to back, knit next 2 sts, knit 2 sts on cable needle.

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Thanks everyone for making our weekend with Nancie Wiseman such a success. I hope you all enjoyed your time here. We'll be doing more events like it in the New Year as well as our own series of workshops starting in January.
