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Happy Spring Fiber Friends,

Hope your enjoying nature's new color scheme. The changes of textures and hues brought about by each new season brings me a sense of joy akin to starting a new project. Ahhh... a new project... It's always so exciting to find just the right pattern and yarn. You workout your gauge, you get comfortable with the way the pattern is written, you get started sometimes 2 or 3 times before you really get going, you show all your friends and then a couple of weeks or months later someone says, "Where's that beautiful sweater you started?" I have to admit that I'm one of those people with a trail of unfinished projects behind me. It's not the worst habit in the world but if you'd like some help focusing on finishing a project or 2, sign up for our **NEW Finishing Clinic** on Monday April 9 or 23 from 3pm – 5pm. Fee \$15 per session, enrollment limited so sign up early to reserve your spot!

Destination Art was great fun and a huge success. Congratulations Ginny Casl "Winner" of our Art Basket and to the other Art Basket winners - Joy May, Joan Bettati, Gayle Barr, Sally Peters, and Natalie Hancock. Congratulations also to the winners of our door prizes Mary Manship, Kim Howard, Linda Riley, Cindy Cartt, Evelyn Finley and Susan Viley. Many Thanks to everyone who participated and I hope you all enjoyed your cross-craft journey. We hope to see you all again next year.

What's new - Bamboo Tape, Calmer and Damask from **Rowan** - Tara, Polo and Bandidas from **Muench** - Sundance, Provence, Premier and Palmwood Needles from **Classic Elite** - Mega Boot Stretch, Sport sock yarn, Fragola and Salina from **Lana Grossa** - Merino Otto Shadow, Purse Forms, Mesh for Scarves, Wraps and Baby Blankets from **Trendsetter** - Bamboozle, Panda Cotton and Panda Wool from **Crystal Palace** - Patterns from **Black Purl Designs** - Books **Felt Frenzy, Knitting 101, Top Down Sweaters and More Sensational Socks**

Arriving Soon - Lace Needles from Addi Turbo in sizes 0 to 6, Square Crochet hooks and Knitting needles from Kollage Yarns, Crafty Alien Kits and Patterns, and Jagerspun Zephyr Lace weight Wool/Silk.

Classes for April 2007 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 10, 17, & 24

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

Wednesdays April 11, 18, & 25

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

Intermediate Knitting 3:00pm- 4:30pm fee \$40

Crochet all levels 5:30pm – 7pm fee \$40

Thursday April 12, 19, & 26

Advanced Beginning 6pm – 7:30pm fee \$40

Saturdays April 14, 21, & 28

Beginning Knitting 2pm – 3:30pm fee \$40

Intermediate Knitting 4pm – 5:30pm fee \$40

Workshops for April

Continental Knitting – Sat. April 7 from 2pm – 4pm
Bring worsted yarn and needles Fee \$20

Color Work – Intarsia – Sat. April 14 from 11am-1pm
Bring 3 colors worsted yarn, bobbins & needles Fee \$20

Color Work – Shadow Knitting - Sat. April 28 11am-1pm
Bring 2 colors worsted yarn and needles Fee \$20

Block a month meeting date – Fri. April 27 4-5:30pm or 6-7:30pm

Join our twice a month knitting group from 10am-2pm. This month we'll be getting together on April 7 & 21. See you there!

Free Pattern for April 2007 – Felted Mitered Square Pot Holder

Have you been wanting to try a mitered square? Here's a simple pattern to introduce you to the technique.

Materials: 1 50 gr skein "Poems" by Universal Yarn, size 11 needles and dpn's for I cord, darning needle.

Cast on 69 sts.

Row 1 – K

Row 2 – K 33, sl 1, K 1, pssso, K 33.

Row 3 & all odd rows – K

Row 4 – K 32, sl 1, K 1, pssso, K 32

Row 6 – K 31, sl 1, K 1, pssso, K 31

Row 8 – K 30, sl 1, K 1, pssso, K 30

Continue to decrease in this manner until 3 sts remain, with these sts, work I cord for 4" then bind off. With darning needle attach I cord to its base at the corner of the square, and weave in ends.

Felting – Place the pot holder in a garment bag or pillowcase and wash with a small amount of woolwash for at least 10 minutes on the hottest water, lowest level, and highest agitation your washer is capable of. Check after 10 minutes to see if you want to felt it more. Squeeze excess water out, block to desired shape and let dry.

Stitch glossary

I cord – work 3 sts on dpn, do not turn, slide to other end of needle, knit pulling working yarn across the back of the sts, repeat until desired length.

K – knit, sl – slip stitch, pssso – pass slipped stitch over last stitch.

UPCOMING Classes in May

***Salina Shawl** - Advanced Beginning Project (comes with free pattern) Wed. 3pm – 4:30pm May 9, 16 & 23

***Florence Shawl** – Intermediate Lace Project (Fiddle Sticks pattern) Thursday 6pm – 7:30 May 10, 17 & 24

Magic Loop Conversion Learn how to use the magic loop with your favorite sock pattern.

May 12 & 26 from 11am – 1pm

Happy Easter Everyone!

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