



Babetta's Yarn and Gifts

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Season's Greeting Fiber Lovers,

Well you may have noticed that I missed sending you a November Newsletter. One of my main business goals is to be consistent but on a personal level I am a realist and I know there aren't always enough hours in the day for me to accomplish everything I want to. Please accept my apology. Now on to fiber news!

The “Tit-bits” workshop in October was a great success. Thank you Teresa for organizing and volunteering to be instructor. Thanks also go out to designer Beryl Tsang for allowing us to use her pattern and to the lovely group of knitters who participated. Our friend Ellen's angelic flute playing brought tears to my eyes and created the healing atmosphere for the day.

On Nov.2nd we had the great privilege of being visited by knitter/blogger/photographer/gracious human being, Franklin Habit. Through the efforts of members of the Camellia City Stockinettes some local knitters were able to participate in his 1000 Knitters Project. You can check out Franklin's blog “The Panopticon” to read about the project and his Sacramento knitting adventure. Thank you Franklin for the great write up on our shop and thank you Beth, Lorna and Cindi for including us in Friday's events.

I'm very excited about our plans for the New Year. In January we will begin our “Birthday Club”. Details will be revealed in the January Newsletter. In March *Babetta's* will be participating in the 5th annual **Destination Art Event**. Look for more information in the February Newsletter. We will be bringing in some guest instructors for workshops and classes and adding some new knit and crochet “a-longs.” Our website will undergo some sprucing up with useful links and much more information and project photographs.

Though there are still a few new yarns in boxes, most of our new yarns are on the shelves. We've got some beautiful things! There is still time to handcraft Holiday Surprises for your loved ones. How about a pair of nice warm slipper socks in worsted, they work up a lot faster than you'd think and Fingerless Gloves seem to be a favorite with all ages. Knitted and crocheted pieces really add something to other gifts. A felted wine cozy really dresses up a Bottle of Fine wine. A cabled Tea Pot Cozy gives an heirloom quality to a gift of assorted teas. A collection of natural soaps looks even better with an organic cotton Facecloth. We've got some beautiful new soft things for warm hats and scarves and pattern catalogues stuffed to the seams to help inspire your next project.

Classes for December 2007 at Babetta's 965-6043

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 Dec. 4, 11 & 18

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

Thursday Dec. 6, 13 & 20

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

Wednesdays Dec. 5, 12 & 19

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

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

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

Saturdays Dec. 1, 8 & 15

Learn to Knit Socks 2pm – 3:30pm fee \$40

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

Needle Felting Workshops with Karen Viani an accomplished and talented local Fiber Artist

Friday November 30 from 10am – 1pm Needle Felted Angel class fee \$30 supplies separate

Saturday December 8 from 10am – 1pm Needle Felted Snowman class fee \$30 supplies separate

Sign up early to insure your spot and receive supplies list.

Join Our Saturday Morning Knitting Group

The 1st & 3rd Sat. every month- December dates are 1st & 15th from 10am to 2pm

Manos Block-a-month date December 28th Last meeting. No charge. 5pm – 7:30pm

We'd like to invite all of you who participated in this block-a-long to come to an "End of Afghan Celebration". We'll have refreshments! Bring your Afghan or Afghans for photos and to show and tell.

Great American Aran Afghan Knit-a-Long Meeting dates Nov. 19 & Dec. 17 1pm-3pm & 6pm-8pm

Free Pattern for December 2007 - *Elegant Holiday Scarf*

Materials : 1 Ball Rowan Kidsilk Night (I used Red), 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.

Free Gift Coupon

Receive a gift valued at \$10 with purchase of \$20
or more while supplies last. Friday Nov. 23 Only

We will be closing at 4pm on Wed. Nov. 21st and CLOSED on Thanksgiving Nov.22nd.

*As the beginning of our fourth year in business approaches and our shop has really grown-up, my business wisdom is evolving. Everyday is filled with decisions both practical and emotional. I find myself having to set policies and change policies. I'd like to take this opportunity to clarify our return policies, which have always been posted, and let you know about some changes. Our return policy has always been for store credit only unless merchandise is defective and there are no returns on books, magazines, patterns or on discounted items. A receipt is required. **CHANGES** - Returns on wool yarns now have a 60-day limit and all other yarns now have a 90-day limit. These changes are to help maintain a level of quality in the products we re-offer you.*

Are you interested in knitting for others for money? From time to time we get requests for knitters to make things on consignment. If this sounds like something you'd like to do let us know and we can put you in contact with those who are interested in this service.