



Babetta's Yarn and Gifts

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Hello Fiber friends,

Well it's been a sobering last few weeks. We are sending our healing thoughts to our fellow Americans whose lives have been so disrupted by such an extreme natural disaster. Maya and I would like to ask you to participate in a silent auction to raise money for the relief effort. We have collected a few items already and will include some items from the store, but if any of you would like to donate a knitted or crocheted item to the cause, we will be accepting things from Sept. 15 through Sept. 30. The Silent Auction will take place over a two-week period from Oct. 1 until Oct. 15 and on Monday Oct. 17 we will contact the highest bidder on each item. Money collected will be turned over to the SSPCA.

Babetta's is going to be a collection center for “Warm-Up America” afghans. You can participate by knitting or crocheting 7” x 9” sections that we will assemble into blankets or you can donate finished afghans. We have patterns for different designs in both knit and crochet or you can go to the website www.warmupamerica.com to get some ideas.

It's time to start those fall and winter projects and we have been receiving new items almost daily to give you a better selection to choose from. If you haven't been by in the past few weeks you're in for a treat. We have the new Berroco Books and yarns, new offerings from Karabella (yak yarn), Pick Up Sticks!, Sweaterkits, Denise needles, Classic Elite yarns and patterns, and the brand new line “A Gathering of Roses” by Louisa Harding. We have every yarn in every colorway in this collection. It's beautiful! More goodies on the way too...

Babetta's is proud to have two exclusive designs by the lovely Lorna Miser on display in our shop. “Zippy Baby Sweater” and “Karaoke Purse” patterns are available with yarn purchase. Joining our growing list of local designers; Suan Knits, White Lies Designs, Hand Jive Knits and Cultured Purl we now also carry felted purse designs by Barbara Allen.

I have to make a personal aside here, Happy Birthday to my 3 middle children. The pages in the story of my life are turning faster each day. On the 21st of September Rachel will be 18 and Daniel will be 20 and on the 22nd Christopher will be 23. We have one big party with 3 different cakes and a pile of presents that rivals Christmas.

Speaking of Christmas... We have some great stocking patterns including one that our own Gustine designed with Fairisle Christmas trees. It's a good one for experiencing the fairisle technique and sock knitting with bulky yarn. Time to start thinking about those wonderful handmade treasures you'll be giving this holiday season.

Many thanks to all those who have switched to e-mail newsletter delivery and of course I am more than happy to mail the others. We are so grateful that so many people are interested in our little family business.

October Classes

Intermediate Project 1pm - 2pm
Mondays - Oct. 3, 10, 17, & 24 cost \$40

Beginning Knitting 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Mondays - Oct. 3, 10, 17, & 24 cost \$40

Felted Slippers(advanced beginner)7pm-8pm
Tuesdays-Oct. 4, 11, 18, & 25 cost\$40

Crocheted Chemo Cap(beginner)
Tuesdays-Oct. 4, 11, 18, & 25 cost \$40

Shaker Knitting (intermediate) 7pm-8pm
Thursdays-Oct.6, 13, 20, & 27 cost \$40

Felted Christmas Stocking(advanced beginner)
Saturdays-Oct. 22 & 29 2pm-4pm cost \$40

Advanced Beginning Project 4pm-6pm
Saturdays-Oct, 22 & 29 cost \$40

Spinning and Weaving private lessons
by appointment cost \$20 per hour

Free pattern for October “Sinsation” Reversible Cabled Scarf

Materials; 4 balls Sinsation by Plymouth, size 10.5 needles and a cable needle

k = knit row 1 : k1, p2, k2, p2, (k1,p1)4 times, p2, k2, p2, k1
p = purl row 2 : k1, p1, k2, p2, k1, (k1,p1)4 times, k1, p2, k2, p1, k1
rep = repeat row 3 and 4 : rep rows 1 & 2
st = stitch row 5 : k1, p2, k2, p2, sl 4 st onto cn and hold to back, work next 4 st (k1, p1)
cn = cable needle 2 times, work st from cn (k1, p1) 2 times, p2, k2, p2, k1
sl = slip stitch row 6 : rep row 2
bo = bind off rows 7 – 14 : rep rows 1 and 2, 4 times
row 15 : rep row 1
row 16 : k1, p1, k2, p2, k1, sl 4 st onto cn and hold to back, work next 4 st(k1,p1)
2 times, work 4 st from cn (k1,p1) 2 times, k1, p2, k2, p1, k1
rows 17 – 22 : rep rows 1 and 2, 4 times

rep rows 1 – 22 until almost all yarn has been used ending on row 9 or row 20 and leave 4 times width of scarf for bo. Bo all stitches in pattern. Weave in ends.

This scarf can be felted for a lovely smooth finish. Place in lingerie bag or pillowcase and wash with hot water and high agitation with a small amount of mild detergent for about 10 to 15 minutes. Spin out extra water and dry in tumble dryer on permanent press setting.

Those who study happiness and its accompanying physiology find that learning and experiencing new things as well as a sense of control lead to joy. What safer environment than our own hands working with soft yarns in beautiful colors could there be to seek happiness? See you soon, Babetta

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