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Tues. & Thurs. 8 to 8 & Sundays 8 to 4

**We are now open 7 Days a week at 8am!**

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## **Special 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition!**

### *Greetings Fiber Friends,*

Happy New Year and Happy Anniversary. Our shop will have been open 5 years on February 1<sup>st</sup>. I still can't believe this is really happening. It's like we created this beautiful living being and I just show up everyday to take of it and enjoy its' company and the companionship of it's friends. Of course there is no way Babetta's would exist without all of you wonderful Fiber Friends and the loyalty and continuing support you bring. Handcrafts bring such fulfillment on so many levels and with the elements of fiber, texture and color in the mix there's no end to the camaraderie that results. My family and I couldn't be more grateful for the opportunity to be here helping you make your fiber dreams come true. Thank you.

We've got lots of new yarns and patterns coming in. From **Berroco** we now carry, Cuzco, Lustra and Sundae. **Lucci Yarns** just sent us a beautiful selection of undyed silk, merino/silk & cashmere yarn and merino/silk roving. Vero from **Naturally** is a striping yarn in amazing colors. **Misti Alpaca** Tonos Worsted is here along with a fresh supply of **Brown Sheep** yarns, some new yarns from **Ornahgi Filati**, Hap'i from **Mirasol** and beads and yarn from **Twisted Sisters**. We're awaiting a new shipment from **The Alpaca Yarn Co**. Astral a heavenly blend of Alpaca, Tencel & Wool that has a shine that doesn't quit. Astral knits at 20-22 sts/4". Each 100 gm skein is approximately 197 yards. Halo a lace weight brushed Suri Alpaca. While it looks like mohair, it has an amazing softness with none of the itchy-ness that you might find in mohair. Suri alpaca is very rare and very lustrous and is perfect for lacy projects. Each 50g ball contains an amazing 514 yards. You can achieve a wide range of gauges on a US #4-8 needle and beyond. Swizzle is 100% alpaca hand dyed in single shades with great tonal variation and is very close to the weight of our Classic Alpaca but can be bumped up a needle size to a US #7 and a gauge of approximately 20 sts / 4" (5 st/1"). Each 100 gm skein is approximately 215 yards. Yak fibers and yarn will soon be arriving from **Bijou Basin Ranch**. Look for some new buttons from **Blumoon** too.

***"Drink Special"* for Jan./Feb. 2010 a 12oz. Hazelnut Latte \$2.25**

*We'll be doing some Knit-a-longs this year. We'd like to do the Tomten Jacket and the Green Sweater both by Elizabeth Zimmerman and the Jacket for All Seasons in Vero from Fiber Trends by Joanne Clark. If you're interested in any of these projects let us know. We'll be scheduling based on interest.*

**Don't forget about our ongoing Food Drive. Special thanks to Claudia & Bob for going above and beyond with their donations over the past two months and congratulations Romila for winning the \$25 gift certificate for Dec.**

Let's celebrate...

## *Anniversary Weekend Extravaganza January 30 & 31*

Hours: Sat. Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 8am-6pm and Sun. Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 8am-4pm

- Every Customer will receive a free gift with a purchase of \$20 or more.
- Buy 5 skeins of a specific yarn in one color and get the 6<sup>th</sup> one free.
- Bring a food item for our ongoing food drive and be entered to win one of 5 different door prizes.
- All Books, Magazines, Pattern books and individual Patterns will be 10% off.
- Lantern Moon Needles will be 10% off.
- Spend a FULL card and receive another \$5 off your purchase.
- Jan. 30 & 31 only – you're FULL Babetta's Card can be used in conjunction with other discounted items.
- Small Coffee or Tea free with every purchase.
- We'll be serving goodies to snack on too.

As always, sales of discounted items are final.

## Classes for February 2010 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 Feb. 2, 9 & 16

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

### Wednesdays Feb. 3, 10 & 17

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

Knitting Project 3:30pm- 4:30pm fee \$40

### Thursday Feb. 4, 11 & 18

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

### Saturdays Feb. 6, 13 & 20

Knitting Project 4pm – 5:30pm fee \$40.

**Private Lessons Knitting or Crochet \$15 an hour and Group Knitting or Crochet Private lessons \$10 an hour per person. Spinning or weaving \$20 an hour and group rates are \$15 an hour per person.**

### Sit and Knit or Crochet Saturdays

You're invited to come sit in our little living room and share your love of handwork with other Fiber Friends. We're open from 8am to 6pm on Sat.

**Would you like to make newborn hats to donate to area Hospital Nurseries?**

***Join the Fair Oaks Madhatters Knitting Group at Babetta's***

The second Thurs. of every month from 10am – 12pm upcoming date Feb. 11. You can drop off hats to donate if you can't make it to our meeting dates.

## Workshops in February 2010

### Introduction to Spinning with Gustine

Sat. Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> 1pm – 3pm class fee \$40

Have you been thinking about learning to spin? This 2-hour workshop can get you familiar with the fiber and the technique of drop spindling. A drop spindle and 3 oz. of fiber are included in the price.

## Tunisian Crochet with Jennifer Tan

Sun. Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 1pm – 4pm class fee \$40

Basic crochet skills are helpful. Class members receive a 10% discount for materials on the day of the workshop.



Jennifer is a retired elementary school principal and University Professor and lives right here in Fair Oaks with her family. Among her many talents and interests she is an avid crocheter and spinner. You can check out Jennifer's work at [www.goshyarnit.com](http://www.goshyarnit.com).

## Make an Entrelac Scarf with Maya

Sat. Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> 1pm – 3pm class fee \$45

Learn how to do Entrelac in this quick little project. A pattern and yarn will be included in the price. All you need are your hand and size 8 needles.

## Color Theory Workshop with Gustine

Sat. Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 1pm – 3pm class fee \$40

Learn how to combine colors successfully in multi color projects, confidently substitute colors in projects and create something you'll love. Materials for this class are included in the price.

Stitches west is on the horizon. Here's the link to all the info from XRX Publishing. If you haven't been before it's awesome!

[http://www.knittinguniverse.com/flash/webfeatures/xrxinsider10/xrxinsider\\_v10i1.htm](http://www.knittinguniverse.com/flash/webfeatures/xrxinsider10/xrxinsider_v10i1.htm)

If you'd like to take the train Amtrak is doing things a little differently this year. Here's the link to their info.

[http://www.capitolcorridor.org/fares\\_and\\_tickets/promotions.php?subnav=stitch\\_n\\_ride](http://www.capitolcorridor.org/fares_and_tickets/promotions.php?subnav=stitch_n_ride)

## Free pattern for February 2010 Mericash Hat or Neck Warmer

Materials: 1 skein Mericash Thousand Colors Cashmere/Merino from Punta Yarns, Size 8 16” circular needles, size 8 dpns if you’re doing the hat, 1 stitch marker, yarn needle. You’ll have enough yarn to do 2 hats or a hat and an 8” to 10” neck warmer.

Gauge: 4st = 1” in pattern st.

**For Hat** CO 88 sts, place marker and join in the round being careful not to twist sts.

Pattern round 1 – (P 1, K 1,) repeat around

Pattern round 2 – K

Repeat these 2 rounds until hat measures 6” and begin decrease rounds.

Round 1 and all odd rounds– work in pattern P the purls and K the knits.

Round 2 – (K 6, K2tog), repeat around.

Round 4 – (K 5, K2tog), repeat around

Round 6 – (K 4, K2tog), repeat around

Round 8 – (K 3, K2tog), repeat around

Round 10 – (K 2, K2tog), repeat around

Round 11 – (K 1, K2tog) repeat around

Round 13 – K2tog around, cut yarn leaving a 10” tail and draw through remaining loops with yarn needle and weave in ends.

**For Neck Warmer** work the same as for hat but work for 12” without decreasing and bind off in pattern ending with round 1. If you make the hat first you can make a slightly smaller version with remaining yarn by knitting until 5 or 6 yards left for the bind off.