



Babetta's Yarn and Gifts

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Open 10 to 6 Mon., Wed., Fri. & Sat.

10 to 8 Tues. & Thurs.

Beginning in August 2008 we will be open 7 Days a week! Sun. 11am to 4pm

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Midsummer Greetings Fiber Friends,

Now that the smoke has cleared I hope you're all enjoying summer in the valley. Thank you all for celebrating our Anniversary of moving into our new space. The day was great fun and we were blown away by the level of support and participation. We will continue to do everything we can to make your fiber dreams come true in the coming years.

As our "Yarn Shop" vision evolves there are many changes on the way. Starting in August Babetta's will be open on Sunday's! The hours will be 11am to 4pm for now. Hours will be expanding when Babetta's Yarn Café is up and brewing. We're so excited about finally being able to make this part of our dream come to fruition. I'll be e-mailing hours and a menu as soon as all our permits are signed off...

On August 3 from 11am to 1pm you're all invited to a Tasting Party! Come in and sample some of the beverages that will soon be available in our café and sit and knit or crochet.

You're going to notice that things are moving around inside our space. To make room for more seating and the new yarns as they start marching out of the BIG BROWN TRUCK everyday you might not find things in the places they used to be. Please don't hesitate to ask for assistance. We are more than happy to show you around and assist you in finding a color or quantity.

ARRIVING THIS WEEK – Patterns for the Baby and Adult Surprise Jackets, Sheep Shop Yarn, Swedish Yarn, SWTC new sock club color and pattern "TOE JAM" as well as a new color pack of tofutsies. Check out the Tofutsies Tee on their website www.soysilk.com. It only takes 4 balls of that wonderful comfortable machine washable yarn. JUST ARRIVED – Berroco's Ultra Alpaca Fine a washable Alpaca Sock Yarn for only \$9.95, we've got a new pattern line called *Lisa Knits* and *Penny Straker Designs*.

Congratulations winners in our Anniversary Celebration Drawing

Jennifer Rider – Felted Flowers Kit

Jeanette Rice – Sock Yarn Dying Kit

Linda Hurtt – Knit So Fine

Beverly Weeks - Yarn tainer

Classes for August 2008 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 Aug. 5, 12 & 19

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

Wednesdays Aug. 6, 13 & 20

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

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

Crochet 5:30pm – 7pm fee \$40

Thursday Aug. 7, 14 & 21

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

Saturdays Aug. 9, 16 & 23

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

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

Meeting date for the Great American Aran Afghan Knit-a-Long August 18th 1pm-3pm or 6pm-8pm

Come sit and knit with our knitting group on the 1st & 3rd Sat. every month. August dates are the 2 & 16

**Join the Fair Oaks Madhatters Knitting Group Meeting Date at Babetta's
The second Thursday of every month from 10am – 12 upcoming date August 14th**

**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.**

NEW HOURS!

BEGINNING IN AUGUST 2008

BABETTA'S WILL BE OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY 10AM TO 6PM

TUESDAY & THURSDAY 10AM TO 8PM

SUNDAYS 11AM TO 4PM

COMING SOON – BABETTA'S YARN CAFÉ

***SERVING COFFEE, ESPRESSO DRINKS, TEAS, ITALIAN SODAS,
JUICE, BOBA TEAS, SMOOTHIES AND BAKED GOODS.***

Many thanks to Cindi Unmack and Beth Callahan for organizing and teaching the free Summer in Sockramento Mitered Square Blankie Workshop. We will be setting up another Workshop in the future for those of you on the waiting list as well as others who would like to participate. I'll send out an e-mail with the info.

Free Pattern for August 2008 – Summer Nursing Shawl

Do you know a Mom practicing the wonderful art of breast-feeding? Here's a pattern for an easy lightweight summer nursing shawl to knit up for a quick gift. If it looks familiar it's the famous diagonal dishcloth with a twist. Of course it can also be used as a car seat or stroller blanket.

Materials – 2 Balls Little Lehigh Pebbles from Kraemer Yarns which is made in the USA, 1 ball Plymouth Wildflower, size 10 1/2 needles, G crochet hook.

Cast on 4 st.

Row 1 – k

Row 2 – k 2, inc., k1

Row 3 – k

Row 4 – k1, inc., k1, inc., k 1

Row 5 – k

Row 6 – k1, inc., k3, inc., k1

Row 7 – k

Row 8 – k 4, yo, k to the end

Repeat Row 8 until you have used the first ball of Pebbles

Next Row – k3, k2tog, yo, k2tog, k to the end.

Continue in this manner until you have 9 st remaining.

Next Row – k1, k2tog, k 3, k2tog, k1

Next Row – k

Next Row – k1, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1

Next Row – k

Next Row – k2, k2tog, k1

Next Row – Bind off

Work the optional crochet picot edge above to finish. I always hand wash hand knit baby gifts, which gives a perfect opportunity to block them. This is a machine washable yarn allowing easy care for the new Mom that receives it. Alternative yarns – Wendy Supreme Cotton, Sirdar Breeze, O-Wool cotton/wool Balance, Classic Elite Provence, Hempathy, Calmer and Tahki Cotton Classic.

Crochet picot edge with Wildflower and G hook.

Join yarn at beginning corner and sc around the edge of the entire blanket working 3 in 1 in each corner. You may need to adjust the frequency of the stitches to keep an even tension. Slst into beginning sc and ch 1. Sc in next sc, *ch3, slst into the 1st ch of the ch3, sc in next 2 sc
* repeat from *to* around and slst into beginning ch.