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**We will be Closed on Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup>!**

## Summer Greetings Fiber Friends,

It's been a busy month. The Yarn Shop Hop helped give a festive spin to the month and we got to meet lots of fiber junkies that didn't know about our little Yarn and Coffee oasis. *Welcome new Babetta's Fiber Friends.* This event was a wonderful way for all of you to see all the products available to you from your LYSs. Thank you all for your time participating and we hop you had fun.

2 years ago we moved our shop into this beautiful new corner spot. I can't believe it's been that long. Time sure flies when you're winding yarn. We're very happy with how we have evolved in the space and hope that we can continue to improve and promise to do everything within our power to help you make your fiber dreams come true.

And the winner is...



Elizabeth Gloor who loves knitting lace,  
Won the Grand Prize Drawing worth  
\$750 in the Yarn Shop Hop 2009!  
Congratulations Elizabeth!  
Many thanks Lisa for being the driving  
force and organizer of the HOP.



Thanks everyone for participating in our summer food drive. We have 3 winners. Sara Noonan won the basket worth \$200. Claudia Howard and Joyce Childs are our runners up and they each won a ball of Tofutsies sock yarn and a pattern to go with it. Congratulations ladies!

Hope you're all finding cool places to enjoy your handcrafts. Don't forget to pick up a project for that vacation drive or plane time. And of course if you are participating in one of those new fangled "staycations" we've got tons of summer fibers for you to enjoy. Wraps on big hooks and needles are really popular this season for our lovely Sacramento summer evenings. It's a great way to experience some of our new corn, milk and sugar cane yarns or try something from our huge selection of soft Organic Cottons. They make great baby sweaters, hats and special washcloths or hand towels. Come by and see what I made with one ball of Tofutsies and a size L hook and a pattern by the wonderful Doris Chan in the most recent Interweave Crochet Magazine.

### **FUN summer project suggestion –**

You can solar dye yarn! We've got lots of un-dyed yarns in various weights and some even come with Koolaid, which is a non-toxic method you can do with kids. Go to [www.knitty.com](http://www.knitty.com) and search for Koolaid dyeing.

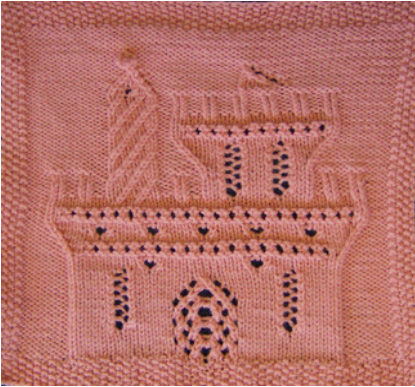
### **JUST ARRIVED...**

Lots of Mission Fall's cotton, Be Sweet yarns from a fair trade company whose mission is to create socially and environmentally friendly products, Zauberball sock yarn, Opal Cotton and 6 Ply sock yarn, Artfelt paper for wet felting Lots & Lots of Noro including – Kureyon, Kureyon Sock, Silk Garden, Silk Garden Sock, Furisode, and Chirimin

### **COMING SOON...**

We've got a shipment of 10 colors of **Malabrigo Sock** yarn on the way. The colors are Caribeno, Stonechat, Velvet Grapes, Indiecita, Archangel, Turner, Solis, Persia, Abril and Rayon Verd and they will be available for pre-sale before their arrival in quantities of up to 2 skeins. The price is \$18.95 each.

## July drink special at Babetta's Yarn Café Sport size Coffee or Tea - Iced or Hot \$1



Here's a reprint of our square pattern from the Yarn Shop Hop. It would make a great washcloth with some cotton or how about a pillow cover for some lucky little girl or boy with Cashmerino or Cash Vero.

### Babetta's Fiber Fairytale Castle

This block is based on the Gingerbread Castle in Barbara Walker's book *A Second Treasury of Knitting Patterns*. We have always loved this design and wanted to use it in a project for years so this is our way of sharing a favorite of ours while honoring this Fiber Genius. Enjoy!

- Materials: US size 7 needle or size to obtain gauge, one skein of Cascade 220, two stitch markers, cable needle.
- Gauge: 5 sts per 1 inch
- Pattern:
- CO 58 sts,
- Row 1: \*K1, P1, rep from\* to end of row.
- Row 2: \*P1, K1, rep to end of row.
- Repeat rows 1 and 2 until square measures 1" end by working row 2.
- Row 1:(WS) [K1,P1]2 times, pm, K7, P36, K7, pm, [P1,K1]2times.
- Row 2:(RS) [P1,K1]2 times, slm, P7,K14, ssk, yo, ssk, (yo)twice, K2 tog, yo, K2tog, K14, P7, slm, [K1,P1]2x.
- These last two rows set the seed st border continue working seed st on first and last four sts as set working pattern between markers. All odd rows are WS rows and all even rows are RS rows.
- Row 3: K7, p17, (k1, p1),p17, k7.
- Row 4: P7, k14,(yo, ssk)twice, (k2tog, yo)twice, k14, p7.
- Row 5 & 6 repeat rows 1 & 2
- Row 7: K7, p5, p2tog, yo, p 10, (k1, p1) into double yo, p8, p2tog, yo,p7, k7.
- Row 8: P7, k5, ssk, yo, k7, (yo, ssk) twice, (k2tog, yo) twice, k5, ssk, yo, k7, p7.
- Row 9: K7, p5, p2tog, yo, p20, p2tog, yo, p7, k7.
- Row 10: P7, k5, ssk, yo, k7, ssk, yo, ssk, (yo) twice, k2tog, yo, k2tog, k5,ssk, yo, k7, p7.
- Row 11, 12, & 13 – Repeat rows 7, 8, & 9.
- Row 14: P7, k5, ssk, yo k8, yo, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, (yo) twice, k3tog, yo, k6, ssk, yo, k7, p7.
- Row 15, 17 & 19 – Repeat rows 7, 9, & 1.
- Row 16: P7, k5, ssk, yo, k9, yo, ssk, k2tog, yo, k7, ssk, yo, k7, p7.
- Row 18: P7, k5, ssk, yo, k10, LT, k8, ssk, yo, k7, p7.
- Row 20: P7, k9, k2tog, (yo) twice, ssk, k10, k2tog, (yo) twice, ssk, k9, p7.

- Row 21: K7, p10, (k1, p1) into double yo, p12, (k1,p1) into double yo, p10, k7.
- Row 22: P7, k36, p7.
- Row 23: K7, p2, k32, p2, k7.
- Row 24: P6, RT, k1, (yo, k2tog) 16 times, k1, LT, p6.
- Row 25: K6, p3, k32, p3, k6.
- Row 26: P5, RT, k36, LT, p5.
- Row 27: K5, p40, k5.
- Row 28: P4, RT, [k3, k2tog, (yo) twice, ssk] 5 times, k3, LT, p4.
- Row 29: K4, p6, [(k1, p1) into double yo, p5] 5 times, p1, k4.
- Row 30: P3, RT, k40, LT, p3.
- Row 31 & 33: K3, p2, k40, p2, k3.
- Row 32: P3, k2, (yo, k2tog) 20 times, k2, p3.
- Row 34: P3, k44, p3.
- Row 35: K3, p44, k3.
- Row 36: P3, k30, RT, k1, RT, k9, p3.
- Row 37, 39 & 41: K3, (p2tbl, p2) twice, p8, k2, p2tbl, k2, p2, (p2tog, yo, p4) twice, (k2, p2tbl) twice, k3.
- Row 38: P3, (k2tbl, p2) twice, k2, (ssk, yo, k4) twice, p2, k2tbl, p2, (k1, RT) twice, k2, (p2, k2tbl) twice, p3.
- Row 40: P3, (k2tbl, p2) twice, k2, (ssk, yo, k4) twice, p2, k2tbl, p2, (RT, k1) twice, RT, (p2, k2tbl) twice, p3.
- Row 42: P11, k2, (ssk, yo, k4) twice, p6, k2 (RT, k1) twice, p11.
- Row 43: K11, p8, k6,p2,(p2tog, yo,p4) twice, k11.
- Row 44: P10, RT, k1 ssk, yo, k4, ssk, yo, k3, LT, p5, (k1, RT) twice, k2,p11.
- Row 45: K11, p8, k5, p3, (p2tog, yo, p4) twice, p1, k10.
- Row 46: P9, RT, k2, (ssk, yo, k4) twice, LT, p4, (RT, k1) twice, RT, p11.
- Row 47: K11, p8, k4, (p4, p2tog, yo) twice, p6, k9.
- Row 48: P8, RT, k3, ssk, yo, k4, ssk, yo, k5, LT, p3, k2, (RT, k1) twice, p11.
- Row 49: K11, p8, k3, p20, k8.
- Row 50: P7, RT, k18, LT, p2, (k1, RT) twice, k2, p11.
- Row 51 & 53: K11, p8, k2, p2, k18, p2, k7.
- Row 52: P7, k2, (yo, k2tog)9 times, k2, p2, (RT, k1) twice, RT, p11.
- Row 54: P7, k22, p2, k2, (RT,k1) twice, p11.
- Row 55: K11, p8, k2, p22, k7.
- Row 56: P7, k22, p2, (k1, RT) twice, k2, p11.
- Row 57, 59, & 61: K11, p8, (k2, p2tbl) 6 times,k7.
- Row 58: P7, (k2tbl, p2) 6 times, (RT, k1) twice, RT, p11.
- Row 60: P7, (k2tbl, p2) 6 times, k2, (RT, k1) twice, p11.
- Row 62: P19, k1tbl, p11, (k1, RT) twice, k2, p11.
- Row 63: K11, p8, k11, p1tbl, k19.
- Row 64: P19, k1tbl, p11, LT, k1, k2tog, yo, k1, RT, p11.
- Row 65: K12, p6, k12, p1tbl, k19.
- Row 66: P14, yo, ssk, k3, k1tbl, p12, LT, k2, RT, p12.
- Row 67: K13, p4, k13, p1tbl, p2, p2,togtbl, yo, p1, k14.
- Row 68: P16, yo, ssk, k1, k1tbl, p13, LT, RT, p13.
- Row 69: K14, p2, k24, p1tbl, p2togtbl, yo, p1, k16.
- Row 70: P18, yo, ssk, p14, LT, p14.
- Row 71: K14, p1, k15, p2, k18.

- Row 72: P35, k1, yo, k1, yo, k1) in the next st, turn and p5, turn and k5, turn and p2tog, p1, p2tog, turn and sl1-k2tog-ssso, p14
- Row 73: K14, p1tbl, k35.
- Row 74: Purl.
- Repeat beginning rows 1 & 2 for 1” and bind off in pattern.

Stitch Glossary: K= knit, P=purl, st=stitch, sl=slip, m=marker, yo=yarn over, tog=knit or purl 2 stitches together, pssso= pass sl st over, tbl= through the back loop, ssk= slip 1 st as if to knit, sl the next st as if to knit, then knit the 2tog tbl, RT= sl next st onto cable needle and hold to back, k the next st then purl the st from the cable needle, LT=sl next st onto cable needle and hold to front, purl next st and then knit the st from the cable needle.