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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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We will be closed Sunday April 12

Happy Spring Fiber Friends,

I hope the beauty in the new growth and colors of spring in California are helping lift your spirits. If you ever need a pick me-up you're always welcome to stop by just to wander the isles and find a little serenity away from it all. No matter how tired I am when I arrive at our shop every morning I am soon revitalized by the splendor I find in the fibers that surround me. It's like living in a flower garden.

Sunday April 5 at Noon

Come and meet the lovely

LORNA MISER

*our own local knitting celebrity. She's the creator of **Lorna's Laces**, a teacher, a designer, an author and the president of **The Camellia City Stockinettes** the local chapter of The Knitting Guild of America.*

*Lorna's new book **Faith, Hope, Love, Knitting** is hot off the presses and available at Babetta's. We'd love for all of you to come to this **BOOK SIGNING**. Refreshments will be served. This is a great opportunity to meet Lorna and show your support for her accomplishments.*

Our classes for April are full except for the Saturday 2pm-3:30pm knitting project class. We're taking sign-ups for May now too.

Classes for May 2009 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 May 5, 12 & 19

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

Wednesdays May 6, 13 & 20

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

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

Thursday May 7, 14 & 21

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

Saturdays May 9, 16 & 23

Crochet 11am – 12:30pm fee \$40

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

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.**

***Come sit and knit with our knitting group on the 1st & 3rd Sat. every month from 10am – 2pm.**

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 dates are March 12 & April 9.

You can drop off hats to donate if you can't make it to our meeting dates.

New this month –

ART FELT pencil roving and special paper for creating beautiful felted fiber art pieces with ease.

New sock yarns... Poems Sock, Misti Alpaca sock, Paca Peds HT, Happy Feet, Happy Feet DK, Encore Sock, Zauberball & the final Tofutsies "Sock Club" color SOMETHING SPRING along with it's free pattern.

We have *BABYBUNNY* from Plymouth a soft washable baby yarn with angora. *Sugar Rush* made of sugar cane, *CotSoy* a blend of cotton and soy, *Haze* a corn/cotton blend and *Amaizing* a 100% corn DK yarn that is completely washable and dryable from SWTC. From Conjoined Creations we have "FLAT FEET" and *Lace Weight Soy* and *Soy Chenille*. Come see the *Yak/Bamboo* blend from Shokay. It's soooo soft. From Mountain Colors we have *River Twist* and *Silk'n Ewe*. *Little Lehigh* an acrylic/cotton blend in DK weight has been added to our "baby yarn" selection. We have *Solstice* and *Allegro* from the Verde Collection produced by Classic Elite.

If you're into Needle felting our baskets are overflowing with new roving right now.

Free Pattern for April 2009 – The "Amaizing" Mitered Corn Baby Bib

This is a great way to try out this wonderfully soft washable/dryable yarn made entirely from corn. It can be knit at 22 or 20 stitches to 4".

Materials: 1 Ball Amaizing, size 8, 24" circular needles, coiless pins or split ring stitch markers.

CO 147 stitches marking the 56th stitch in from each end.

Row – 1 (rs) k to 1 st before m, sl 2 sts together as if to knit, k 1, pass the 2 sl sts over the knit st. (Double decrease made) repeat once more and k to end. You will be decreasing all rs rows in this manner throughout.

Row – 2 (ws) k

Row – 3 (rs) buttonhole row, k 3, yo, k2tog, k5, yo, k2tog, knit to the end as established in row 1.

Row – 4 (ws) k

Row – 5 (rs) bo 20 sts, k to end as established in row 1.

Row – 6 (ws) bo 20 sts, k to the end.

Row – 7 (rs) k.

Row – 8 (ws) p.

Row – 9 (rs) k
Row – 10 (ws) p.
Row – 11 (rs) k.
Row – 12 (ws) p.
Row – 13 (rs) k.
Row – 14 (ws) k

Repeat rows 7 – 14 2 times more.

Last 3 rows – 1- (rs) k, 2-(ws) p, 3- (rs) k.

Next row bind off all stitches and fold bo sts in half and sew together using tail. Weave in ends and sew button on right side strap. You will have 2 button holes to adjust size.

K=knit, p=purl, sl=slip stitch, co=cast on, yo= yarn over, k2tog=knit 2 stitches together, bo=bind off, m=marker, rs=right side row, ws=wrong side row.

Here's a reprint of a pattern from the past. Yes there's still time to make a one of these "quick knit" projects.

Friendly Felted Easter Basket

Materials:

Cascade 220 one skein each: Color A-turquoise, Color B-pink,
Color C-yellow, Color D lavender
16" circular size 15
Stitch marker

With color A CO 20 sts, k 21 rows in garter st.

At end of last row place st marker on right hand needle (the needle with the 20 sts) with this needle PU and

knit 10 sts along the side of garter st ridges, then PU and K 20 sts down the long end of bottom, then 10 sts

up other side of garter st ridge. You should have 60 sts, knit the last 20 sts till your marker.

Rounds 1-4; Knit with color A

Switch to color B and K rounds 5-8. Then switch to color C and knit rounds 8-11.

Switch to color D and knit rounds 12-19,

Round 20; K 25, YO, K 30, YO, K 5. Knit 2 more rounds in color D and BO.

For handle; cut 8 strands each color 18" long braid them together then pull each end through YO and knot.

Felting instructions:

Put basket in pillow case set water level to lowest setting and washer to highest agitation. Wash in hot water for 20 minutes with a small amount of wool wash or detergent. Do not allow to go through rinse and spin cycles. Rinse by hand if using detergent. Squeeze out excess water and make sure to shape your basket, as it will keep this shape when dry.

We wish you all a Happy Easter

Babetta, Maya, Gustine and our families