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Mid-summer greetings Fiber Friends,

Hope you're all finding cool places to hang out with your yarn. We've got lots of cold drinks including our latest addition "cold brew" coffee for you when you come to shop our hang out. I've been taking advantage of the warm temps to dry my hand at dyeing yarn. Our little yarn adventure is called Shades of Fair Oaks and we'll be expanding the line over time. Here are some pics of Unicorn Cake a fingering weight gradient and our personalized canvas project bags. The American River Parkway is our inspiration for colors and textures.



*Shades of
Fair Oaks
By Babetta*



What's new? Things from Berroco



Skye



Pixels



New Fall Books



Mini Twist sets



10 colors of Alegria

July 2018

Color of the month



Bio Shetland Organic

More colors of Medina, Millifiori Light, Modern Cotton & Modern Cotton DK
New colors of Cascade Heritage
Plymouth Nettle and Fantasy Naturale have new colors too

We're very excited to have **Peter Franzi** as a guest teacher on August 25. He'll be teaching an all day crochet workshop on

Top Down Crocheted Sweaters.

Sign-ups now open! See below for time and Bio.

Class size limited. \$80 registration includes lunch & snacks plus a coupon for 10% off a purchase. Here's the link to his Ravelry page.

**From Top to Bottom
Top/Down Crocheted Sweater
Construction in the Round
August 25, 10am-5pm**



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Instructor: Peter Franzi

Peter Franzi is a nationally recognized and award-winning designer whose work has been featured in Interweave Crochet, Crochet! and Crochet Today magazines as well as in the collection, Son of Stitch 'n Bitch - 45 Projects to Knit and Crochet for Men and on the Kraemer Yarns website. He is an accomplished crochet instructor, having spent 10+ years in the classroom.

As many of you already know one of our favorite yarn companies is closing down operations this summer.

Classic Elite Yarn has always had a strong representation on our shelves but will no longer be available for reorder. Well that being said it's time for us to wind down our supply. We are starting out offering a 10% discount off all CEY yarns and patterns. We have 25 different yarns and sweater quantities in many of them. Shop early for the best selection of colors and quantities. The discount level will increase as our supply diminishes. Look for the red tags throughout the shop.



Classes for August 2018 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.

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.

Our project class knitting teachers Maya & Gustine have been teaching at Babetta's for 12 years and can help you make your fiber dreams come true in a fun and patient atmosphere.

Tuesdays Aug. 7, 14 & 21

Knitting Project 10am – 11:30am fee \$50

Knitting Project 6pm – 7:30pm fee \$50

Wednesdays Aug. 8, 15 & 22

Knitting Project 1pm – 2:30pm fee \$50

Knitting Project 3:30pm- 5pm fee \$50

Thursday Aug. 9, 16 & 23

Knitting Project 10am – 11:30am \$50

Knitting Project 6pm – :30pm fee \$50

Saturdays Aug. 11, 18 & 25

Knitting Project 4pm – 5:30pm fee \$50.

Private Lessons

Knitting or Crochet \$20 an hour

Group Knitting or Crochet Private lessons
\$15 an hour per person.

Spinning or weaving \$25 an hour

Group rates are \$20 an hour per person.

50% deposit required when scheduling.
Cancellations with less than 24 hour notice will forfeit deposit with exceptions for emergencies. Other cancellations can be transferred to rescheduled lessons or store credit.

Charity Knitting Group

How would you like to do some charity knitting/crocheting with a lovely group of people? *“The Purls of Fair Oaks”* meets the second Thursday every month from 10am to noon here at *Babetta’s*. This wonderful group of knitters makes newborn hats for local hospitals as well as other local charity groups. If you’d like to come join the group there’s always room for more. This month’s date is Aug. 9. If you’d like to drop off any knitted or crocheted donation items you can do that at any time and I will pass them on.

Alice’s Embrace has really grown since its inception. Read about this wonderful organization and how you can join in making gifts for those suffering with Alzheimer’s. <http://www.alicesembrace.com/> You can drop off your donations at Babetta’s. We now have an Alice’s Embrace Binder so you can pick out a pattern for your donation and we’ll make a copy for you. Enjoy pictures of folks receiving your donations on the facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/AlicesEmbrace/>

Here are a couple of our most popular free patterns for you to try.
You can see samples of both these designs in the shop on your next visit

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 Tatamy DK from Kraemer Yarns which is made in the USA, 1 ball of contrast dk for optional edging, size 10½ 24” circular 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 Tatamy

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

Crochet picot edge with contrast 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.

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, Tahki Cotton Classic, Plymouth Dreambaby DK, or Nako Calico.

Garden Lattice Beret by Maya

Materials: 1 skein Manos Silk/Merino Blend, or 1 ball Sandpiper, or 2 balls Cotton Lustre stitch markers, size 4 -16” circular, size 10 dpns and 16” circular. **Sizes** 20”(22”)

Gauge 5 st=1” on smaller needle in ribbing.

Stitch Dictionary

K=knit, p=purl, k2tog=knit 2 stitches together, pm=place marker, rt=right twist (knit 2 stitches together leaving them on the left needle, knit the first stitch again, then slip both stitches off), yo=yarnover

With size 4 needle CO 100(112) sts, pm, join in the round being careful not to twist.

Round 1 – 3: (k2, p2) around

Round 4: (rt, p2) around

Repeat last 4 rounds twice more, then rounds 1-3 once more.

Change to size 10 needles

Round 1: yo, k2tog around

Round 2: knit

Repeat last 2 rounds until hat measures 5”(6”) from cast on edge

Decrease round 1:*(yo,k2tog) 4 times, k2tog*,repeat from * to*to end of round. Larger sizes will have 1 more yo, k2tog.

Decrease round 2 and all even rounds-knit

Decrease round 3:*(yo,k2tog) 3 times,yo, k3tog*repeat around

Decrease round 5: *(yo,k2tog) 3 times, k2tog*repeat around

Decrease round 7: *(yo,k2tog) 2 times, yo, k3tog* repeat around

Decrease round 9:*(yo,k2tog), 2 times, k2tog*repeat around

Decrease round 11:*yo, k2tog, yo, k3tog*repeat around

Decrease round 13:*yo, (k2tog) 2 times*repeat around

Decrease round 15:*yo, k3tog * repeat around

Decrease round 17:k2tog around

cut yarn leaving 6” tail, draw through remaining stitches and weave in ends.

This hat is on display at the shop.