



# Babetta's Yarn and Gifts

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**We Will Be Closed on May 19 & 20**

## Happy at long last Spring Fiber Friends,

I can't believe it's May already! Spring has finally arrived and just in time. I noticed that the unceasing dripping of the clouds was really starting to wear down some spirits out there. The trees and flowers look very happy though, which will in turn cheer us all up.

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT** - We've made a major decision over here. After working everyday since we opened I've decided to use a school field trip for an excuse to take a weekend off for a 3-day family getaway to Marine World and the Monterey Bay Aquarium. "Babetta's Yarn and Gifts" will be **closed on May 19 and 20**. In a family business all the members of that family sacrifice for the good of the shop and I really owe my children some attention and FUN TIME. I apologize in advance for any inconvenience this will cause any of you.

We'll be all refreshed for a **"Special Fiber Friends only Memorial Weekend Sale!"**

**Come by and use your special coupon for 10% off your entire purchase and receive a free project bag with every purchase of \$50 or more. Find your one time only coupon on the second page of this newsletter or print it from your very own online copy!**

Now that it's starting to warm up, come in and check out our new lighter summer fibers and patterns to go with them. We've got a beautiful new line of silk blend sock yarn from Regia for those sock project lovers out there. We're also expecting a new shipment of Nature's Palette fingering weight from Handjive Knits with those beautiful greens Darlene creates from springtime flowers.

We're looking forward to a summer filled with exciting workshops and classes to help inspire those of you like my daughter and myself who have come to rely on our handwork for the pleasure and relaxation it brings us all year long. This month on May 13 we're offering a Tunisian Crochet workshop featuring patterns and techniques from Stitch Diva Studios and in June we'll be doing Hairpin Lace inspired by Stitch Diva designs also. Have you ever heard of KUMIHIMO? It is an ancient Japanese art of braid making whose lovely rhythm and peacefulness can create truly original handles to go with your unique felted purses or necklaces for the jewelry maker lurking inside you. Come in and check out the kits. We'll be offering workshops with Karen DeSousa the creator of "KUMIHIMO TO GO" in the near future.

What does knitting, crocheting, spinning or weaving do for you? I thought some of you might like to share your feelings about what handwork does for you with others? This month our website will begin to feature a new page where you can find quotes from those of you who would like to share your feelings and revelations for others to read. You can e-mail us at [info@babettasyarnandgifts.com](mailto:info@babettasyarnandgifts.com), mail a letter or give me a call. I find that when I am sitting focused on my handwork I center myself. Though I love having the shop the activities of the day can sometimes leave me a little scattered as my energies go in so many different directions. The addiction I have for fiber art is directly linked to the reordering of that self and the happiness that is generated by creating with my hands.

## Classes in May 2006 at Babetta's

**Learn to Knit: Thursday May 11, 18, & 25**

**6pm – 7:30pm cost \$40**

**Learn to Crochet: Wednesdays May 10, 17, & 24**

**5:30 – 7pm cost \$40**

**Advanced Beginning Knitting Sat. May 6, 13, & 27**

**2pm – 3:30pm cost \$40**

**Advanced Beginning Knitting Wed. May 10, 17, & 24**

**11am – 12:30pm cost \$40**

**Intermediate Knitting Project Sat. May 6, 13, & 27**

**4pm – 5:30pm cost \$40**

**Intermediate Knitting Project Tuesdays May 9, 16, & 23**

**6pm – 7:30pm cost \$40**

**Intermediate Knitting Project Wed. May 10, 16, & 23**

**1pm – 2:30pm cost \$40**

## Knitting Tip of the Month

**If you find that beautiful pair of socks you just finished stretches out too much when you wear them to work to show them off for the first time, it just means your gauge is too loose. Go down a needle size or two on the next pair and keep those to loaf around the house in.**

**Only one knitting group this month on May 6.**

**Workshop: Tunisian Crochet May 13  
10am – 1pm \$45 includes kit**



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purchase deal including a  
free project bag with every  
purchase of \$50 or more.  
Coupon good for -  
May 26, 27 & 29, 2006 only**

The free pattern feature will return next month. In the mean time here’s a popular stitch suggestion for an interesting scarf, shawl, or beach wrap that will give you an open “drapy” fabric. On an even number of stitches – knit the first and last stitch of every row, yarn over purl 2 tog (YO p2tog) all the way across every row. 2 rectangles in this stitch can be sewn together to make a great summer poncho using Southwest Trading Co. Bamboo or Soysilk Yarn.

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