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We will be closed on July 4th

Happy Summer Solstice Fiber Friends,

I hope the long hours of summer sun find you well and staying in cool places. We're keeping it cool here in the shop where a fan has replaced the ambiance of our little fireplace. Our classes have been full and fun and we've got lots of interesting workshops going on all summer. In August we'll be doing a dyeing workshop as well as one on finishing techniques. Do you have any UFOs (unfinished objects) waiting to be sewn together?

Thank you to those of you who have been sharing the most wonderful stories about visits with family and friends across the country. People are coming together everywhere to sit and knit or crochet as they catch up on each other's lives and talk about life's loves and challenges.

We've got some exciting new products in and more on the way. Come in and check out our new selection of fibers to dye and Gaywool Dyes to go with them. Our new line of lace weight from Jade Sapphire is a beautiful soft washable lambs wool in 12 colors. Dark Horse Yarn Co. has also been added to our selection. We've got the entire palette of “Fantasy” a soft nylon/acrylic worsted perfect for afghans and children's garments. Coming in July -“Knit Lites” from clover and Lantern Moon circulars and new basket designs.

Don't forget to take advantage of our “SUMMER OF SALES”

Each week until the end of August Babetta's will feature a different line of yarn or products for 20% off. Call or check our website every Monday to find out what's on sale. Hopefully this can help out those of you in need of a traveling project for your summer vacation or if you're getting started on your Holiday projects.

KNITTING EVENT COMING UP! 1st Annual Stitch n'Pitch Night July 13 @7:05pm Presented by the Sacramento River Cats. We've got order forms or contact Christi Lorensen at clorenson@rivercats.com

Classes for July 2006

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 creations. Sign up for one of our classes and you will receive a coupon for 10% off your next purchase.

Tuesdays

Intermediate Knitting Project July 11, 18, & 25
6pm – 7:30pm cost \$40

Wednesdays

Learn to make Socks July 5, 12, & 19
11am – 12:30pm cost \$40

Intermediate Knitting Project July 5, 12, & 19
1pm – 2:30pm cost \$40

Learn to Crochet July 5, 12, & 19
5:30pm – 7pm cost \$40

Thursdays

Learn to Knit July 6, 13, & 20
6pm – 7:30 cost \$40

Saturdays

Intermediate Knitting Project July 8, 15, & 22
4pm – 5:30pm cost \$40

Come join our Knitting group on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 10am – 2pm

Back by popular demand- Drop in Knit and Crochet Clinic Tuesdays from 3pm – 6pm Fee \$10 an hour

Knitting Tip of the Month

When trying out felting remember that success depends on several different factors happening all at once. The object should be loosely knit and at least 50% wool (not superwash or irrestringible), washer settings need to be hot, high agitation and low water level. Add a very small amount of woolwash or detergent. If you place your piece in a pillowcase or laundry bag you'll get a smoother finish. Each machine and piece are a little different so I recommend checking every few minutes after about the first 5. Some machines take 1 or 2 times through. Try adding a pair of jeans to the mix.

Free Pattern for July Topdown Raglan Shrug

For sizes small(medium, large)

Materials-about 160,(210,260) yards worsted weight yarn (I used Twize 100% Bamboo from Southwest Trading Co.) 2 bales for the small and medium sizes and 3 for the large. Size 7, 16" circular, size 7 double points or size needed to obtain gauge, 2 stitch holders and stitch markers.

Gauge – 20 sts per 4"

Stitch Glossary K-knit, P-purl, pm-place marker, inc-inc, st-stitch, sl-slip, BO-bind off, PU-pick up
CO 56(66,70) on 16" circular needle.

Row 1 - P 16(14,15)sts for right sleeve pm, P 24(38,40) sts for back pm, P 16(14,15)sts for left sleeve.

Row 2-sl 1, inc into next st., K to within 1 st of marker inc into next st, sl marker, inc into next st, K to within one st of next marker inc into next st, sl marker, inc into next st, K to last 2 sts, inc into next st,K last st.

Row 3- sl first st, purl across.

Repeat rows 2 and 3, ending with working a P row, until piece measures 6"(8",10") from cast on edge.

Next row-K across left sleeve sts, place on holder, K across back sts, place on separate holder, then with double pointed needles K across right sleeve sts dividing them evenly onto 3 needles, do not turn, pm marker and join in round. Work in K1 P1 rib for 1" , BO very loosely.

Left sleeve- with RS facing reattach yarn and with double pointed needles K across left sleeve sts, do not turn, pm join in round. Work K1 P1 rib for 1" BO very loosely.

Finishing- with RS facing reattach yarn at top left side of left sleeve, PU and K all sl sts along left front, K across back sts from holder, PU and K all sl sts up right front, PU and K 56,(66,70)sts across the top, do not turn, pm and join in round. Work K1 P1 rib for 1" BO very loosely. Weave in ends to finish.

WORKSHOPS for July

Learning Kumihimo was great fun. Karen DeSousa is an awesome instructor with lots of background in her craft. She made learning this ancient art enjoyable and now I'm hooked on another technique. We'll be offering another workshop this month. Pre-registration is required for all workshops.

Tunisian Crochet Workshop July 8 11am-2pm Cost \$40 includes materials

Cable Needle Freedom July 15 2pm-4pm Cost \$30 includes materials

Kumihimo to Go July 22 10am – 1pm Cost \$40 Materials \$39.95

Learn Enterlac July 22 2pm-4pm Cost \$30 includes materials

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