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Summer Salutations Fiber Friends,

Well it's officially *HOT!* Our lovely Sacramento Valley summer weather doesn't seem to be hampering handwork production. Whether you knit for distraction, therapy, relaxation, or pleasure there's no denying it is good for the soul. Many thanks to those of you who have come by to visit and show off your finished projects. We love seeing the amazing things you've been creating. This month we're going to get the customer project page on our website refreshed and current so everyone else can see your beautiful work too.

Some of you might have noticed that I've been more distracted than usual lately and that's because I finally made the leap to the 21st century and purchased a Point of Sale (POS) system to help keep track of our ever-growing inventory. It's going to take weeks to enter everything into the system but since we've grown beyond the limits of my immediate memory being able to keep track of what is in stock and what is not, I decided it was time. Being computerized also gives us the ability to keep a record of your purchases if your having trouble keeping track of your "Babetta's" card.

NEW ARRIVALS- "Fall and Winter" yarns and patterns are going to start showing up this month. I'll keep the new arrivals posted on the website as they come in. We've already gotten in some beautiful new Schaefer and Cherry Tree Hill sock yarns in as well as a shipment of Mountain colors with 2 new colorways added to our palette. Have you been waiting for *Lantern Moon Destiny Circulars*? Babetta's has some in stock and they truly are wonderful needles. We also received many unique new knitting baskets and bags from Lantern Moon.

We had a surprise visit from the lovely Nancy Wiseman when she was in town visiting friends and relatives. She offered to autograph any of her books I might have in stock and possibly teach a class or workshop here. I told her that would be wonderful and I'll be working on seeing what I can setup. My plan for the future is to entice guest instructors into the shop to make things a little more exciting around here.

You still have one more month to take advantage of our "Summer of Sales" to help you with your project ideas and supplies. We're offering 20% off a different line of yarn or products each week until the end of August.

Classes for August 2006

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

Tuesdays August 8, 15, & 22

Intermediate Project 6pm – 7:30pm \$40

Drop-in Knitting and Crochet Clinic 3pm-6pm \$10 an hour

Thursdays August 10, 17, & 24

Learn to Knit 6pm – 7:30pm \$40

Wednesdays August 9, 16, & 23

Magic Loop Socks 11am – 12:30pm \$40

Intermediate Project 1pm – 2:30pm \$40

Crochet Project 5:30pm – 7pm \$40

Saturdays August 12, 19, & 26

Felted Moebius Basket 2pm – 3:30pm \$40

Intermediate Project 4pm – 5:30pm \$40

Workshops

Needle Felting August 12 from 11am - 1pm \$30 kit included

Learn to Dye Yarn August 26 from 10am – 1pm \$40 materials included

Finishing Workshop August 29 6pm – 8pm \$20 Bring your UFO's

Knitting and Crochet Group Saturdays – Come sit and chat with other Fiber Friends 10am – 2pm August 5 and 19

Gustine is making a return to teaching private spinning and weaving this month and will be doing advanced knitting project knit-a-longs in the fall. Her little boy Addison is growing like a weed and gets cuter everyday.

Free Pattern for August 2006 Basket Weave Baby Blanket in 2 Sizes

Sizes: 29" by 29" (37" by 39")

Materials: 4 balls (7 balls) *Fantasy 205yds* by DARK HORSE or any worsted, size 8 - 24" (36") circulars

Gauge: 5sts per inch Don't stress out about your gauge with this project. Blankets just need to cover not fit.

Cast on 145 (185)

Rows 1-7 knit - both sizes

Section 1 - Row 8, 10, 12, 14 – k 5, * p 5, k 5* Repeat from*to* across to end.

Row 9, 11, 13 – k 5, *k 5, p 5* Repeat from*to* across and k last 10 stitches.

Section 2 - Rows 15, 17, 19, 21 work as row 8

Rows 16, 18, 20 work as row 9

Repeat Section 1 - 13(17) times and Repeat Section 2 – 12 (16)

You will have 27(37) rows of block

Knit 6 rows and BO

If you're interested in donating blankets to Project Linus or Blocks to Warm Up America we have information about both these organizations at *Babetta's*.

Knitting Tip of the Month

If you find yourself in the unavoidable position of needing to rip out something you've knitted with mohair, an hour in the freezer tames the stickiness and eases the process makes correcting a mistake a little less painful. Freezing also cuts down on the nose tickling fussies.

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