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Greetings Wonderful Fiber Friends,

Summer's winding down and I'd like to thank all of you for making it such a successful one. When I unlock the door in the morning and say “Good Morning Store”, I can feel the wonderful creative energy emanating from all that color and texture as I watch the skeins leave like children going out into the world in your capable hands and returning all grown up into beautiful 3D objects. As our circle of friends expands into the fiber universe its amazing to see the serendipitous meetings and new acquaintances that take place within these walls. I love spending my days here with all of you.

September seems to be a month of grounding as school schedules return and the freedom we associate with summer wanes. For me it is looking ahead to the colder days of winter and trying to make sure that I have the things you need to fulfill your fiber dreams and needs. Look for a new line of notions and accessories from Nancy's Knit Knacks. We've got lots of Christmas Stocking patterns including some new ones from our friend Barbara Allen. Have you seen the new felted purse designs from The Cultured Purl? We've got them. Some of the Fall/Winter lines have already arrived and the rest will be coming this month.

Have you heard the news? Nancie Wiseman is coming to Babetta's on Oct. 27, 28, & 29, 2006

Friday evening Oct. 27th from 7-8pm Meet Nancie She'll be available to autograph her books and chat.

Workshops with Nancie Wiseman Details Online and at our Counter

Saturday Oct. 28 10am – 1pm Knitting with Wire Sunday Oct 29 10 am – 1pm Color Work in Short Rows
2:30pm – 5:30pm Crochet with Wire and Beads 2:30pm – 5:30pm Intarsia Basics

Classes for Sept. 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 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.

Tuesdays Sept. 5, 12, & 19

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

Wednesdays Sept. 6, 13, & 20

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

Crochet all levels 5:30pm - 7pm \$40

Thursdays Sept. 7, 14, & 21

Learn to Knit 6pm – 7:30pm \$40

Saturdays Sept. 9, 16, & 23

Learn to Knit 2pm – 3:30pm \$40

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

Come sit and chat with other Fiber Friends 10am – 2pm Sept. 2 & 23

Crochet tip of the month

Many of you crochet but are intimidated about using a pattern. I usually read through the pattern first to get an overview but often you have to just trust the pattern and go 1 step at a time before you begin to see where it's going. Counting can be tedious but it's very important in crochet. When dealing with (), [], & ** remember that the directions on the outside of the symbols apply to everything inside them. Sometimes when things aren't making any sense having a friend read the directions to you can somehow bring clarity.

Free Pattern for Sept. 2006 Crocheted or Knitted Diagonal Washcloths

Here's a great little project idea for you. They make wonderful gifts too. Handmade face or dishcloths made with cotton or linen have a unique feel and durable quality you can't buy. Here are 2 versions that have been around for a long time. Thank you Jo for the suggestion. These small squares are an excellent way to expand your stitch repertoire (cables, moss stitch, double crochets, shells) on a less intimidating scale.

Crochet Version

**150yds worsted cotton or linen
size G hook**

Chain 2, 2 sc in second ch from hook,
Turn, *ch 1, work 2 sc in first st, sc across
To last st and work 2 sc in that st, ch1 & turn*
continue increasing in this manner until you
have 60 st and start decreasing. *ch 1, turn, skip
first sc and work sc across, skip the second to the
last st, sc, ch1, turn.* repeat from *to* until you
have 2 st, ch1 and work a round of sc around
entire edge working 3sc in each corner stitch.
This is where you can get creative and do different
edges like picot or shells.

Knit Version

**1 50gr ball worsted cotton or linen yarn
size 8 needles**

cast on 4 sts
k3, yo, k to end of row repeat between * until you
have 45 sts. *k2, k2 tog, yo, k to the end of row*
repeat between * until you have 4 sts, bo. Weave
in ends and block.
If you end up with leftovers in different colors
you can use them to add some cool stripes.

**It's time for a summer sale!
"Labor Day Sale-One Day Only"
Save 15% off selected summer yarns.**

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