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Greetings Fiber Friends,

I can't believe it's been only a year since we moved into our bigger better space. It seems like we've always been here. Perhaps the reason for that is that Maya and I have been driven by a vision of what we wanted our shop to be and now we are about to implement another element of our original dream. **Coming in July 2008 – "Babetta's Yarn Café"!** We'll be serving a full range of refreshing coffee and tea beverages as well as smoothies, juice and baked goods. Moschetti's delicious organic fair trade coffee will be served and we will be using all recyclable containers. Of course we will be expanding our hours of operation and be open 7 days a week. I'll keep you posted as I jump through the series of hoops before me (permits, construction, inspections). We don't have a specific date yet but I can tell you it will be as soon as possible. You will be notified by e-mail just as soon as we have anything definite to tell you.

The summer solstice is just around the corner and you know what that means, it's time to start those Christmas projects. Socks, fingerless gloves, felted slippers and hats still seem to be the favorites. Of course some of you are doing Afghans for lucky loved ones so don't forget about the option of working on squares throughout the summer to assemble when the weather cools again.

If you're looking for a small project to take on vacation how about trying some organic cotton facecloths, some cotton/bamboo socks, or a hand painted linen lace shawl. We've got all the supplies you need to bring your sanity along when you're traveling.

JUST IN... Knit So Fine, Inspired to Knit, and Double Stitch from Interweave Press. We've got the first shipment of **Tofutsies** from South West Trading Co. for the 2008 SOCK CLUB along with the free pattern Bandstand that goes with it. You can see more of SWTC's free patterns at www.soysilk.com. These patterns are available with the purchase of the yarns here at Babetta's so if you see a project you'd like to start come on in and we'll set you up. Look for new yarns **Therapi** (jadeite fiber/silk/fine wool) in August and **Saphira** (super wash chunky single ply wool) in September.

We've got a new shipment of Hand Painted Silk Hankies and Roving from Nancy Finn's **CHASING RAINBOWS**. If you like Crystal Palace **Panda Silk** a big box full came on the Big Brown Truck June 13th along with some **Cotton Chenille** in cute spot colors for those soft natural fiber baby blankets, washcloths and sweaters. For free patterns in these yarns and many others check out www.straw.com/cpy/.

We should be receiving **Blue Heron Petite Silk Natural** in 8 hand painted colors in 2 weeks. Coming in August from Brown Sheep – **Lana Loft** in 29 colors and **Lamb's Pride New Sport** (it's super wash) in 31 colors. **Cotton Fleece** will be arriving the first week of September. Misti Alpaca Sock and Lace will be making an appearance at Babetta's in August and Hand Paint Chunky is coming in September.

Sheep Shop Yarn Company Sheep 3 silk/wool will be arriving in the middle of July and **Sheep 2 Chunky Wool** will be shipping in September. **Skacel's Limbo, Alpaca Silk, Cornwall** and **Rondo** will be September arrivals as well. We have about 200 Lisa Knits Patterns on the way.

"Moving Anniversary Celebration at Babetta's Yarn & Gifts on July 5th 2008"

On July 5, 2007 we opened in our new Bigger/Better space. It's time for a party! To show our appreciation for your loyalty and support we'd like to invite you to our shop for Refreshments, Give-a ways and a 10% discount to anyone redeeming a filled "Babetta's" card from 10am-6pm on July 5, 2008.

Thank you Fiber Friends for being a part of our vision of a place to come to feel comfortable at any level of your art and to do our best to offer what you need to make your fiber dreams come true. Babetta and Maya

Classes for July 2008 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 your next purchase. If our class times aren't convenient we also offer private lessons in Knitting, Crochet, Spinning and Weaving by appointment.

***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.**

Tuesdays July 8, 15 & 22

Knitting Project 6pm – 7:30pm fee \$40

Wednesdays July 9, 16 & 23

Knitting Project 1pm – 2:30pm fee \$40

Knitting Project 3:00pm- 4:30pm fee \$40

Crochet 5:30pm – 7pm fee \$40

Thursday July 10, 17 & 24

Knitting Project 6pm – 7:30pm fee \$40

Saturdays July 12, 19 & 26

Undulating Waves Beaded Scarf 2pm – 3:30pm fee \$40

Knitting Project 4pm – 5:30pm fee \$40

**Private Lessons Knitting or Crochet \$15
an hour and Group Knitting or Crochet
Private lessons \$10 an hour per person.
Spinning or weaving \$20 an hour and
group rates are \$15 an hour per person.**

Meeting date for the Great American Aran Afghan Knit-a-Long July 21 1pm-3pm or 6pm-8pm

**Come sit and knit with our knitting group on the 1st & 3rd Sat. every month.
June dates are June 7 & 21. Next month's dates July 5 & 19 from 10am to 2pm**

Join the Fair Oaks Madhatters Knitting Group Meeting Date at Babetta's

The second Thursday of every month from 10am – 12 next meeting July 10

Free Ribbed Newborn Hat Pattern for Madhatters

If you can't make our meeting time but would like to donate hats to the Madhatters Organization here's a pattern you can use.

1 50 gr ball DK Yarn, size 6 DPNs, 1 marker

Cast on 68 stitches, place marker and join in the round being careful not to twist your stitches.

Work in knit 1, purl 1 rib for 6" slipping your marker at the end of each round.

Begin decrease at the beginning of a round – knit 2, purl 2 together around, slip marker, knit 2, purl 1 around, slip marker, knit 2 together, purl 1 around, slip marker, knit 1, purl 1 around, slip marker, knit 2 together around and break yarn leaving a tail of several inches to thread through a yarn needle and draw through all remaining stitches. Pull tight and weave in at least 3" of tail.

Free Pattern for June 2008 - Crocheted Hexagonal Washcloth

Materials: 50 gr worsted weight cotton, linen or hemp, size G crochet hook

Stitch Glossary: ch = chain, dc = double crochet, sl st = slip stitch

To begin ch 4, sl st into first ch to form a ring

Round 1 – ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), work 17 dc into ring, sl st into top of ch 3. 18 dc.

Round 2 – ch 3, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc, ch 1, * dc in next dc 2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc, ch 1, repeat from * around and join with sl st into top of ch 3. 24 dc & 6 ch-1 spaces.

Round 3 – ch 3, 2 dc in next 2 dc, dc in next dc, ch 2, * dc in next dc, 2 dc in next 2 dc, dc in next dc, ch 2, repeat from * around, join with sl st in top of ch 3. 36 dc & 6 ch-2 spaces.

Round 4 – ch 3, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc, ch 2, * dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc, ch 2, repeat from * around. 48 dc & 6 ch-2 spaces.

Round 5 - ch 3, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc, ch 2, * dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc, ch 2, repeat from * around and join with sl st into top of ch 3. 60 dc & 6 ch-2 spaces.

Continue to increase 2 st in each of the 6 sections in this manner until the 10th round. Last round – sl st in every dc, 3 sl st in every ch-2 space around. You can make a 2" ch at the end and sl st it into it's base to form a loop for hanging.

As many of you know there was a fire at the Malabrigo Mill at the end of May. Our order was supposed to be dyed this month so the shipment of this much-desired yarn has been delayed again. They hope to up and running soon. Our positive thoughts are with them as they struggle through this set back. Hopefully the world's love of their product will help keep them positive as they overcome the challenge of rebuilding.

Once again I'd like to thank all of you for your support as we all face the test of this interesting economy. Yarn prices are going up across the planet and I will do everything I can to avoid price increases as long as I can. Look for more high quality yarns to find there way to our 30% off discount shelf as we make room for the newest fibers that will be arriving over the next few months.

And thank you for all the kind thoughts and words of encouragement for our personal life and the care of Ken and his rehabilitation.

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