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We are now open 7 Days a week at 8am!

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Spring Greetings Fiber Friends,

Hope you're all enjoying this beautiful weather. The colors and textures that emerge in the new growth of this season are so inspiring to me. Oh no! I'm about to start another project.

We're still receiving great new yarns and books. Have you checked out **THE KNIT KIT** the "Swiss army knife" for knitters? We've got the latest titles from Interweave Press – [Japanese Inspired Knits & Color Work Stitches](#). If you haven't seen Lorna Miser's [Faith, Hope, Love, Knitting](#) you've got to come check out this inspiring book filled with wonderful projects. I've got more copies of [Sock Innovation, Socks from the Toe Up, & Socks a la Carte](#) on the way.

Babetta's now has **Creamy** (80% milk/20% cotton), **Corntastic** (100% corn) and **HOPE** (100% organic cotton) from *Kollage* yarns along with a binder full of patterns. *Eco Butterfly* is a new fair trade company for us. We have their organic cotton roving and some beautiful organic cotton yarns grown in color and also some natural dyed soft chunky cotton. *Classic Elite* has a new chunky organic cotton called **Sprout** – we've got 12 colors of this lovely yarn and a free baby blanket pattern that only takes 5 hanks.

It's a perfect time to start summer garments. Tanks and Tees take less time and yarn than those winter sweaters. We've got a huge selection of cooler fibers and the patterns to go with.

We're having a SALE on May 9th & 10th so you can save even more on our already low prices. Details can be found below.

Tunisian Crochet Workshop with Jennifer Tan

Sunday May 17th from 1pm – 4pm Fee \$50 Materials available at Babetta's. Basic crochet skills are helpful.



Jennifer is a retired elementary school principal and University Professor and lives right here in Fair Oaks with her family. Among her many talents and interests she is an avid crocheter and spinner. You can check out Jennifer's work at www.goshyarnit.com.

Jennifer will also be teaching freeform crochet on June 28th at Babetta's.

Free Dying Demo May 3rd from 10am to 12

Have you wanted to try dying yarn or silk fabric? Come see how EASY and FUN it can be. Kits will be available so you can try it out yourself at home.

Free Art Felt Demo May 3rd from 2pm to 4pm

Come by and get an intro to an easy wet felting technique. Learn to create scarves, hats, shawls etc. using ART FELT fiber and felting paper. No knitting or crochet skills needed. Products will be available so you can try it out yourself.

Classes for May 2009 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 May 5, 19 & 26

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

Wednesdays May 6, 20 & 27

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

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

Thursday May 7, 21 & 28

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

Saturdays May 9, 16 & 23

Crochet 11am – 12:30pm fee \$40

Knitting Project 2pm – 3:30pm fee \$40

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

***Come sit and knit with our knitting group on the 1st & 3rd Sat. every month from 10am – 2pm.**

Would you like to make newborn hats to donate to area Hospital Nurseries?

Join the Fair Oaks Madhatters Knitting Group at Babetta's

The second Thurs. of every month from 10am – 12pm upcoming date May 14.

You can drop off hats to donate if you can't make it to our meeting dates.

Mother's Day Sale May 9th & 10th

Rio de la Plata Yarns 20% off

Anny Blatt and Bouton d'or Yarns 15% off

Louet sock yarn dying kits 10% off

Look for selected book titles, knitting bags, and yarns that will be on display and discounted.

Remember sales are final on discounted items and no other discounts apply.

<p>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.</p>

Free pattern for May 2009

Anny Blatt drop stitch Scarf

Materials: 1 ball Anny Blatt Super Angora, 1 spool Anny Blatt Victoria Ribbon

Size 17 Knitting Needles and a Crochet Hook

Cut 22 - 15” pieces of both yarns stranded together for fringe.

Holding both yarns together Cast on 13 stitches.

Row 1- knit

Row 2 – knit 1, purl 1 to end of row.

Row 3 – knit

Row 4 – knit wrapping the yarn twice around the needle with each stitch. You will have 26 stitches and loops on your needle at the end of this row.

Row 5 – knit dropping the extra loop from each stitch as you knit. You should now have 13 stitches on your needle again.

Repeat rows 2 through 5 until you have about a yard of yarn left for binding off.

Attach fringe (11) per end by folding the strands in half and pulling the folded end through the stitch with the crochet hook. Pull the loose ends through the loop of the fold until tight. Repeat across until all fringes are attached. You can leave your cast on tail and bind off tail as part of the fringe.

Thanks to all of you for your loyalty and support. We wouldn't be here if not for you. We will always do our best to help you make your fiber dreams come true. After all the enjoyment of handwork makes us happy and that happiness spreads to those around us and thus elevates the mood of the whole world.

Babetta, Maya and Gustine