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We will be closed Sunday April 24 for Easter

Happy Spring Fiber Friends,

I think the clouds have parted for a time so we can start enjoying knitting and crocheting in the natural light as we move forward from the vernal equinox. Though I didn't get the timing quite right we will be starting a challenging knitting project to work on throughout the spring...



Spring KAL the "Equinox Yoke Pullover"

by Michele Rose Orne

Learn to knit Fairisle with Gustine Time 6:30-8pm

Class dates 4/5, 5/3, 5/17, 5/31, 6/14 & 7/5 Sign-up fee \$80

You will receive 10% off your materials and a free pattern. The first meeting will be to pick your main color and get started. We will be offering the 9 colors of the Fairisle work in kit form to help keep the cost of the project down. You will be using "Plymouth Select Merino Superwash" a beautiful smooth soft yarn with great stitch definition. Skill level-intermediate-Sign-ups can be done over the phone too.

We would like to thank all of you for voting us #1 on the KCRA A-List in 2010. It's been an amazing year and we hope to help you make your fiber dreams come true again in 2011. Here's the link if you'd like to vote for us this year.

<http://kcra.cityvoter.com/babetta-s-yarn-and-gifts/biz/28413>

Don't forget to bring your non-perishable food item on your next visit for our on-going food drive and enter to win a \$25 Babetta's Gift Certificate. All donations will be distributed at local food lockers.

[February Winner- Maureen](#)

[March Winner-Fay](#)



We had a great turnout for **Destination Art 2011**
Hope you all had lots of fun crafting around Sacramento.
Gretchen Cahill was the happy winner of our giant Gift Bag!
Congratulations Gretchen

Trunk Shows from Classic Elite

Classic Silk will be the featured yarn in our second Classic Elite Trunk Show from March 24 to April 3. We have the yarn and patterns in stock,



Soft Linen will be featured yarn in our third offering from April 23 to May 1. It's great to see the actual models from the pattern books.

April's feed your creativity KAL with Gustine

The "Terrific Tote" made with Corntastic a 100% corn yarn that is machine washable and dryable. Skill level advanced beginner to intermediate. Meeting dates 4/12 & 4/26 - Sign-up fee \$30 - Kits sold separately.



Needle Felting Workshop with Maya Saturday April 9th from 1pm-3pm

Learn basic needle felting techniques while making little chicks & bunnies. This fiber art is so fun and easy to learn. Anyone can do it. Sign-up fee including materials \$40

Classes for May 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 3, 10 & 17

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

Wednesdays May 4, 11 & 18

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

Knitting Project 3:30pm- 5pm fee \$40

Thursday May 5, 12 & 19

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

Saturdays May 7, 14 & 21

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.

Sit and Knit or Crochet Saturdays

You're invited to come and sit in our little living room and share your love of handwork with other Fiber Friends. We're open from 8am to 6pm on Sat. Come by anytime throughout the day.

If you'd like to do some charity knitting with a lovely group of people our own group "*The Purls of Fair Oaks*" meets the second Thursday of every month from 10am to noon here at Babetta's. This wonderful group of knitters started out knitting baby hats for local hospitals and has now decided to take on other charity knitting projects too. If you'd like to come join the group there's always room for more. This month's date is April 14. If you'd like to drop off any knitted or crocheted donation items you can do that at any time and I will pass them on.

Free patterns for April

Oh My! Chemo Cap

Materials: 2 balls Oh My! from Plymouth. I used 2 colors for mine. Size 10 DPNs, size 10 16" circulars, 1 stitch marker.

Gauge: 4 stitches per inch

Increase used in pattern=knit in the front & back of stitch.

Using 1 DPN cast on 3 st, K one row.

Increase in every st=6sts. Divide sts evenly on 3 DPNs, place marker, join in round, K one round.

Next round - increase in every st=12 sts.

Begin alternating a knit round with an increase round. All increase rounds will add 6 sts evenly in this manner - *k 1, increase 1* repeat around=18 sts, *k 2, increase 1* repeat around= 24 sts. When you have 72 sts knit evenly until hat measures 6.5" from top.

You can change colors at this point if you like. K 1 round, P 1 round, K 1 round, P 1 round, Work k 2, p 2 rib for 1". P 1 round, K 1 round, P 1 round, bind off loosely.

This hat can be embellished with flowers, ribbons or beads to your taste.

Friendly Felted Easter Basket

Materials:

Cascade 220 one skein each: Color A- turquoise,

Color B-pink,Color C-yellow, Color D lavender

16" circular size 15

Stitch marker

With color A CO 20 sts, k 21 rows in garter st.

At end of last row place st marker on right hand needle (the needle with the 20 sts) with this needle PU and knit 10 sts along the side of garter st ridges, then PU and K 20 sts down the long end of bottom, then 10 sts up other side of garter st ridge. You should have 60 sts, knit the last 20 sts till your marker. You will now be knitting in the round.

Rounds 1-4; Knit with color A

Switch to color B and K rounds 5-8. Then switch to color C and knit

rounds 8-11.

Switch to color D and knit rounds 12-19,

Round 20; K 25, YO, K 30, YO, K 5. Knit 2 more rounds in color D and BO.

For handle; cut 8 strands each color 18" long braid them together then pull each end through YO and knot.

Felting instructions:

Put basket in pillow case set water level to lowest setting and washer to highest agitation. Wash in hot water for 20 minutes with a small amount of wool wash or detergent. Do not allow to go through rinse and spin cycles. Rinse by hand if using detergent. Squeeze out excess water and make sure to shape your basket, as it will keep this shape when dry.

We wish you all a Happy Easter

Babetta, Maya, Gustine and our families