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

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We will be closed on November 26th for Thanksgiving.

Fall Greetings Fiber Friends,

The leaves are falling, the wind is blowing and our fingers are happily filled with fibers. Many of you myself included are working on handmade gifts. Its so satisfying to make gifts that are useful and beautiful with colors you love to look at and materials that feel soft and warm. It's about the whole experience. I notice that when someone in the room is knitting or crocheting the others are calmer as though the rhythm of one person's hands assigns a little order to the world. Do you think there's any hope for a "World Leader's" knitting group? Well on to shop news.

There are lots of free patterns this month so don't forget to scroll down.

Here's a list of some of the newest arrivals.

Crooked Fence Alpaca Yarn, Roving and Latch hook kits

From Plymouth Yarns -

Nazca Wind, Worsted Merino Superwash, Boucle Merino Superwash, Bear Hugs, Camel Hair and a new supply of Happy Feet, Fantasy Natural, Encore and Heaven.

We have **Crazy Zauberball** from Schoppel Wolle

Beaded Mohair and Mohair Splash from **ARTYARNS** with free patterns

Roving from **Kraemer Yarns**

Yarns from **The Fibre Company**

Coming in the next 2 weeks -

Raggi Christmas sock yarn from **Swedish Yarns**, Merisoft from **Punta Yarns**,

Blackstone Tweed from **Berroco**, **Universal Yarn** Tapestry and LP, **Classic Elite's** fall collection, and **FEZA** yarns festive Novelties just in time for those Holiday scarves and wraps and by the middle of November **Malabrigo** worsted.

Babetta's Food Drive

Bring a non-perishable food item you will be entered to win a Gifts Certificate for \$25. There's a new winner every month. Please no "ramen" type noodles or expired items.

Classes for Nov. & Dec. 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 Nov. 3, 10 & 17

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

Wednesdays Nov. 4, 11 & 18

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

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

Thursday Nov. 5, 12 & 19

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

Saturdays Nov. 7, 14 & 21

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

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

Tuesdays Dec. 1, 8 & 15

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

Wednesdays Dec. 2, 9 & 16

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

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

Thursday Dec. 3, 10 & 17

Knitting Project 6pm – 7:30pm 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.**

**Come join our Saturday Morning
Knitting Group! Meetings are the 1st &
3rd Sat. every month from 10am –
2pm. Knitters & Crocheters welcome.
Meet new people and share ideas.**

Saturdays Dec. 5, 12 & 19

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

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

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 Nov. 12 and Dec. 10. You can drop off hats to donate if you can't make it to our meeting dates.

Here are a few useful gift patterns that don't take a lot of time or yarn and are fun to crank out. These are reprints from previous Newsletters.

“Grammie’s Slippers”

Like many of you the Christmases of my childhood brought new slippers every year. Since they were usually made of acrylic, I would love them to a state of holiness before I grew out of them. The best part when you're a child is how slippery they are on a tile or wood floor. I would never suggest that any of you grown-ups go running half way up the hall and sliding the rest of the way. Here is a version that is similar to the ones I remember my Grammie making for me. She always knew my favorite colors.

- Materials:** 200 yds for the largest size or less for smaller feet of worsted yarn
Size 8 needles
Tapestry needle
- Sizes –** Baby, Child, Adult (sizes are adjusted by foot length). This pattern is easily adjusted because of its simple rectangular structure.
- Gauge –** 4.5 stitches per inch
- Cast on:** 21(31, 41)
Row 1 – knit 6(10,12), purl 1, knit 7 (9,15), purl 1, knit 6(10,12) .
Row 2 knit
Repeat rows 1 & 2 until piece measures inches from heel to beginning of ball of foot.

-Toe is worked in knit 1, purl 1 rib until entire piece measures foot length.

-Do not bind off.

-Cut varn leaving long enough tail to thread through a tapestry needle and draw

through all stitches at least twice and pull tight then fold slippers in half with right sides together and use remaining yarn to sew top of foot together and weave in ends.
- Heel is also stitched together with right sides together and remaining ends woven in.
-You can embellish with one or two pompoms and we carry a product from Regia called ABS Latex that you can apply to the bottoms if you're not into sliding through the kitchen or down the hall.

Quick and Easy Gift Slippers

Materials: 1 100gram skein of Saphira a chunky superwash merino from SWTC. Larger than Women's size 9 and you'll need some of another Skein. This amazing yarn sells for \$9.95.
You'll also need size 7 needles, size 10 ½ dpns, and a yarn needle for weaving in the ends.
Gauge: 3.5 st per inch on 10 ½ needles in st st.
Sizes: Child, women, men.

Heel: With size 7 needles co 32, (36, 40) sts. Knit back and forth for 3", (4", 4 ½"), after last row do not turn. Using dpns, join into the round by knitting 8, (9, 10) sts onto needle 1, k 16, (18, 20) sts onto needle 2, k 8, (9, 10) sts onto needle 3.

Toe: Knitting every round work even until slipper measures 2" shorter than desired length.
Begin decrease rounds:

Round 1: Needle 1 – k to 2 sts before end k2tog, needle 2 – ssk, k to 2 sts from end, k2tog, needle 3 – ssk, k to the end.

Round 2: knit

Repeat these 2 rounds until 8, (12, 16) sts remain. End by knitting sts from needle 1 onto needle 3, you should have 4, 6, or 8 sts on each needle. Work kitchener stitch to close toe or thread tail through remaining stitches and pull tight. To finish, fold co edge in half and seam for heel. You can find directions for the kitchener stitch in most sock patterns and on the wonderful World Wide Web.

Penelope's Baby Legs *designed by Gustine*

Materials: 1 50-gram Ball Frog Tree Merino or any soft worsted weight, size 7 DPNs.
CO 48 sts on 3 dpns and join in the round. K2, P2 for 6". Work 1 round K2, p2TOG, then work k2, p1 for 2". Bind off loosely. Make two!

Baby Alpaca Grande Stocking Cap

Materials: 1 Hank Baby Alpaca Grande (110yards), Size 10 or 10.5 16” circulars and dpns to match and one marker.

Gauge: 3 st to the inch in k1, p1 rib slightly stretched. This basic formula makes a hat that fits a 20” to 22” head because it’s stretchy.

Co 66 sts on the 16” circular, place marker and join in the round. Work in k1, p1, rib, moving the marker as you come to it, for 6” for a skull cap and 8” for a fold up stocking cap.

Decreases: (Work in pattern for 9 st, k2tog) repeat around. Work 1 round even. (Knit the knits and purl the purls for 8 st, k2tog) repeat around. Work 1 round even. (Knit the knits and purl the purls for 7 st, k2tog) repeat around. Work 1 round even.

Continue to decrease in this manner until you have 18 st. Work 1 round even. K2tog around. To finish, break yarn with enough yarn to draw through all the remaining sts and weave at least 3” of yarn around the top of your hat.

A Mocha Cozy

Knit yourself or your friends a signature Mocha or Latte` Cozy that is reusable and helps identify your special beverage. It only takes a few yards of material and is a great use of leftovers from bigger projects. Worsted or thicker yarn works best for insulation. This pattern uses Karaoke from South West Trading Co. and uses a little less than a third of a ball or 33 meters.

Needle size 7 or size to obtain gauge. (I had to use size 6, I knit loose) Gauge: 4.5 st = 1” in st st. CO 40 st on 3 DPNs, place marker and join into round being careful not to twist your stitches.

Tiny Twist Cable Rib Pattern used through out:

Rounds 1, 2, & 4 – (k2, p2) around slip marker before starting each round.

Round 3 =(k into the back of the 2nd st on the left needle, do not remove it, k into the front of the 1st stitch on the left needle, remove both sts, p2) repeat around.

Repeat these 4 rounds 7 times or until your cozy is the length you like and bind off loosely.

If you want to use a thicker yarn find your gauge and cast on enough stitches to equal 9” circumference making sure that the number of stitches is divisible by 4.



Many thanks to all of you loyal fiber fans for your continued support, have a wonderful Thanksgiving, Babetta, Maya, Gustine and our Families