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We will be closed Thursday November 24 for Thanksgiving

Autumnal Greetings Fiber Friends,

What an absolutely beautiful fall we're having. I love watching the colors change outside and inside. Color choices for projects change seasons too. If you haven't been by in a while you will be pleasantly surprised by all the new colors and yarn choices that have been arriving just in time for the gifting season. More and more people are deciding to make this year a "Home Crafted Holiday" You can gift something that is unique, beautiful and made with love.



New arrivals:

Native Lace, Smooshy and Everlasting DK from **Dream in Color**
Louisa Harding's latest patterns with Grace & Grace Hand Dyed

New colors in Hacho, Leche`, Sulka and Miski yarns

Washable Alpaca blend sock yarn that patterns from **Online**

Magic Ball and Boucle from **Be Sweet**

8 new colors of **Fino** lace from Alpaca with a Twist

All the latest books and magazines from **Interweave**

Don't forget to check out all the new Ruffle yarns

We've got Beads, Sequins and Sparklies too

Arriving soon:

Ultra Alpaca from **Berroco**

Fresco from **Classic Elite**

Recycled Sari Silk and Banana Silk from **Frabjous Fibers**

Merino Shadow from **Trendsetter**



BABETTA'S ONGOING FOOD DRIVE

UNFORTUNATELY OVER THE SUMMER THE NEED FOR FOOD DONATIONS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD HAS INCREASED. HELP FIGHT HUNGER IN OUR OWN BACKYARD AND BRING AN ITEM OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD NEXT TIME YOU'RE AT BABETTA'S. YOU WILL BE ENTERED TO WIN A \$25 GIFT CERTIFICATE.

ANNE PARKE IS OUR LATEST WINNER!

Classes for November 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.

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.

Our project class knitting teacher Maya Gardner has been teaching at Babetta's for 6 ½ years and can help you make your fiber dreams come true in a fun and patient atmosphere.

Tuesdays Nov. 1, 8 & 15

Knitting Project 10am – 11:30am fee \$40

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

Wednesdays Nov. 2, 9 & 16

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

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

Thursday Nov. 3, 10 & 17

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

Saturdays Nov. 5, 12 & 19

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

Babetta's 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.

How would you like to do some charity knitting/crocheting with a lovely group of people? ***"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 makes newborn and preemie hats for local hospitals as well as other local charity groups. If you'd like to come join the group there's always room for more. This month's date is Nov. 10. 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.

**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.**

Pre-registration required.



Maya's "Christmas Stocking Class"

There's still time to give a handmade keepsake to someone special while learning Fairisle. Class Nov. 5, 12 & 19 1pm – 2:30pm fee \$40 receive a 10% off coupon when you register.



Gustine's "Knitting with Roving" Workshop

Learn a fun new way to work with those beautiful hanks of handpainted roving and make an awesome felted bag. Nov. 12 10am to noon \$20. Materials 10% off and the pattern is free.

DON'T FORGET WE OFFER A BLOCKING SERVICE HERE AT BABETTA'S.

Here are some of our free patterns to help with your Handmade Holiday

Elegant Holiday Scarf by Babetta

Materials : 1 Ball Lace Weight silk/mohair, size 10 needles

Finished measurement 5" x 68"

Gauge : Not critical for this project.

Cast on 34

Row 1 – K2, P2 across ending with K2

Row 2 – P2, K2 across ending with P2

Repeat these 2 rows until you have about 2 yards of yarn left and bind off in pattern.

Wet or spritz block.

We have a wide selection of colors from different companies in this type of yarn including a new one with a sparkle called Luna from S. Charles and some Hand Paints from Twisted Sisters.



Crocheted Linen Dishcloth

Materials – 1 hank *fibranatura* FLAX 100% Linen, 50 grams, size E crochet hook.

Ch 53. Row 1 - Skip first ch, sc across=52 sc

Row 2 – ch 3, turn. Dc across=52 dc

Row 3 – ch 1, turn. Sc across=52sc

Repeat these 2 rows 16 more times. Work 3 sc in last st.

Working down side, 4 sc in the side of each dc skipping the edge of the sc row. 3 sc in corner, turn and work hdc across, 3 sc in corner, turn, work as other side, 3 sc in corner, turn, work hdc across. Fasten off and weave in tail. Linen makes an amazing face or dishcloth and this new 50 gram hank is a perfect size to knit or crochet one. If your kitchen has stainless steel or granite surfaces you won't believe how a linen cloth can make it shine.

Crochet Tip: When working the first row of a piece, if you go into the back ridge of the chain you get an edge stitch that matches the ending row and is easier to go when making an edge stitch.

Manos Serena Drop Stitch Hat by Gustine

Materials= 1 skein Serena Alpaca/cotton, size 4 and 7 16" circulars and size 7 DPNs.

With size 4 needle cast on 100 stitches, place marker, join in the round being careful not to twist your cast on. Knit 1x1 rib for 1".

Increase round – with size 7 needle – k1, *yo, k10,* repeat from *around ending with k9. Knit every round until piece measures 6".

Decrease – Change to DPNs when needed

Round 1 - (k9, k2tog) repeat around

Rounds 2,4,6,8, &10 knit Round 3 – (k8, k2tog) repeat around

Round 5 – (k7, k2tog) repeat around

Round 7 – (k6, k2tog) repeat around

Round 9 – (k5, k2tog) repeat around

Round 11 – (k4, k2tog) repeat around

Rounds 12 – (k3, k2tog) repeat around

Round 13 – (k2, k2tog) repeat around

Round 14 – k1, *drop 1, k2* repeat around end with k1

Round 15 – k2tog around and cinch up with tail weaving in at least 3"



Quick and Easy Gift Slippers by Maya

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 1/2 dpns, and a yarn needle for weaving in the ends.

Gauge: 3.5 st per inch on 10 1/2 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 1/2"), 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.

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.

*Hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving
Babetta, Maya & Gustine*

