



Babetta's Yarn and Gifts

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Seasons Happy Holiday Greetings Fiber Friends,

Thank you everyone for your kind reassurances concerning the break-in at our shop in October. Your support and kindness are greatly appreciated. One of the greatest things that has evolved from opening “Babetta’s” is the expanding circle of friends that are getting to know each other through our classes and workshops and from hanging out in front of the fireplace. A fiber community is growing around us. It’s wonderful.

Hope you’re all doing well and relaxing with your handwork when you can. I know when we’re making gifts for family and friends the deadlines we put on ourselves can sometimes take the fun out of a project. Try to remember to enjoy the experience. Let us help you find inspiration and the supplies you need to make those wonderful creations that will be filled with your loving energy.

We have a large collection of Christmas stocking patterns as well as those for knitted ornaments, hats, mittens, and slippers. These make good quick small projects for gifts. Knitted animals make perfect toys for toddlers and babies. Knitting needle sets and books make great gifts for that special friend or family member. We have “Gift Certificates” in any amount you choose and free gift-wrapping too! Other unique gift items we now offer are Beautiful Bead Stitch Markers and Exquisite Beaded Knitting Needles. Maya’s Knitters lotion makes a great stocking stuffer.

Our Saturday “Knitting Group” and our workshops have become great fun. In December we’re changing the day of our knitting group to the second Saturday Dec. 10th because there are several conflicting events taking place in the area. Starting in January we’ll be having the “Knitting Group” twice a month on the first and the third Sat. We have also decided not to have any workshops this month since many of you are so busy this time of year. Workshops will return in the New Year with Knitting With Beads and Mitered Squares already on the agenda. This Dec. we’re happy to add classes with Katy in beginning and advanced needle felting to our shop.

Believe it or not I’m already starting to order the new spring lines. It’s very difficult trying to imagine the warm bright spring when it hasn’t really become winter yet. I can’t complain about this beautiful weather though. I’ve got some exciting promotions on the agenda for the spring. Stay tuned!

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone! Special Holiday Hours: Nov. 23 10am-4pm

Closed Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Friday Nov. 25th Open 8am – 8pm

Please Note Our Knitting Group will be on the second Sat. this month only December 10th from 10am – 2pm

December Classes

Reserve your spot early! Lessons fill up fast.

Intermediate Knitting Project Mondays Dec. 5, 12, & 26 3:30pm – 5pm \$40

Beginning Knitting Lessons Mondays Dec. 5, 12, & 26 5:30pm – 7pm \$40

Intermediate Knitting Project Tuesdays Dec. 6, 13, & 27 6:30pm – 8pm \$40

Beginning Needle Felting with Katy Wed. Dec. 7, 14, & 28 10am – 11:30am \$50 includes supplies

Crochet Project lessons Wednesdays Dec. 7, 14, & 28 5:30pm – 7pm \$40

Advanced Needle Felting with Katy Thurs. Dec. 8, 15, & 29 10am – 11:30am \$40 supplies extra

Learn to Make Socks Thursdays Dec. 1, 8, & 15 6:30pm – 8pm \$40

Learn Socks on the Magic Loop Saturdays Dec. 3, 10, & 17 2pm – 3:30pm \$40

Advanced Beginning Knitting Project Saturdays Dec. 3, 10, 17 4pm – 5:30pm \$40

Private Lessons in Knitting, Crochet, Spinning, and Weaving available by appointment.

A note about class attendance; if you cannot make a class we cannot promise make-up time. You’re welcome anytime to come in and work on your projects or if you’d like to sit and knit. I love your company and I’ll help you if I have time but our teachers are generally available for scheduled class times only.

Free Pattern for December

“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, knit7(9,15), purl1, 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 12 purl 1 rib until entire piece measures foot length. Do not bind off. Cut yarn 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 use puffy paint on the bottom if you’re not into sliding through the kitchen or down the hall.

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