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Dearest Fiber Friends,

It's been another exciting and busy month here at Babetta's. Thank you for helping us celebrate our first anniversary. Your friendship and support have been the most amazing and wonderful gift. We're looking forward to continued success in offering you the most beautiful and high quality supplies we can find as well as enough technical support to keep you enjoying your fiber expressions.

Spring is on the horizon and Adam (our UPS driver) is visiting us daily with “presents” as we scramble to renegotiate the square footage to create space where none existed before. We seem to be in the middle of some sort of Spring Yarn Migration. Watch out for falling hanks from the jam-packed cubicles. New books are arriving as soon as the publishers make them available. Come by for a spark of inspiration.

The new Berroco yarns and Pattern books are in including a wonderful Alpaca/Wool blend that felts beautifully. Cottons and summer blends from Lana Grossa, Muench, and Tahki/Stacy should be here any day. I now carry Plymouth Bamboo needles and will be receiving a wonderful new line of Rosewood circulars from Lantern moon along with awesome new bags and baskets sometime in March.

March 17 and 18 the 3rd Annual DESTINATION: ART! “A Masquerade Ball” is happening. It's a weekend expedition thru some of Sacramento's eclectic arts and crafts shops, galleries and studios. Come in and pick up a flyer to learn all about this exciting ART PARTY and how you could be eligible to win an art basket valued at \$300. We'll be serving refreshments and offering specials on both days. Destination Shops include *Cj's Art and Fiber Gallery, JR Flamingo's Fabrics, Art Ellis Supply Inc. Piece of Mind Bead and Jewelry Studio, The Stamp Art Shoppe and Babetta's Yarn and Gifts.*

Maya, the kids and I made the trek to “Stitches West” on Sunday. It was so cool to see the actual knitted and crocheted models from the books and magazines. We met Nicky Epstein and got some autographs for her new book *Fabulous Felted Bags*. I still have a couple of copies left. The Ladies at the **Stitch Diva Studios** booth showed me some new techniques and patterns I hope to be offering soon.

“Happy Birthday Aaron” On March 14th my baby boy is turning 12.

Classes for March 2006

Beginning Knitting Mondays 5:30pm – 7pm March 6, 13, & 20 cost \$40

Beginning Knitting Wednesdays 11am – 12 pm March 8, 15, & 22 cost \$40

Advanced Beginning Knitting Saturdays 4pm – 5:30pm March 4, 11, & 18 cost \$40

Intermediate Project Tuesdays 6:30pm – 8pm March 7, 14, & 21 cost \$40

Intermediate Project Wednesdays 1pm – 2:30pm March 8, 15, & 22 cost \$40

Lace Knitting Project Thursdays 6:30pm – 8pm March 9, 16, & 23 cost \$40

Moebius Hat Project Saturdays 2pm – 3:30pm March 4, 11, & 18 cost \$40

Crochet Project Wednesdays 5:30 – 7pm March 8, 15, & 22 cost \$40

Knitting Group Saturdays March 4 and 18 from 10am – 2pm

Workshops: Fairisle Knitting Saturday March 11, 11am – 1pm cost \$35 includes k

Knitting with Beads Saturday March 25, 11am – 1pm cost \$35 includes kit

Free Pattern for March 2006 Slip Stitch Scarf

Materials: 1 skein each of 2 colors Bouton d' Or's Ksar a Camel/Wool blend and size 10.5 needles.

Stitch glossary: k – knit, wyif – with yarn in front, wyib – with yarn in back, sl – slip stitch as if to purl, WSR – wrong side row, RSR – right side row

Pattern note: The color change in this pattern happens every 2 rows so you carry the other color up the side between rows so you have no tails to weave in.

With color A (main color) cast on 27 stitches.

Row 1 – WSR: k 1, wyif sl 1, k 3, *wyif sl 1, k 3* repeat * to * , end row with k 1

With color B (second color)

Row 2 – RSR: k 3, * wyib sl 1, k 3,* repeat * to * , end row with k 3

Row – 3 WSR: k 3, * wyif sl 1, k 3, * repeat * to * , end row with k 3

With color A:

Row 4 - RSR: k 1, * wyib sl 1, k 3, repeat from * to *,end row with k 1

Row 5 - WSR: k 1, * wyib sl1, k3, * repeat from * to * ,end row with k1

Continue A – B pattern (rows 2 thru 5) ending with 2 rows of color A and bind off. When all yarn is used you should have a 60” scarf after blocking if all yarn is used. This basic **Slip Stitch Pattern** can be used for any yarn with needle size adjustment appropriate to type of yarn used. Smooth yarns show the stitch pattern better but yarns with a little more texture would add interest and the color change will still show.

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