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Happy Fall Fiber Friends,

Hope you're all doing well as we turn the corner of the autumnal equinox and welcome the cooler longer nights. Lookout-the KNITTERS are coming. I apologize for the tardiness of this publication. Maya and I have been working night and day to make room for all the wonderful things we wanted to have available to you for those winter and holiday projects. We've had to reconfigure the floor plan to make it all fit so you might need help finding an old favorite but our goal has been to become more organized and improve the lighting. Come by and check it out.

This holiday season accessory knitting for gifts seems to be all the rage. Fingerless gloves knit up fast and you can try new techniques like lace stitches or cabling on a less intimidating scale than a whole sweater. Scarves are evolving into cowls, shawls and wraps. If you haven't tried socks yet they're great carry around projects and the color changing yarns make them fun. Check out the "Not Just Sock" books for other things you can make with sock yarn. Felted slippers and bags knit up fast and can be made even more beautiful when you incorporate novelty yarns or embellish with needle felting. We also have felted bowl patterns from Carol Bristol Designs. Believe it or not Christmas is only 3 months away. Let us help you find what you need.

You can find the newest titles in Fiber Arts at Babetta's. We've got "Spin to Knit", "Knit Loves Crochet", "Knit Fix", "Time to Weave", "Knit 2 Together", "Itty Bitty Hats", "Andean Inspired Knits" and The "Stitch and Bitch page-a-day Calender".

I'd like to tell you about some of our new arrivals. From Classic Elite we now have a merino called Waterlily and WoolBamboo along with all the patterns books for the season. Debbie Bliss Cashmerino DK and new colors of Alpaca Silk are in along with patterns for these lovely soft yarns. There are new yarns and patterns from Sirdar, Ella Rae and Katia including a worsted silk/rayon combo called Shibu. We have Transitions and Cash Iroha from Noro and the newest pattern books.

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.

We have a few spots left in our workshops with NANCIE WISEMAN on Oct. 28 & 29.

You can find info on our website and we have flyers in the shop.

The kits for crochet with wire will include a crochet hook, wire beads and findings.

Just a reminder - If you have made a deposit on a workshop the balance is due now to keep your spot. Thanks, Babetta

Tuesdays Oct.3, 10 & 17

Intermediate Knitting 6pm – 7:30pm \$40

Don't forget to check out our BLUE discount shelf. Everything is 30% off

Wednesdays Oct. 4, 11 & 18

Intermediate Knitting 1pm – 2:30pm \$40
Crochet all levels 5:30pm - 7pm \$40

Did you know that you can rent instructional DVDs and Videos at Babetta's? We have several titles available for \$5.95 a week.

Thursdays Oct. 5, 12 & 19

Beginning Knitting 6pm – 7:30pm \$40

Yarn tip of the month

Here are some helpful numbers for figuring out yarn requirements. Conversion for meters to yards 12 meters=13yards Weight conversion 50grams=1.75 ounces

Saturdays Oct. 7, 14 & 21

Learn to Knit 2pm – 3:30pm \$40
Intermediate Knitting 4pm – 5:30pm \$40
Knitting Group dates for Oct. 7 and 21 from 10am – 2pm

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Free Pattern for October 2006 "Silk Elegance Scarf"

Materials: 2 Balls Silk Dream from Lang 50%merino/50%silk 90m, yarn holder, tapestry needle and size 7 needles.
Gauge is not important for this project.

Glossary: st=stitch, k=knit, ssk=slip,slip,knit, k2tog=knit 2 together, yo= yarn over, p= purl

Cast on 22 sts. Row 1 - k3 * yo,k2, ssk, k2tog, k2, yo, k1 repeat from *once more and k last st. Row 2 - p

Row 3 - k2 * yo, k2, ssk, k2tog, k2, yo, k1 repeat from * once more and k last 2 sts. Row 4 - p

Repeat these 4 rows 4 more times ending with working row 3. Knit 3 rows.

Row1 - (RS) *k4, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog repeat from * once more, k last 4 sts.

Row 2 - (WS) k4, p 14, k4 repeat these 2 rows until 10" of yarn remains from first ball of yarn.

Place all stitches on a holder. Use second ball of yarn to make second half of scarf by working in the same manner as first half ending with a wrong side row. Place held stitches on empty needle and with wrong sides together, graft (see below) the pieces together and weave in ends. Steam or wet block.

Grafting: Holding needles side by side using 10" tail and tapestry needle-Insert tapestry needle through 1st st on back needle, draw yarn through as if to k leaving st on needle.* Draw yarn through 1st st on front needle as if to k and slip st off needle. Draw yarn through 2nd st on front needle as if to p, leave st on needle. Draw yarn through 1st st on back needle as if to p and slip stitch off. Draw yarn through 2nd st on back needle as if to knit and leave st on needle. Repeat from * until all sts have been worked.

Pattern Correction: Knitted Washcloth in Sept 2006 newsletter. When decreasing there is supposed to be a k2tog after the yo before you knit to the end of the row. My deepest apologizes for any frustration this mistake may have caused you.

The knitting world lost a wonderful fiber artist this month. **Sharon Bojan** won awards with her knitting and her sister told me she had 6 projects still on the needles. Our deepest condolences to her family and friends...

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