



Babetta's Yarn and Gifts

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Open 8 to 6 Mon., Wed., Fri. & Sat.
8 to 8 Tues. & Thurs.
Sundays 8 to 4

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

www.babettasyarnandgifts.com

Welcome to 2009 Fiber Friends,

On February 1st we will have been open for 4 years. Looking back now to our crazy idea and our determination to fill our original space with the most beautiful yarns we could find I can't believe we actually did what we started out to do. Babetta's has been able to grow and evolve because of the continued loyalty and support of you our Fiber Friends and the unceasing faithfulness of our family standing behind our idea and stepping up and do whatever has been needed to keep this scheme going. Thank you Maya, Gustine, Adam, Chris, Danny, Rachel, Aaron, Corey, Ryan, Jeremy, Fai and our dear Ken who continues the long road of recovery from his stroke. Thanks for the last 4 years and here's to many more.

A visit from *Louisa Harding ...*

On January 21st Babetta's was lucky enough to host a book signing with knit designer Louisa Harding. She rolled in with an unassuming bit of luggage from which she pulled what seemed to be an infinite number of beautiful pieces from her pattern books and made up in her very own extensive yarn line. As she tried some of her designs on the willing participants she spoke about how she began knitting and how she got her start in designing with Rowan at 23. Louisa took time to talk to each person without rushing as she signed books and showed off her feminine designs. Thank you everyone who could make it on such short notice for making this lovely knitting diva so welcome. The event was a great success.

Malabrigo Worsted and Sock have finally arrived at Babetta's. At the rate it's been flying off the shelf I can tell I'm going to need to be reordering soon.

NEW from Crystal Palace – Mini Moochi – Designed for socks, a super soft washable merino/nylon single ply fingering weight blend in fabulous self-stripping colorways.

MOOI from Louet has just arrived. It is an exquisite Bison/Cashmere/Bamboo blend in lace weight. Eastport is a USA produced Alpaca/Merino blend in DK weight in beautiful heathers. We also brought in a few hanks of Handspun Camel from Nomad Yarns and also distributed by Louet. You can go to www.nomadyarns.com to read about these spinners and their camels.

From Tahki Stacy Charles we now have Sky, Jeans, Palma and Sierra. The Pattern books for these yarns are coming soon. Go to www.tahkistacycharles.com to see what's new.

Have you read any of the reviews of [HiYaHiYa](#) knitting needles? I've got a pair if you'd like to try them out. They're awesome. We will be receiving a full selection of the surgical steel (nickel free) circulars and dpns this week. I'll be ordering the bamboo line too.

Coming soon...

New colors and patterns from Manos del Uruguay, yarns from Rowan & Universal.

Classes for February 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 Feb. 3, 10 & 17

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

Wednesdays Feb. 4, 11 & 18

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

Knitting Project 3:00pm- 4:30pm fee \$40

Thursday Feb. 5, 12 & 19

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

Saturdays Feb. 7, 14 & 21

Crochet 11am – 12:30pm fee \$40

2 Top Down Socks on 1 Needle 2pm – 3:30pm fee \$40

Knitting Project 4pm – 5:30pm 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

Free weaving demo

Gustine will be demonstrating how to

use a Knitter's Rigid Heddle Loom on

Sunday Feb. 8th at 11am.

Meeting date for the Great American Aran Afghan Knit-a-Long Feb. 16 from 1pm-3pm.

Beginning in February 2009 – Lace Knit-a-Long Night with Gustine from 6:30pm to 8pm on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday every month Beginning with Feb. 3 & 17. Fee \$15. Those of you working on the Laminaria are welcome and Gustine will be working on the Forest Path Entrelac Lace Shawl.

Come sit and knit with our knitting group on the 1st & 3rd Sat. every month from 10am – 2pm.

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 Feb. 12

You can drop off hats to donate if you can't make it to our meeting dates.

Destination Art! 2009 is IN THE WORKS.

Save these dates - **March 13th & 14th** so you can “**SPRING into ART**”

Just like in years past you will travel from shop to shop to fill your passport to enter to win one of six baskets valued at \$300 and because our Food Drive basket valued at \$900 was such a success we're doing it again this spring. We've got a great souvenir project this year and lots of demos planned. It should be loads of fun! Participating shops are **Art Ellis, Cje's Art & Fiber Gallery, JR Flamingo, Piece of Mind Bead & Jewelry, The Stamp Art Shoppe** and **Babetta's Yarn And Gifts**.

See you there...

Coming in April - Book Signing with **Lorna Miser**

Our own local fiber celebrity Lorna Miser creator and former owner of Lorna's Laces has published a new book

FAITH, HOPE, LOVE, Knitting

Babetta's will be hosting a book signing on Sun. April 5th at noon. Save the date.

4th Anniversary Celebration at Babetta's Yarn and Gifts

January 31 & February 1

Buy 10 balls of yarn and save 10%

Buy 20 balls of yarn and save 20%

Buy 30 balls of yarn and save 30%

Buy 40 balls of yarn and save 40%

All sales are final on discounts.

Slip Stitch Colorscape Scarf

Materials: 1 Ball Paintbox from Knit One Crochet Too (color B)
1 ball Frogtree Merino in dark contrast color (color A)
Size 8 needles and your own talented hands!

Stitch dictionary: k = knit, sl = slip stitch as if to purl,
wyif = with yarn in front, wyib = with yarn in back.

Cast on 27 stitches with color A. Knit 2 rows

Row 1 – With color B k 3,*sl 1 wyib, k 3* repeat from *to * across.

Row 2 – With color B k 3 * sl 1 wyif, k 3* repeat from * to * across.

Row 3 – With color B k 1 * sl 1 wyib, k 3* repeat from * to * to last
2 stitches, sl 1 wyib, k1.

Row 4 – With color B k1 *sl 1 wyif, k 3* repeat from * to * to last
2 stitches, sl 1 wyif, k1.

Repeat these 4 rows until you have a few yards of color A left and end
on Row 2 of pattern. Knit 2 rows with color A and bind off. Don't forget
to block this beautiful scarf for the best effect of your slip stitch
technique.

Coming in February

Don't forget about Stitches West from Feb 26 to March 1 in
Santa Clara. Go to www.knittinguniverse.com to get more info and if
you'd like to take the train go to www.capitolcorridor.org.

On Feb. 28 the Sacramento Button Club is having a button show. Go to
<http://home.comcast.net/~ButtonBazaar/Show.html> for more info.

Hope you make it by this weekend to celebrate our 4th Anniversary.