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Beginning in August 2008 we will be open 7 Days a week! Sun. 8am to 4pm

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We will be closed on Thursday November 27th for Thanksgiving

Greetings Fiber Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying your craft. I view the moments I can find each day to knit or crochet as my treat to myself. The colors, textures and the actual physical motion of making the stitches bring me joy. I often fantasize that every single human on the planet knit or crocheted because I know if they did the world would be a lot more harmonious place to hang around on.

I think real knittin' weather is just around the corner. I know that the Holiday Season is. Yes there are only 2 months left to get those gift projects done. We've got lots of ideas and supplies here to help you. The Interweave Holiday Knits Magazine is a great resource and we have 20 copies left. Don't forget to ask about our "Free with the purchase of yarn" patterns at the counter. We have four free patterns in this edition of the newsletter so read on!

In this week....

From Plymouth Yarns – Cotton Kisses, Happy Feet, Knit Col, Baby Alpaca Paint and Baby Alpaca Brush Paint, Alpaca Prima, Encore Boucle and lots of patterns for shawl, afghan and lap blanket projects that knit up fast.

Next week we'll be receiving a shipment of Denise Needles and the new 7mm size used in so many of the designs from Europe. Babetta's will now be carrying the new "singles" which come with 2 cords and end buttons. Denise Needles are Made in America.

We're getting Buttons, Buttons, Buttons beginning this week and over the next month.

Babetta's Food Drive

Maya and I would like to bring the community that has grown around our shop together to help out those less fortunate. From now through the end of the year we will be having a drawing once a week to give away a \$25 gift certificate. To participate you need only bring a food item that will be donated to the Sacramento Food Bank. You will receive an entry every time you bring a donation. Please bring only non-perishable food items. No Ramen noodle type items will be accepted. Drawings will take place on Sundays starting November 2nd.

November 4, 2008 is Election Day. Don't forget to vote. Wear your "I VOTED" sticker in on that day and receive a 10% discount on yarn purchases. We'll be open from 8am to 8pm.

Need help affording some of those holiday projects? Look for Bargain Bins throughout the store containing yarns discounted from 30% to 50%. All discounts sales are final.



Classes for November 2008 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 Nov. 4, 11 & 18

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

Wednesdays Nov. 5, 12 & 19

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

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

Thursday Nov. 6, 13 & 20

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

Saturdays Nov. 8, 15 & 22

Crochet 2pm – 3:30pm fee \$40

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

Meeting date for the Great American Aran Afghan Knit-a-Long Nov. 17 1pm-3pm

Come sit and knit with our knitting group on the 1st & 3rd Sat. every month. Nov.1 & 15

**Join the Fair Oaks Madhatters Knitting Group Meeting Date at Babetta's
The second Thursday of every month from 10am – 12pm upcoming date Oct. 9th**

Next Laminaria knit-a-long date is Nov. 4th 6pm to 8pm.

**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.**

Free Pattern reprinted from January 2007

A Mocha Cozy

Knit yourself or your friends a signature Mocha or Latte` Cozy that is reusable and helps identify your special beverage. It only takes a few yards of material and is a great use of leftovers from bigger projects. Worsted or thicker yarn works best for insulation. This pattern uses Karaoke from South West Trading Co. and uses a little less than a third of a ball or 33 meters.

Needle size 7 or size to obtain gauge. (I had to use size 6, I knit loose) Gauge: 4.5 st = 1" in st st. CO 40 st on 3 DPNs, place marker and join into round being careful not to twist your stitches.

Tiny Twist Cable Rib Pattern used through out:

Rounds 1, 2, & 4 – (k2, p2) around slip marker before starting each round.

Round 3 =(k into the back of the 2nd st on the left needle, do not remove it, k into the front of the 1st stitch on the left needle, remove both sts, p2) repeat around.

Repeat these 4 rounds 7 times or until your cozy is the length you like and bind off loosely.

If you want to use a thicker yarn find your gauge and cast on enough stitches to equal 9" circumference making sure that the number of stitches is divisible by 4.

Free Pattern reprinted from January 2006

Easy Fingerless Gloves

Materials: 1 Hank Baby Alpaca Grande or any 3st per inch yarn, a set of 10.5 double point needles & a marker.

Stitch glossary: CO = cast on, K1 = knit one, P1 = purl one, BO = bind off, st = stitch

Using 3 double point needles CO 24 st (8 st per needle). Place Marker. With 4th needle join work into round being careful not to twist the stitches. Work 10 rounds K1, P1 (ribbing). Work 9 rounds K every stitch (stockinette). For the next 6 rows you will be working the glove flat in stockinette (knit a row, purl a row) by just stopping at the marker and turning back the other direction. Join the glove back into the round at this point and work 3 rounds knitting every stitch (stockinette). Knit the last six rounds K1, P1 (ribbing)

And bind of in pattern (K1, P1) loosely.

If you'd like to see these fun soft gloves we have a pair on display in the store.

Free patterns for October 2008

Penelope's Baby Legs designed by Gustine

Materials: 1 50-gram Ball Frog Tree Merino or any soft worsted weight, size 7 DPNs.

CO 48 sts on 3 dpns and join in the round. K2, P2 for 6". Work 1 round K2, p2TOG, then work k2, p1 for 2". Bind off loosely. Make two!

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.

If you’re on www.ravelry.com don’t forget to check out Babetta’s Fiber Friends where you can see what everyone is making and projects they’re talking about. There are tons of ideas and patterns available along with people’s personal experiences with different yarns, products and patterns.

U TUBE has how to videos and many specific technique videos. Cat Bordhi shows how to do her famous Moebius cast on there.

Well I’ll be talking to you in a couple of weeks with updates on new products and arrivals. Many of you have had to suffer through the tales of whoa surrounding our Coffee Cart. We’re hoping to get all the complications cleared up and actually start making beverages for everyone soon. You’ll be the first to know.

Thanks for listening, Babetta, Maya & Gustine