



Knit Wits

Monthly Newsletter



From the Owners

Think Spring! I can finally see patches of grass peering up through their white blanket, and can't wait until the air warms. The changing of seasons is always a fun time of year – especially after this winter, (to say the least.) J

Springtime is a great time of the year for new things – new babies, new flowers, so why not some new yarn? We have new yarn collections along with some great new pattern books. Try on our newest shop model – a shrug perfect for spring and for cool restaurants on summer evenings.

Due to the in clement weather during our winter sale, we will be having it again!

March 8-13th

25% off

every yarn in the store.*

Tell a friend!

**in stock only*

Demonstration

This demonstration will last approximately ½ hour and is designed to introduce you to concepts that will hopefully assist, encourage, and inspire you.

Two Handed Knitting

Fair Isle colorwork made simple. Come see how using both hands to knit can make working a fair isle pattern much faster, automatically woven, and fun!

Saturday, March 27th 1pm

Knitting Retreat Cookbook



We are currently building a cookbook with recipes and pictures of the Knitting Retreat 2010. If you are interested in purchasing a book, please call or come by to register your name.

Moebius Cowl

Materials: 170 yds of bulky weight
Size 10 - 40" circular
needle



Pattern:

Moebius Cast On 80 stitches.

Diagonal Lace Pattern

Row 1: *Yo, k6, k2tog. Repeat from * to end.

Row 2: Knit one round.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 10 more times.

Lace edging

Row 1: *[Yo, k1] 2 times, [yo, k2tog] 3 times. Repeat from * to end.

Row 2, 4, & 6: Knit

Row 3 & 5: *Yo, k2tog. Repeat from * to end.

Garner Edge

Row 1: *P1f&b, p3. Repeat from * to end.

Row 2: Knit

Bind off.

Abbreviations

K2tog – knit 2 stitches together

P1f&b – purl once into the front and once into the back of the same stitch (an increase)

Yo – yarn over

Product Spotlight

Cool Wool by Elsebeth Lavold
Cool wool is a brand new dk weight yarn that is a 50% cotton and 50% wool blend. It is perfect for warm weather knitting and is machine washable. We have *all* the vibrant colors new for spring and summer. Get inspired to knit something for your little one with the patterns in *The Just Kidding Collection*. You're going to love how this yarn feels!



Reaching Out Reminder!



Come to a **KNIT IN!**

March 19th 5pm – midnight



Refreshments provided.

Please come by or call to sign up for this event!

We will knit baby hats to donate to Partners in Health who distribute premie and newborn hats to Rwanda, where hypothermia in newborns is a serious problem. These adorable little hats are quick to knit, and patterns will be provided.

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March's Specialty Classes

ATTENTION: March is bring a friend month. Bring a friend with you to any class, and your friend will attend the class for FREE!

Pre-registration is required for all classes.

Moebius

Date(s): Monday, March 15th OR Saturday, March 13th

Time(s): Monday 5:30-7:30pm OR Saturday 9-11am

Cost: \$25/person (a friend for FREE)

Materials: About 400 yards of a worsted weight yarn. This pattern is attractive when made with two colors, so you would need 200 yards of 2 different hues.

Description: You will love learning Cat Bordhi's moebius cast on and watching this interesting garment take shape. This class will be offered as one 2-hour class, and you can choose either a Monday evening or Saturday morning. We suggest you come early to get your supplies so you can make your gauge swatch before coming to class. There are so many applications for this technique – you will love how it looks!

Finishing Class

Date: Saturday, March 27th

Time: 9am-11am

Cost: \$25 (a friend for FREE)

Materials: dk weight yarn –can use different colors

Description: **SIGN UP QUICK!!** Learn how to finish a garment miniature style! You will receive 4 patterns to knit 4 squares. At the end of the month, we will show you how to seam and add finishing to a cute teddy bear sweater made from your squares.

Bring your Daughter to Knit

Date: Saturday, March 20th

Time: 9-noon

Cost: \$20

Description: We welcome moms and daughters, aunts and nieces, grandmas and granddaughters, and you and the special girl in your life to come knit together! Choose from one of our pre-packaged projects. You can choose a felted bag project, a scarf project, or a teddy bear outfit.



"This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."
1 John 4: 9-11

Looking Ahead April's Classes

Crayon Box Jacket Workshop

by Chris Bylsma

Dates: Saturday April 10th, 17th, and 24th

Time: 9-11:30am

Cost: \$50

Materials: Scraps of yarn

Description: "This jacket is "a short, boxy, Chanel-style jacket knit one square at a time – but without seams – in a one-of-a-kind blend of colors and fibers."



This jacket is perfect for using up your scrap yarn as the pattern uses not only many colors, but many yarn weights and textures. It's your choice - make a jacket for an adult or for a child. This one-of-a-kind garment is a head turner! During this class you will complete on full sleeve, which will teach you everything you need to complete your jacket. You will not regret taking this workshop!

My First Sweater

Dates: Mondays, April 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th

Time: 6-8pm

Cost: \$55 (not including supplies)

Description: This simple top down sweater is great for your first project. You can choose a nice light blend for a summer cardigan or a warm fiber for next fall. You will have the sweater completed in the course of these four classes.

A Little Humor for Your Day

There was once a man and woman who had been married for more than 60 years. They had shared everything. They had kept no secrets from each other except that the little old woman had a shoe box in the top of her closet that she had cautioned her husband never to open or ask her about. For all of these years, he had never thought about the box, but one day the little old woman got very sick and the doctor said she would not recover. In trying to sort out their affairs, the old man took down the shoebox and took it to his wife's bedside. She agreed that it was time that he should know what was in the box. When he opened it, he found two crocheted doilies and a stack of money totaling \$250,000.

"When we were to be married," she started, "my grandmother told me the secret of a happy marriage was to never argue. She told me that if I ever got angry with you, I should just keep quiet and crochet a doily." The old man was so moved he had to fight back tears. Only two precious doilies were inside the box! She had only been angry with him two times in all those years of living and loving. He almost burst with happiness. "Honey," he said, "that explains the doilies, but... what about all this money? Where did it all come from?"

"Oh," she said, "that's the money I made from selling the doilies."

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