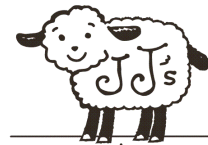




# Knit Wits

Monthly Newsletter



Children's Knook

## From the Owners

Things have been changing around the Knook. We are VERY excited about the new fall yarns in the shop – chunky, chunky, chunky! Wishing we had more time to knit!!!

New shelving holds the new arrivals, which include the addition of some very well-known names in the yarn industry such as Cascade, Elsebeth Lavold, and Mirasol, as well as adding new yarns in lines such as Tahki Stacy Charles, Berroco, Noro, and Universal – (just to name a few). You may want to visit early to get the best selection and the colors you want!

Just as a reminder, we are closing at 3:00pm on Saturdays.

*Look for a few changes* to our agenda for September – the Cables class and the Reaching Out project have both changed.

### Labor Day Sale!

Enjoy a 25% discount on ALL 100% cotton yarns from September 7<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>!

## Demonstration

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

## Portugese Knitting

Come see a demonstration of the oldest knitting techniques. This method was used by Columbus' sailors (yes the 1492 guy!).

Portugese knitting is popular in Greece, Turkey, Egypt, and Peru, and has an incredible advantage for people who suffer from carpal tunnel or arthritis. This style requires less maneuvering of the needles compared to other styles, such as Continental or English. It is also a wonderful method for blind knitters as the yarn is always readily available. You don't want to miss this! Plus, it will give you a new technique to try. Who knew – purling CAN be easier than knitting! **September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm**

“The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not lack.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still and restful waters.  
He refreshes and restores my life.”  
Psalm 23: 1-3



Yarn of the Month is: Temptation  
By Kollage



Kollage Yarns hit it out of the ballpark with this stunning yarn! A blend of bamboo, cotton, and nylon makes your garment perfect for year-round wear. The bright colors are sure to catch the eye!

Enjoy a whopping **30%** discount on this yarn this entire month (yarn in stock only)! A worsted weight yarn with a little glam - this yarn is a wonderful choice for all sorts of projects!

Be sure to get the color you want before it's gone!



## Trunk Shows

We currently have 2 trunk shows at the Knook. It does make a HUGE difference to see these projects personally than to view them in a picture! Plus, you can try them on!

### Brown Sheep

These garments have really been catching everyone's eye. We have five garments from Brown Sheep's book, Quick Knits to Wear, which will be here until September 24<sup>th</sup>. The Tulip Tank has been the favorite so far – come see which one you like the best!

### Googleheims

This trunk show features all 44 stocking designs from Googleheims. The stockings are sold in kits, and are either \$35 or \$40, which includes all the yarn, embellishments, and pattern. They truly are gorgeous. Come pick out your kit(s), and still have plenty of time to make them before Santa comes to fill them! Hurry - these stockings fly out on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Reaching Out

*Let's get together, have fun, and reach out to our community to touch lives.*

### **Helmet Liners for the Armed Forces**

It's official – the soldiers love these! And how meaningful to be able to honor our troops by giving them something handmade! These liners take just about 200 yds of yarn, and we do have the US mandatory colors. We will give you the pattern, and we will also mail them off for you! Join us for one or both of two group knit sessions where you can get assistance from a staff member with the liners. These sessions will be held on Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> from noon-3:00pm. Please feel free to donate these liners through October 2<sup>nd</sup>, as we will be sending them out on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Linus Project Update

*Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!*  
What a turn out! To everyone who took the time to participate in this event - you are wonderful! Thank you for devoting time and energy to such a worthy cause.

So far, we have received enough contributions to send off 6 blankets to the Linus Project! We will be accepting squares until September 11<sup>th</sup>. The completed projects will be mailed out on September 26<sup>th</sup>, and we will post pictures of them on our website under the Special Events page on this date.

## Product Spotlight

### **Hempathy**

Elsebeth Lavolds Hempathy is a lovely yarn, made up of 40% Hemp, 40% Cotton and 20% Modal. The hemp gives muscle, the cotton adds softness, and the modal provides elasticity. Hemp is an incredible plant fiber that is valued for its strength and durability, and provides for a great drape and a linen-like feel. Hemp won't wear out, rather it will wear in—getting better with age. It will retain color better than any other fiber, including cotton, due to its porous nature, which also allows the fiber to breath. Come see and test the mesh bag in our shop!

## Sneak Peak...

### **October's Specialty Class**

#### Knit One Below Scarf

Color work is easy with this new technique. You will be working with two colors at once, and will definitely be impressed with how simple this new skill is! We will be making an Inside Out scarf which features a purled loop bind off.

*Date(s):* Saturday morning, September 17th OR  
Tuesday evening, September 20th

*Time(s):* Saturday morning, 9-10:30am  
Tuesday evening, 6-7:30pm

*Cost:* \$15/person (not including supplies)

## Tips and Tricks

1. Have you wondered where to find standards? For instance, what defines 'beginner, intermediate, or experienced' for pattern difficulty? What are basic measurements for children, women, and men? What are standard yarn weights and gauges, and what *in the world* does that symbol mean? Check out [www.yarnstandards.com](http://www.yarnstandards.com) for TONS of information!
2. When making a pompom (or tassel) to attach to a hat, scarf, or afghan, soak the yarn you're going to secure the pompom with in water. When you wrap this wet yarn to secure your pompom, it will hold in place when tying the knot. This also makes a very secure grip around your pompom when the yarn dries.



## Specialty Classes

*Pre-registration is required.*

### Basic Socks

Socks make a wonderful gift that can literally last a lifetime. We will be knitting a sock from the cuff down, and you can choose the method you want to learn: the Magic Loop method, 2-Circular method, or double pointed method. You will have two 3-hour classes.

*Date(s):* Monday evenings, September 14th and 21st OR  
Saturday mornings, September 19th and 26th

*Time(s):* Monday evenings, 5:30-8:30pm  
Saturday mornings, 9:00am-noon

*Cost:* \$30/person

### Cables

Daunted by those beautiful curved and twisted stitches? After this class, you will fear no more! No supplies are necessary for this class. You will learn the basics of how to knit cables, which you can apply to a project of your choice! You will be pleasantly surprised how simple these complex-looking creations really are. This is a one-session class.

*Date(s):* Saturday morning, September 12th OR  
Thursday morning, September 17th

*Time(s):* Saturday morning, 10-11:30am  
Thursday morning, 10-11:30am

*Cost:* \$10/person

*You will receive a 10% discount on all purchases the day of the class.*