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9th anniversary/07 summer clearance Sale!! (July 28-Aug.6)

- ✚ 1st time ever, bag a bargain sale!! A selection of yarns in an area which can be purchased in this way: if you spend \$75 before tax on anything with your draw, then you may fill a bag to the top with yarn of your choice from the special bag a bargain area, pay \$29.95.
- ✚ spend \$100, pay \$24.95, spend \$125, pay \$19.95, spend \$150, pay \$14.95, spend \$175, pay \$9.95, spend \$200, get 1 bag free!!! Don't miss this, we have to clear space for new yarns coming August. Also,
- Draw for your discount, up to 50% off all regular priced yarns
- 50% off all discontinued yarns and many magazines
- 50% off all yarns in 4 black plastic shelves at back of store
- 25% off all full priced books and mags
- Select sweater samples at clear out prices
- Free magazine with \$75 purchase or more
- We welcome your personal cheques, cash, interac, Mastercard, or VISA
- Hours as usual
- Come to our sale Aug. 3 and then go over to the park behind the Moncton street museum/post office and celebrate by listening/dancing to free music 2-4pm!! For more info, go to musicinthevillage.net.

Shop hours
Tues. - Sat. 10-5:30PM
Sun. & Mon. 12-5PM
Open every day of the year
except Christmas & Boxing
days, & New Year's Day

Don't forget to use or ask for your
**PassionKnitter's club
discount card!** Filled cards are added up and you receive 10% of what you have spent off your next project. (Ex. If project): Filled cards go into a once a year draw around Christmas time, and the drawn customer receives a \$50 gift certificate to the store!

Update on the DeBray family knitwear recipients!



here is Camryn 16 months, now walking, and talking a blue streak, in her 1 ball Zitron "Living" self-patterning super wash merino earflap hat a la Gamma, and

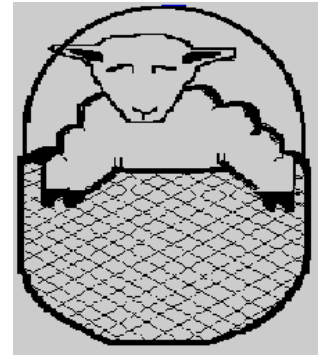


here at the aquarium, are Fisher, 2 years, 11 months and Nolan, 1 years 11 months, contemplating how many more sweaters Gamma could knit for them with this many arms!!

The West Coast Knitter's Guild has moved their meetings to the Senior centre west side of Oakridge mall at 41st Ave. and Cambie, Vancouver, meetings will still be first Tues of the month. Westcoastknitters.org

If you wish to meet with other knitters in Richmond, come to our gathering the last Friday of the month, 1-4PM here at Wool & Wicker & knit for your favourite charity or whatever you like.

Class news! See last page



We have Marion Topping's stash of Jamieson & Smith 2 ply jumper weight yarn which we have advertised on our website at \$5.95/25g skein, all proceeds will be donated to the Marion Topping scholarship fund—to be mailed to the Richmond Retired Teacher's Scholarship Fund, c/o General Currie school, 8220 General Currie Rd., Richmond, BC, V6Y 1M1. Donate to this worthy cause and get some great yarn to boot!

Knitting Tip!! Dream of being a published knitting or crochet designer? Then here is an opportunity for you! Go to Submissions@knittingpatternaday.com and read about it, prizes up to \$1,000!! Submissions for 2009 edition submit before Dec. 15/07.

Another opportunity! Are you a very good knitter with excellent finishing skills who would like to make extra money to spend on more yarn by working up some luscious new yarns? Bring some of your finished work into the store for approval, and we will give you some sample garments to work on! Call before you come, to be sure Diane is here.

New button supplier – we love many of the buttons in this new to us button line, have a look at what is available at bluemoonbuttons.com, and their sister line, renaissancebuttons.com If you see any you can't live without, let us know and we will put them on our next order!

New yarns in stock, since last newsletter, and still for spring/summer knitting: Great big sea, a merino and seacell blend, Lady Godiva, a merino silk blend, and coming soon, a lace weight handpainted baby alpaca (suri) and blue faced Leicester blend from the amazing Fleece Artist, a Canadian phenomenon.

Some new samples you can see and try on in the store are a Schulana "Sojabama" (I am totally in love with this eco friendly blend!) Kirsten Cowan lace shell from a 2004 Spring/summer Vogue Knitting pattern and an "Urban Silk" version of the spiral shell cotton asymmetrical top from the Norah Gaughan book "Knitting from Nature." The new Artfelt kits are in from Skacel, 13 colourways to choose from. No knitting needed, just felt your fiber this new method and create a scarf, bag, pillows, wall art. See class last page. Don't miss the bestseller Zitron's Pro Natura wool/bamboo solid colours dyed to go with the gorgeous soft coloured multis. Eco-friendly!

If you haven't yet tried the new **Addi lace needles**, you owe yourself a try of these huge sellers across North America. Addi in Germany had to put on an extra shift to keep up with the demand. These needles are made with the usual care for detail and perfection, with sharper tips and a non nickel coating which creates more bite for your increased control in knitting lace with ease and comfort.

We already have good stock of several choices of fall/winter yarns from **Nashua Handknits**, see Creative Focus Chunky, Equinox Stripe, Painted Forest and Wooly Stripes, along with some great pattern support. Westminsterfibers.com.

Berroco: We have some of most of the yarns in their current line, make sure you check out their website for quick last minute gift ideas, we have most of the pattern books they mention, plus they have lots of free patterns on their site. Berroco.com. From one of our most popular basic yarn suppliers, **Sirdar**, sirdar.co.uk. For those of you who love to knit with a light weight acrylic blend, we have been stocking **Country Style DK** in many colours, and a new put-up, 100g balls. Try this for none wool socks! We also brought in some more of the snowflake dk weight.

From **estelledesigns.ca**, we offer the ecologically friendly silky drapery "**Eden**" Bamboo in solids and multicolours, and **Dalegarn Svale** in some new colours. This yarn is a gorgeous quality which gets overlooked, a cotton silk blend with luster and drape which stands up very well and has their wonderful pattern support.

From **Karabella Yarns** we have the wonderful Italian extra-fine merino Aurora 8 for your aran weight patterns, and we have some Mako Tape, Gossamer, Lace Mohair, Marble, Soft Tweed, Zodiac, Fireworks, Glimmer and New Magic. I think their pattern support is superb, what do you think? Check out Berta Karapetyan's new hardcover book with all new designs "Runway Knits" karabellayarns.com

Manos del Uruguay which knits at 14-16 stitches to 4 inches, perfect for your fall/winter jackets and chunky pullovers available in US for 25 years. (This is a gorgeous 100% wool blend of merino and corriedale, handspun and kettle dyed by a co-op of 1,000 rural Uruguayan artisan women, the sale of which provides economic and social opportunities. Manos had it's beginning about 1850, in the northeast area of Paysandu province where the Uruguay River flows, the sheep graze in meadows strewn with the round geodes of agate stone. These stones, when split open reveal intricate layers of soft colours which blend into each other. These stone formations so influenced the wife of a sheep herder when she was dyeing the family yarn that she set out to duplicate the effect.) There is no equal to the colours in this yarn. See the seven pages of colours to choose from at ashleyyarns.com, so far, we carry the multicolours, ranging from colour 100 - 119

From **Needful Yarns**, from their Lantern Moon collection, we have the mini sweater key rings, the sheep and bumble bee tape measures, the sunburst totes, and new stock of the mini and small rice baskets.

Coming for Fall/Winter 2007/08

Watch for the following coming in august/sept/Oct. Where possible, I have included our distributor website addresses for you to see the product.

From **mistialpaca.com**, you will see their new multi coloured worsted weight baby alpaca, gorgeous soft and unusual colours.

From **Skacelknitting.com**, along with the best knitting needles in the world, we have some wonderful new yarns coming, several colours of Schulana's Colardino, a glorious coloured 75% wool tweedy chunky, Zitron's Avanti, a dk weight subtly colour changing superwash merino and more Tweed Lux, a merino/silk/cashmere tweed aran to chunky weight, yummy!

From **Berroco** We have reordered Ultra Alpaca in thirteen colours for your fall/winter designs, this yarn also felts beautifully. The patterns for fall are great, as usual. They have added a lighter weight yarn same blend, we will have 3 colours to start. New and fabulous are Jasper, a tweedy merino concoction with some lovely patterns, and Peruvia, a heavy worsted wool in lovely heathery colours for your felting projects and there are some really nice patterns for this one as well. You will also continue to see Foliage and Celtic from this great company. See patterns at berroco.com.



This is "Kori" knit in Foliage, 8-13 balls, depending on size. Intriguing to knit, gorgeous to wear!

Needful Yarns is sending us 8 colours of a new chunky Bambini Soft for quick knit baby items, 6 colours of a chunky weight wool blend tweed called London Tweed, and a subtly colour changing soft boucle called Mirage which promise to be very popular, along with more of their best seller Van Dyck and their superwash 100% wool gatto.

I am very excited to offer the **Mirasol Peru** line from **diamondyarn.com**, a fair trade initiative to benefit the children of the region's shepherds who live far below the poverty line and whose illiteracy rate is 95%. I know that we can count on the generosity of our customers to help make this project a resounding success, a percentage of all purchases will go directly to fund the project, a new school for these children, help us sell out and need to order more! The yarn and prices are irresistible, which helped make my decision to bring this line in. There will be a book of designs by Jane Ellison for the Miski, aran weight 100% baby alpaca, Hacho, handpaint dk 100% merino, Sulka, chunky merino, alpaca and silk, and Cotanani, dk pima cotton and merino.



A design in Sulka

From **Gedifra** comes Super Gigante Twin for great textured scarves, and from **Debbie Bliss** we have reordered baby cashmerino and we will have her Donegal Tweed Aran and chunky for a beautiful book of specially designed patterns for these traditional yarns along with several more of her books. The new **Rowan** mag 42 is wonderful, and we will have more of their Tapestry, Felted Tweed and Pure Wool dk to support it, plus the Kidsilk Aura, which is a gorgeous kid mohair and silk dk, and 3 other new Rowan books. We

have ordered more of the Sublime books as well. From **Filatura Di Crosa**, we have more Multicolor mohair coming, and **Ritratto** and **Luxor** from S. Charles. **Elsebeth Lavold** has remained a fave of customers, so we have more of her silky wool coming, her new book promises to be equally as good as her previous ones. **Ella Rae**, who was a designer for Jo Sharp, has new books, including a very cool felting book, for which we have ordered the **Ella Rae Classic**, less \$ than **Cascade 220**, same quality, no winding! You may have seen the really interesting scarf on **yarnharlot.com**'s blog made in **On Line's Solo**, a very wide mesh tape in orange, we have this, plus 3 other colours of **Wisdom Tango** coming, same yarn, I liked the colours better. You will also like **Katia's Trilogy**, which changes yarns and fibers in stripes, similar to **Noro Transitions**. From **Noro**, you will see the new aran weight **Niji boucle**, and more of the favourites and new colours in **Kureyon** and **Silk Garden**, **Kochoran** and **Iro**. **Colinette's** new **Mulberry** and **Millais** kits for **Tao Silk** and **Parisienne Kid Mohair** had me positively panting. We will have all 6 colours. These are to die for! **Sirdar's** offerings were too good to pass up, for tons of new leaflets, you will see here **Juniper**, a soft lovely Multicolour, **Snuggly Baby Bamboo Dk**, (this is awesome!), plus **Confetti**, **Snuggly dk**, **Tiny Tots**, **Snuggly 4ply** and **Supersoft Aran** in new tweedy colours, and for a change, **Click dk** and chunky, a 70/30 acrylic wool blend at a great price, more springy and lovelier than **Country Style**. We also reordered the **Baby Alpaca Sport** that our customers have loved. Have you seen the lovely new tri - colours from **Mission Falls**? We will have those very soon, along with their new book "For him and her".

If you need a laugh, then read through these Children's Science Exam answers. These are real answers from school kids.

Q: Name the four seasons.

A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.

A: Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.

Q: How is dew formed?

A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour?

A: Keep it in the cow.

Q: What causes the tides in the oceans?

A: The tides are a fight between the Earth and the Moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature hates a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.

Q: What are steroids?

A: Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

Q: What happens to your body as you age?

A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q: What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?

A: He says good-bye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.

Q: Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.

A: Premature death.

Q: What is artificial insemination?

A: When the farmer does it to the bull instead of the cow.

Q: How are the main parts of the body categorized? (e.g. abdomen.)

A: The body is consisted into three parts-the brainium, the borax, and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain; the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels, A, E, I, O, and U.

Q: What is the fibula?

A: A small lie.

Q: What does "varicose" mean?

A: Nearby.

Q: Give the meaning of the term "Caesarean section"

A: The Caesarean Section is a district in Rome.

Q: What does the word "benign" mean?"

A: Benign is what you will be after you be eight.

Classes

Please note: We offer the very best available teachers and we encourage you to purchase your yarns here before class in order to keep your fees low, and class size small.

All yarns, needles and accessories for students 10% off while class in session. Call now 275-1239 to register for fall, or for more information, class size limited to 8 students

Beginner knitting

\$85.00, 6 WEEKS. GET YOUR NAME IN NOW FOR THE NEXT CLASS, WE HOPE TO START LATE AUGUST, EARLY SEPT. FRIDAY NIGHTS 7-9PM, OR DAYTIME WITH MAXINE HARTLINE.

Knitting with Venessa Bentley

Now teaching knitting all over the lower mainland, Venessa has a wide knowledge and experience in teaching (she's an elementary school teacher) along with a wonderful manner and warm personality. These classes are ongoing, so we can't keep up with start dates. Get your name on the list and we will call you for the next available class of your choice of time.

Basic knitting skills required for the following classes.

Intermediate Knitting: \$85-6 wks. Sat. morn. 10:30-12:30, and aft. 1-3 Pm. Sept.8-Oct.13/07, then Oct.20-Dec.8, skipping Oct.27 & Nov.10, then Jan.5-Feb.9/08. Min. 5/class. These are project based classes, you choose the project and get help from the teacher as you knit. Register now, classes fill quickly.

Sampler Knitting Workshop

\$130.00-10wks. Sat aft. 3:30-5:30PM. Possible start Sept.08/07-Nov.24/07 (missing Oct.27 and Nov.10). Learn to knit aran, intarsia, Entrelac, fairisle and other knitting patterns in sampler sizes with Venessa. Squares can be joined into afghan.

Sampler the Sequel Workshop

\$130.00-10wks, 6 min., or \$160, 5 min. Sat. aft. 3:30-5:30PM. Grads of the 1st workshop above can start Jan.12/08 -Mar.15/08, two-faced knitting, shadow knitting, mitres and modules, entrelac, lace in the round and more.

New pathways for sock knitters

workshop: Sat. aft. 3:30-5:30. Learn Cat Bordhi's new sock knitting methods as shown in her new book. Get your name in now, sure to be very popular, book included in class price.

2 Socks on 1 needle toe up workshop

\$50- 3 weeks, Sat. aft 3:30-5:30, poss. Start Dec.1/07 -Dec.22/07, with Venessa Bentley-learn to knit both socks together on 1 needle! Must have knit socks.

Moebius knitting workshop:

\$65-4 weeks, learn the magical moebius cast on and knit a lovely shawl/capelet or a bag or basket/bowl a la Cat Bordhi.

Felting workshop: \$50, 3 weeks, flat bottom bag pattern supplied by Venessa, need 24" circular needle, 250m 2 colours worsted yarn, markers that can be undone.

Artfelt workshop, no knitting involved, using a new method of wet felting, fee will include materials, details to be announced.

Knitting up a winter storm - special

Christmas atmosphere, music & refreshments. 3 weeks \$42.50, Sat. eves. 6-8PM, Nov.17, Nov. 24, Dec.1, supplies provided for a small fee.

Curious about Jean's classes? Check out some on-going blogs on line to see how her American students are doing, go to google.ca and type in nihon vogue knitting classes with Jean Wong.

Nihon Vogue Certificate Knitting Course.

These classes are the only ones of their kind offered in North America. We have had 2 of these classes running in the store since January 04, and we have a waiting list for the next classes. Get your name on the list right away, only 8 spaces available.

These are certificate classes with Nihon Vogue Knitting School of Japan affiliation. Nihon Vogue has had a school operating in Japan for 52 years, and has trained 50,000 plus knitting instructors! This is like a University Knitting course. The 1st year is one year in duration, with a once a week class for 10 weeks, then 2 weeks off, repeating for the year. The tuition is \$1050, payable first day of class, (deposit needed to hold your place) plus \$150 for textbooks needed. These are a set of 4 texts, good for the first 2 years of the course. (Second year tuition will be around same price, using texts you already have). This 1 year knitting course is appropriate for all skill levels, from beginner to master knitters. Even master knitters have learned much from Jean. Your first seven projects will be

1. pull-over vest with no shaping, your choice of boat, V neck or round neck;
2. top down sweater (or fair-isle yoke top down if you have already done this workshop with her);
- 4 set in sleeve sweaters:
3. pullover round neck,
4. pullover V-neck,
5. Cardigan round neck,
6. cardigan V-neck
7. Crochet vest.
8. design your own.

Attendance will be taken, and your projects marked. Certificates not issued if you miss more than 6 classes. 1st week of Sept.07 start date for next class.

3rd and 4th year will be combined into 16 months, 1st half is design from swatch, no garments made, 2nd half is learning to be a teacher. Further info to come, once price, etc. decided.

Professional Finishing Classes

Jean Wong teaches the following classes, Nihon Vogue trained with 9 years teaching experience in a Taiwanese knitting school. For perfect results, we suggest this challenging series; we have had all levels of knitters, from intermediate skills to masters, all learning many expert techniques. All students begin with level 1. We offer day and evening classes. These are an abbreviated version of the Nihon Vogue certificate class, no certificate offered, for those who don't wish to commit to a year of school.

Professional finishing, level 1

\$175 for 10 wks. Min. 4. start end of August or 1st wk Sept., Daytime, or eves., 7-9PM. You will knit a cardigan vest, from scratch (no pattern to follow) round neck, shaped armholes. Learn the exacting Japanese knitting techniques, and learn how to knit to fit, without following someone else's pattern

Professional finishing, level 2

\$175 for 10 wks. Graduates of level 1, knit a long sleeve v-neck cardigan. Learning perfect armhole shaping for set-in sleeves, perfect set-in sleeve shaping, vertical bands with short rowing for buttonholes, short row shoulder shaping, invisible cast on and off, some pattern drawing. Get your name on the list for the next class

Professional finishing, level 3

\$175 for 10 wks. Graduates of level 1 & 2 learn more about Japanese knitting techniques, matching patterns at side and shoulder seams, armhole shaping and math involved, shaping collars, you will be making a lace or aran cardigan.

Professional finishing, level 4

\$175, for 10 wks. Get your name on the list for the next class. Graduates of level 3 knit a raglan v-neck pullover, matching patterns perfectly, using stitch patterns, and using one colour yarn

Professional finishing, Level 5

\$175 for 10 wks. Get your name on the list for the next class. Graduates of Level 4 will learn new techniques

Knitting From the Top Down, Level 1 and 2

\$110 for 6 wks. Learn from Jean Wong to knit a garment from the top down, shaping as you go. Level 1 finishing needed

Introductory Workshops with Jean Wong

No previous classes with Jean required

Knitted Lace Shawl Workshop

\$75 for 2 wks. learn to knit this glorious lacy Fleece Artist Lady Godiva silk & wool design by Jean. Yarn included, hurry in to make your choice of colour!

Tailored Knitting the Japanese Way,

\$125, including lunch. 1 day 6 hr workshop, a Sunday. After choosing your yarn here and knitting a swatch, you will bring it to the workshop and she will show you how to measure, calculate and draft your own pattern for a vest. Get your name on the list so we can get this class started!

