

Wool & Wicker

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Happy Summer and Fall 2010

Hello! I'm back! From August on, I will be again in store Tuesday to Saturday, so if anyone has missed me, come on down! I have been in store only 3 days a week, due to babysitting for my little granddaughter Hennessey Belle 2 days a week, plus needing 2 days to recuperate! To all of you, our treasured customers, from Denis and I, and our teachers, Jean Wong, Pat Dyksterhuis, Edita Michalek, and Elena Nodel, and part timers Lorraine Matsuo, Y Emmons, Meaghan Cristjanson, Kate Young (warehouse support) and Telly Miller (class organizer), thank you from the bottom of our hearts, for your continued support and encouragement.

12th Anniversary Summer Sale!!

(July 17 – 25/10, hours as usual)

- Draw for your discount, up to 50% off all regular priced yarns and needles!
- Some yarns at \$1/ball!
- 50% off all discontinued yarns and many magazines and patterns
- 50% off all yarns in 3 black plastic shelves at back of store, plus 2 rows to the left
- 25% off all full priced books and mags
- Select sweater samples at clear out prices
- 6 free magazines with \$75 purchase or more, while they last

A reminder! PASSIONKNITTER'S CLUB discount card!

All of your purchases now count on your card! Filled cards are added up and you receive 10% of what you have spent off your next project. Filled cards go into a once a year draw around Christmas time, and drawn customers receive a \$50 gift certificate to the store!

Newest arrival!

Here is the latest DeBray grandchild Mason Davis at about 8 wks. in all his Gamma knitted glory (size 6 mos. He was born Mar.29th at 9lbs 11oz) with his Mommy Maisy.



Knitting Group

If you wish to meet with other knitters in Richmond, come to our informal gathering the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, 1-4PM here at Wool & Wicker & knit for your favourite charity or whatever you like. If you are looking for a meeting place for your knitting group, let us know when you would like to meet, and if we don't have a class planned for that time, come on over!

Class news!

See last 2 pages for classes coming up. We were very pleased and excited to see the article on Japanese Knitting in the British magazine "The Knitter" issue 17, with a short list of everything they could find available online including our very own Nihon Vogue trained teacher, Jean Wong! We have also made some class changes students will want to see.

WE ARE SEEKING HELP STARTING FALL 2010!! We need a new class co-ordinator, as lucky Telly will be retiring to travel with her husband. Thank you, Telly for all your hard work over the last year. Please apply with resume to Diane, care of the store, applicants must be familiar with excel, ideally should be a past or present student of classes here as well.

Knitting in the Park with West Coast Knitter's Guild

Aug.4/10 10 AM – Dusk, Stanley Park, covered picnic shelter near mini railway, bus loop and old petting zoo, bring your own lunch and lawn chair and enjoy!

New Books in Stock



- **Custom Knits** – Wendy Bernard great bestseller featuring top down designs
- **Strickly Socks** – a new approach to sock knitting by Candance Eisner Strick, strickwear.com
- **100 Aran Patterns** – written in Japanese, with charts and international symbols, plus several other Japanese pattern mags which are a must see.
- **Design It, Knit It: Babies** by Debbie Bliss – learn to design your own baby garments
- **Knitwear Design Workshop A Comprehensive Guide** by Shirley Paden – fabulous book
- **Mason Dixon Knitting** – now in softcover
- **One Ball Knits Gifts**
- **Wool Toys and Friends: Step by Step Instructions** – so cute! A follow up to the fun Wool Pets
- **Alice Starmore's Book of Fair Isle Knitting** – yes it is inn print again, and in paperback
- **Fair Isle Knitting** Patterns: Reproducing the Known work of Robert
- **Aran Knitting** - Alice Starmore is being reprinted, coming fall(ebay for hundreds of \$\$!) Get your order in now!
- **Misty** - the latest by the prolific and wonderful designer from Rowan, Kim Hargreaves
- **Precious** – our most popular so far of Kim Hargreaves lovely pattern books

Other News...

ADDI LACE INTERCHANGEABLE CLICK NEEDLE SETS!!

Knitters asked, Addi delivers. Get your order in now for the soon to come **lace** click sets! The addi Lace Click system provides 8 different sizes of addi Lace tips (3.5mm, 3.75mm, 4.0mm, 4.5mm, 5.0mm, 5.5mm, 6.0mm, 8.0mm), five different lengths of our new, extremely pliable blue cord (16", 20", 24", 32" and 40"), and one connector piece which helps to either store stitches or combine your cords. The Click tips require no tools to change; simply insert the cord deep into the tip, twist and release. The tips will remain secure until you change them, thanks to the Click's revolutionary locking mechanism!

The Wonderful new knitters of Anderson Elementary school have made nearly 50 blankets for PROJECT LINUS under the direction of Pamela Essex, principal. We want to congratulate and thank them for this amazing effort on behalf of all the recipients!

KNITTING TIP! The very best tip I can give you as a very long time knitter is to use guaranteed for life Addi needles – why should you invest in these for your knitting? I used to hate circular needles. I only used straights. The first time I used these needles was over 20 years ago at the Northwest Needlemarket for retail stores. I loved them from first try. I started gradually replacing my straight needles with Addi circs. My carpal tunnel disappeared. My shoulder and elbow pain disappeared. Better for your health, and faster and easier to use. More pleasure in your knitting. Isn't that why we do it? See Verena summer 2010 which has a great article on the factory in Germany, in business since 1829!!

Coming for Fall/Winter 2010

(Will start arriving Aug/Sept.) See all which are up on the distributor's websites)

Skacelknitting.com, along with the best knitting needles in the world, we will have some wonderful yarns for your fall/winter projects, and at lower prices. **Schulana Cambada** bulky 100% merino, solid background colour with blips of a second colour; **Schulana Capo Nord** 100% superfine merino polar weight (like Lifestyle on steroids); **Schulana Cashmere Moda** 100% cashmere in worsted weight, great price; **Zitron Filigran** 100% super wash merino lace weight in solids and OMG hand dyes; **Schoppel Wolle Flying Saucer sock yarn** 6 colourways injection dyed to provide matching socks! in a tie dyed effect; **Zitron Mistral** 95% merino and 5% rayon worsted weight infused with unscented lavender oil; **Schulana Rodeo** 55% superkid mohair 23% merino superfine 22% nylon chunky knit on big needles with tufts of colour on solid soft thread; **Schoppel XL** 100% merino bulky lovely pre felted in great colour range; **Schoppel Zauberball 6 ply** – a dk weight sock yarn, in Missoni like stripes; **Zitron Trekking 6 ply tweed** – a dk sock yarn in subtle tweedy effects on gorgeous solids, these last 2, sweaters anyone? **Zitron Lifestyle and Unisono** are also a must see/feel. Watch for the newest Schulana knitting magazine, or check out Skacel's website for a new collection of fabulous **free patterns** and get your yarns here!

Diamondyarn.com **Aslan Trends Royal Alpaca** – 100% Extra fine dehaired Alpaca, worsted weight 200m/100g in 10 colours; **Debbie Bliss Rialto Dk** -100% Extra Fine Merino in 17 colours; **Diamond Luxury Collection Foot Loose** sock yarn in multis, and a new selection of solids; **Katia Zenith** – a super large eyelash glitzy concoction; **Katia Evita** – a thick & thin wool with fake fur balls intermittently and a scarf pattern on the label; **Sublime Books** and **Sublime Extra Fine Merino Wool dk** in 13 colours, **Ella Rae** books 101-107, with more of her popular **Lace Merino Multi & the new Lace Merino Solid**; **Aslan Trends** book Enchanting collection; **Louisa Harding** books Dream Catcher and Babushka; **Noro** books **Jane Ellison 2010** with **Noro**

Kirameki – lace weight with a splash of cashmere in all 10 gorgeous colourways; more of **Noro Silk Garden** – 9 colours including all the new ones and **Noro Shirakaba** in 3 colours; sport weight **Noro King** in 4 colours, 228m/50g; and from Mirasol.com more of **Mirasol Miski** – 8 colours in this lovely best selling Llama; **Baby Alpaca Sport** in 15 colours, including new ones; and from our basics, **Sirdar.com**, more of **Sirdar Snowflake Chunky** in new colours; **Sirdar Squiggle** – a tweedy bright chunky for kids with a sample garment; we already have lots of colours in **Sirdar Snuggly dk** – including many new colours in this best seller; new to us **Araucania Panguipulli** – this is a 100% tweedy chunky weight in gorgeous colourways; **Araucania** books by **Jenny Watson**, and **Debbie Macomber Petals** A sock yarn in 6 colours with pattern books [all proceeds from sale of this yarn goes to children's causes worldwide](#).

WestminsterFibers.com – bring us our 30 year association with Rowan yarns who introduced us to the knitting “Rock Star” Kaffe Fassett whose fabulous design Foolish Virgins you can view here at the store in a wool and a cotton version, and we continue to supply aficionados with their wonderful books and yarns. **Rowan Cocoon** is coming back along with **Big Wool** and 4 new colours of **Lima**. We have ordered 3 new yarns, **Purelife Boucle**, a gorgeous polar weight boucle in natural coloured organic blue faced Leicester with a short sleeve short jacket called Acacia in their #48, Autumn/2010 book, **Drift** – a Big Wool weight tweedy but smooth look and **Renew** a textured tweedy in gorgeous colours made of recycled fabric! We will have a collared short sleeve jacket sample garment.

Berroco.com We have added new colours or restock of **Blackstone Tweed**, (wool, kid mohair and angora) our lovely, soft tweed choice in aran weight, **Peruvia Quick** and **Lustra**, two of your faves. New will be **Blackstone Tweed Chunky**, (so nice!), **Borealis**, drop dead gorgeous Multicolour bulky weight acrylic/wool, **Campus**, same weight as Borealis, more subtle look, lots of colours of **Vintage Chunky**, acrylic/wool/nylon, 130yds/100g, (I pictured quick knit throws and kids jackets) the hand and colours of which are irresistible, both of these will have equally irresistible sample garments, see pics below. We will have all of the booklets from them as well. If you haven't checked out **Berroco's** pattern booklets in our store, you must put these on your list of browseworthy, great patterns at a low price, with technical local yarn store backing, unlikely many internet pattern sources.



Vintage Chunky - Americano



Borealis - Nouveau



Borealis - Outre

MistiAlpaca.com, we have **Misti Alpaca Tonos Worsted** and **Misti Alpaca sock** coming.

Northwest Needle Market always offers some great eye candy and knitting bags, it will be later this year, so late September we'll be bringing in some more new stuff still to be seen, like knitting bags.

Classes

Please note: All yarns, needles and accessories (not books) for students are 10% off while class in session. **Call now (604-275-1239) to register for fall 2010, or for more information.** Class size limited to 8 students. Don't see the class you want to take listed? Let us know and we will try to make it happen! See note at end of class info for more information. New policy. **Yarns must be purchased here in order to participate in our classes, to support our store offering the best classes and teachers available, so purchase your yarns here before class in order to keep your fees low, and class size small. Any student wishing to use yarn from elsewhere, please consult directly with Diane, not the teacher – this will be dealt with on an individual basis.** My cell is 604-307-8402. I will be in the store Tues to Sat. after end July.

Beginner Knitting, \$85 plus HST for 6 weeks

Starting again fall 2010, Sat. aft, either 1-3 or 3:30-5:30PM, depending on how many Intermediate classes we have. Our Beginner Knitting teacher, **Elena Nodel**, will teach you both continental (left handed picking) and English or Western (right handed throwing) and you will learn to knit on circular needles, so you will be able to avoid seams on many garments and accessories, and it will save you from shoulder, wrist and elbow pain from straight needle knitting. Get your name in now. You will have fun and will get to knit your choice of project purchased from our many products, once you have learned to knit.

Beyond Beginner or Intermediate Knitting, \$85 plus HST for 6 weeks.

Mon.aft. 12:30-2.30. Starting Sept.13/10, or Fri. nights, Sept.10/10, 7-9PM, with **Edita Michalek**, who is taking Nihon Vogue with Jean Wong. You must choose your project and yarn from among our many choices, and get help along the way.

Starting Sept. 18th/10, Sat morn, 10:30-12:30PM and afternoon 1-3PM.another Nihon Vogue student of Jean's, **Pat Dyksterhus**, teaches these classes. These are project based classes, you choose the project and yarn from our many choices, and get help from the teacher as you knit. You will learn so much in this class, because you learn from what the others in class are doing as well. **Register now** for the next class.



Willoughby Scarf Workshop \$75 plus HST for 4 weeks See picture on page 3

By student demand. Date and time pending are Sats. August 7, 14, Sept. 4 and 11th, 2010, either 10:30-12:30, 1-3:00 or 3:30-5:30, depending on students. Pat Dyksterhuis will teach this class. The pattern is from Jared Flood's Made in Brooklyn booklet from Classic Elite yarns. You will need to buy the booklet, plus yarn to make this lovely scarf. Some suggested yarns in store are Silky Wool, Nuna, Lifestyle, Sojabama, Felted Tweed or Invernal.

PLEASE NOTE: Your deposit is your guarantee that you will come to class. If for any reason we must postpone or delay the class you have committed to, your deposit can be used as a credit in the store if you decide not to wait. We will only refund your deposit if the class is forever cancelled. Also, FOR REASONS BEYOND OUR CONTROL, CLASS FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.