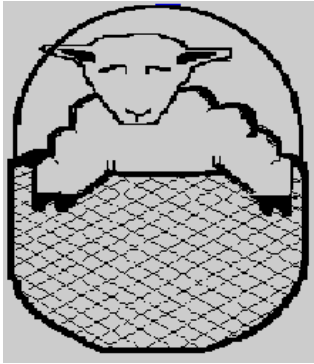


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If you wish to meet with other knitters in Richmond, come to our informal gathering the last Friday of the month, 1-4PM here at Wool & Wicker & knit for your favourite charity or whatever you like. If you are looking for a meeting place for your knitting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

- New books in stock, and lower prices to reflect our stronger Canadian \$!!**
- Stitch N Bitch Nation
 - Son of a Stitch N Bitch
 - Stitch N Bitch Calendar 08
 - Bag Style, Folk Style, Lace Style, Scarf Style
 - Cables Diamonds & Herringbone
 - Felt Forward
 - Cables & Arans, Harmony Guide
 - Lace & Eyelets, Harmony Guide
 - Knit & Purl, Harmony Guide
 - Knit the Christmas Story
 - Kristin Knits
 - Knitted Icons
 - Knitting Little Luxuries
 - Knitting Never Felt Better
 - Modular Knits
 - Yarn Lovers Guide to Hand Dyeing
 - Unicorn Book's bestseller New Pathways for Sock Knitters.

ProjectLinus.com We have been the drop off for Richmond/Delta/Surrey blankie knitters for years now, and we would then take your lovely works of love to Burnaby Knitworks, where they would be wrapped, tagged, and then picked up and distributed to those in need. Thank you to Frieda Larmer, and all those who worked with her to make sure this cause was successful. Frieda has unfortunately found it necessary to shut down her store, and so, the distribution has become our welcome responsibility. We welcome any volunteers who would be happy to help ready the blankets for gifting when we get a number of them. Any of you knitters who wish to donate yarn or fabric for those keen to work on blankies can bring them here, and of course, we welcome you folks who are so kind to use your knitting time for children in need. We will be organizing some knit-ins come the new year. Note: Parent's Magazine voted Project Linus as one of the 10 children's charities deserving of your support. 2,293,340 blankets donated worldwide so far.



New! "Not So Plain" Plane Bag

Perfect for socks, scarves, baby items when traveling. 7 interior pockets to hold circs, notions, balls of yarn. Draw string top keeps all in place when bag closed, opens very wide when you have space to do so. Beautifully constructed in Vietnam of striped silk taffeta with purple inside – lightweight, can squeeze into hand luggage or carry over shoulder.

Watch for the Cream " Zitron Lifestyle" design by Cat Bordhi in upcoming Knitter's Mag and new multi colours coming for fall.

Just saw the rep for Rowan Yarns, and there are some exciting new developments that will be looked forward to for fall/winter 08. This year is Rowan's 30th anniversary! I have been a Rowan fan right from the very 1st book, 22 years ago, and of course, fell head over heels for the work of Kaffe Fassett and made several of his designs and many of the Rowan designs over the years. We are also big Rowan yarn fans here, so his colours of their concoction "Colourscape Chunky" are so exciting and eagerly anticipated. All Rowan fans who remember Kim Hargreaves will be happy to know that she has re-affiliated herself with the company, has designed some colours in their yarns, which will be labeled Kim, and has a new book out called "Heartfelt", and three more planned for the next few months. Gorgeous designs from one of the most popular Rowan designers over the years. More great news from Rowan is an addition of Purelife Wool to their Purelife cotton collection. These yarns are fair-trade, vegetable dyed, organic and labeled with recycled paper. We have lots of colours coming to support this collection of wool it is gorgeous!

Berroco's exciting new fall collection includes Peruvia Colours, a multi, and Geode, gorgeous! Peruvia Quick, pure alpaca knitting at 16 sts, a heavier chunky wool/alpaca blend called Cuzco, Ultra Alpaca fine with nylon Socks! And Inca Gold, merino and silk! Yum!!

Class news! See last page

New yarns in stock, since last newsletter, and still for fall/winter knitting: **Schaefer Yarns** has sent us 4 colours of **Miss Priss**, aran weight handpainted for kids in Greenjeans, Piggy, Hermoine and Snooks. We also got 20 skeins of their gorgeous sock yarn, **Anne**, each colour an individual, 520 yards/100gm.

If you wish an organic yarn naturally plant dyed, be sure to have a look at **Handjive's Columbia Organic** aran weight, and their **Nature's Palette** fingering merino, with wonderful pattern support for shawls. I have seen these made, they are really beautiful.

Have you seen the lovely new tri - colours 1824 from **Mission Falls**? We have all 3 now, along with their new book "For him and her", plus the new solids and variegated colours in the cotton for spring/summer.

Additional sizes in our new Addi lace needles, you can now purchase 40"/100cm lengths in all sizes, including 3 new needle sizes, 4.5mm, 5mm and 5.5mm!! The 7MM are also expanded to include all lengths. You will also notice that because of our stronger \$, the prices have been lowered on the Addis.

From **KarabellaYarns.com** we will have more of the wonderful Italian extra-fine merino **Aurora 8** for your aran weight patterns, and we have some **Mako Tape**, **Gossamer**, **Lace Mohair**, **Zodiac**, **Fireworks**, **Glimmer** and **New Magic**. We look forward to seeing their fall 08.

We are forever committed to the wonderful **Manos del Uruguay**, so you will see more and more of this wonderful yarn in our store. The newest in their line is a lovely dk weight silk/wool blend in multis and solids.

NeedfulYarns.com, from their fair trade **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.



for Spring/summer/08

From **Skacelknitting.com**, along with the best knitting needles in the world, we have some wonderful new yarns, which I have personally tested, several colours of **Schulana's Fashion Silk**, a chunky weight marshmallow of a blend with some very lovely pattern support, **Cotton Silk**, a dk weight organic nature dyed blend softly striated monochromatic colours, and **Filolino**, a linen blend ribbon in lovely multicolours, all, a joy to knit with and wear. Last, but sure to be a best seller, **Trekking Hand Art** is a new hand-painted sock yarn in a skein, starting with 9 gorgeous colourways.

From **Berroco.com** We have **Bonsai**, the most beautiful bamboo ribbon which has been very popular, along with **Cotton Twist**, cotton viscose in very lovely colourways, and their new yarns **Comfort sock**, **Sox**, **Lumina**, **Seduce** and **Nature Lin**. Special yarns, at excellent prices, great pattern support.

From **Diamondyarn.com** I am so happy to have the **MirasolPeru.com** line from Peru, 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%. These yarns have been daily sellers, and we have their new summer book by Jane Ellison with their new cotton, called **Samp'a**. You can try on a sample of **Titicaca**, made in their hand-painted merino aran weight, **Hacho**, which has a genius shape, and looks so good on everyone who tries it on.

Elsebeth Lavold brought out her **Hempathy** last spring, and it has been

very well received, so look for 8 colours added to our stock this spring, and we also have her **Cotton Frappe**, with a lovely new book for these yarns.

Ella Rae, who was a designer for Jo Sharp, has a new book for bags, to add to her first very cool felting book, for which we have the **Ella Rae Classic**, same quality as **Cascade 220**, no winding, and also lovely for your worsted weight sweaters!

From **Noro**, you will see some long awaited cotton blends, **Matsuri** and a textured cotton **Taiyo**, with 3 new books, and **Kureyon** sock yarn!

Sirdar.co.uk. The sublime line is especially luxurious, with very special pattern support. A new organic cotton dk is from them. We have more **Baby Bamboo**, **Tiny Tots**, **Snuggly dk** and **Snuggly Fair Isle** along with a new dk weight organic eco wool in natural colours with tons of new leaflets.

We also have **Araucania Ranco Multi**, which is an irresistible wool/nylon sock yarn.

Okay, I have saved the most delicious for last: **Louisa Harding** yarns and designs are truly inspirational, so romantic in style and colours to die for. Could not say no to more **Sari** ribbon, **Impression**, and we also have her **Kimono Ribbon Pure**, **Thalia**, **Cinnabar**, and the most delicious colours of yummy silk ever, **Mulberry**, in very delicious colours.

[titicaca, a design in Mirasol Hacho.](#)





Monique & Ryan's Camryn, in her Misti alpaca hoody.

Here is Camryn trying on the little hat I just drummed up for Hennessey.



Classes

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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 to register for 2008, 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!

Beyond Beginner knitting

Just learned to knit or have you only knit scarves? This class is for you. \$85 6 weeks. Min. 4 students. Get your name in now for the next class. May 9-June 13/08. Fri. nights 7-9PM, or Mon. Apr.28-June 2/08. 12-2Pm with one of our new beginner teachers, Edita Michalek, who is taking Nihon Vogue with Jean Wong, and would love to teach knitting in her retirement years coming, and Michelle Prefontaine, who has retired from a long career in nursing, and wants to share her love and knowledge of knitting with everyone! Michelle's available anytime for teaching **beginner knitting**, so we should have some daytime classes set up for her soon.

Basic knitting skills required for the following classes.

Intermediate Knitting: \$85-6 wks. Sat. aft. 1-3 Pm. Min. 5/class. We have a brilliant new teacher who is anxious to teach you all she knows about knitting, and she knows a lot! This is Pat Dyksterhuis, a graduate of Jean Wong's Level 4 classes. These are project based classes, you choose the project 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 the class are doing as well. Register now for the next class.

Sampler Knitting Workshop

\$130.00-10wks. Sat aft. 3:30-5:30PM. Learn to knit aran, intarsia, Entrelac, fairisle and other knitting patterns you would like to learn, in sampler sizes with Pat Dyksterhuis. Squares can be joined into an afghan when you're done. Register now for the next class.

Sampler the Sequel Workshop

\$130.00-10wks, Sat. aft. 3:30-5:30PM. Grads of the 1st workshop above can learn more complicated patterns.

Classes with Holli Yeoh: Queen Bee of Bees Knees Knits (and current president of the West Coast Knitter's Guild) will teach some of the following workshops for us. They will be morning workshops, which could take place weekdays or Sat. Mornings. She is available till end of June, and then again in September. Let us know what you are interested in learning more about from this great local designer! See her work and read about her classes elsewhere on beeskneesknits.ca. Get your name on the list for the workshops you would like to take.

New pathways for sock knitters

workshop: socks toe up on 2 circular needles 4 sessions, 2 hours each, \$110 includes the book. Join us as we march along a new path to creating the trusty sock. We'll make Bartholomew's Tantalizing Socks, one of Cat Bordhi's ingenious sock designs based on the Sky Architecture. Choose a hand painted yarn for your project and you'll be thrilled with the effect of the linen stitch in the pattern.

Materials: 100g sock yarn, 2 - 2.5 circular needles (those who are familiar with and prefer to use double pointed needles or "magic loop" are welcome to do so - bring your needles in the required size)

Socks soar on 2 circular needles workshop

1 day, 3 hour workshop \$45.

Moebius Magic workshop:

\$70- 2 sessions, 2 hours each, including your choice of Treasury or Second Treasury of Magical Knitting books. Fee \$40 if you already own the book. Learn the magical moebius cast on as developed by Cat Bordhi, that will allow you to create an intriguing magical moebius scarf or shawl. The 2nd session will concentrate on different bind-off methods including an elastic bind-off, applied I-cord bind-off and fingers bind off. Materials: yarn for your scarf project, long circular needle between 47 and 60' in the appropriate size for your yarn. See picture next column.



Marvelous Mittens

3 Hours, \$45. Use that lovely self patterning yarn (doubled) to make a colourful and warm mitten based on Holli Yeoh's Annie's Mitten pattern. Participants will learn how to use self-patterning sock yarn to get fabulous results and new techniques such as a provisional cast-on, inserting a peasant thumb with waste yarn, and working from "live stitches". Experiment with matched stripes, unmatched stripes and incorporate a coordinating solid colour to add interest and change up the regular patterning of the yarn. Prerequisite: experience knitting in the round and be comfortable using small needles and fingering weight yarn. Materials: 1 50g ball 4 ply self-patterning sock yarn, 1 ball coordinating 4 ply solid yarn, 1 set of five 3.75 mm double pointed needles (those who prefer to use 2 circulars or "magic loop": are welcome to do so - bring your circular needles in required size), smooth waste yarn and 1 crochet hook.



Guess Who? Glove Workshop

\$45 (plus materials) for one 3 hour workshop. Participants will learn the unique thumb gusset construction that's featured in Holli Yeoh's latest glove pattern while creating a child-sized glove. This pattern is particularly suitable for helping you get a good fit since it can be tried on as you work the thumb and each of the fingers. Further advice on customized fit will be discussed. Many technical details will be covered including increases, provisional crochet cast on and managing those dpns while working on the fingers. Prerequisite: should have experience knitting in the round and be comfortable using small needles and fingering weight yarn. Skills taught: provisional cast on, left and right leaning raised increases, using stitch markers, sizing gloves, backwards loop cast on, and managing double pointed needles on the fingers. Materials 1 50g 4 ply self patterning sock yarn, 1 ball coordinating solid yarn, 1 set five 2.5 or 4 dpn (those who prefer to use 2 circs or "magic loop" are welcome to do so - bring your circ needles in the required size, 1 crochet hook, and 2 stitch markers.



Bee's Knees Knits Sweater Knitting for Babies and children

\$80 - 4 sessions, 2 hours each (8 hours) with homework in between. Join local designer Holli Yeoh for a class in sweater knitting for babies and toddlers. Choose from one of the many Bee's Knees Knits designs for sweater Project. As you work on your project, Holli will provide advice and many pointers from pattern reading to fine finishing details that will make your project the bee's knees! This is a great class if you're ready to move beyond scarves and dishcloths and complete your first sweater. Even if you have knit sweaters before, Holli will talk about the details that will take your project from homemade to hand made. Materials: Bee's Knees Knits sweater pattern of your choice (but not Jamie), yarn and needles to complete the project.



Jamie Sweater

3 days, 2 hour workshop \$60. Jamie's unique construction completely eliminates the need for seaming. The designer will teach you the tricks to knitting this modular knits sweater design. Each student will create a small teddy bear-sized sweater utilizing all the techniques used in creating the original Jamie design by Holli Yeoh. Techniques include modular strip knitting, joining on both the RH and LH edge of the strip, some shaping, top down inset sleeves knit in the round, picot edging, and specialized cast ons and bind offs. Materials: ½ (50g) ball 4 ply self-patterning sock yarn, small amount coordinating 4 ply solid yarn (approx. 25m) 2.5mm and 3mm double pointed needles, removable stitch markers, 2 stitch holders.

Strategies for working with self patterning sock yarns

3 hour workshop, \$60 plus materials. Intrigued by the wonderful self-patterning, printed sock yarns? This class is for non-sock knitters and sock knitters alike. Learn tricks for working with this magical yarn and explore how stitch patterns and combinations with solid colours can add (or distract) from the self patterning look. Discover the joys and limitations of self patterning yarns and make better choices when selecting yarn for your next project. Participants will learn how to manipulate patterned yarns (e.g. match striping, mirror striping, determine pattern repeat; how to join new ball, selecting solid colours, the "Fudge Factor" (change repeat to suit your needs). You will also explore stitch patterns: stocking stitch, garter stitch, blueberry waffle, Roman, Estonian Fishtail, Estonian Peacock Tail and learn about stitch patterns

that work and those that don't work. Learn how to combine patterned yarns with solid colours, for edgings, ribbing, stranded knitting and how to work with solid colour limitations, Materials needed: 1 50g ball 4 ply self-patterning sock yarn, ½ ball coordinating 4 ply solid, 3mm needles (dpn, straight or circular.)

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 5 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.08 start date for next 1st Year class, Sept.4th/08 start date for Nihon Vogue 2nd year.

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. 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 knitting school.

Please note: Classes with Jean are possible Tuesday nights, 7-9PM, Wednesday afternoons after 3PM and nights 7-9PM, all day Thursday, and Saturdays and Sundays for workshops. Student minimum is 4 for each class.

Professional finishing, level 1

\$185 for 10 wks. Daytime, or eves., 7-9PM. See available times in above note. 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

\$185 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

\$185 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

\$185, 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

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

Jean's handpainted Shrug Workshop

\$100 5 wks, 2 hours per night, Because of the popularity of the first workshop, Jean has agreed to repeat it just one more time, get your name on the list quick! !