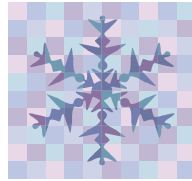




# the Troll's Knit News

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**"The House in the Woods that caters to you!**

**We don't succeed until you do!"**

Time once again for our Winter Knit Along. I know I had a very difficult time keeping the secret to myself this year. Each time someone talked about a new pattern they would like to try or a yarn that would be great to work with I wanted to "spill the beans". The last page of this newsletter has the information—have fun!! You will also see that Ann Linden has created an area within Ravelry for us to add comments, ask each other questions, expand our community of knitters. The directions on how to access our area are printed below the Knit Along information. A large THANK YOU to Ann for her efforts. I've been asked to consider developing a Trolls Cove Knitting Blog—perhaps this will be the start of that. It depends on what you think, so let me know. Many times change is good. It helps keep things interesting.

I know I have said this before-but part of what I enjoy about the shop is talking to each of you. Seeing your projects listening to your ideas and areas of interest. It keeps the shop vibrant and current.

One of the projects that I will be offering in my newsletter is a headband that one of the shops' clients brought in asking if I could "figure out" the pattern. She had just purchased one at a local shop but would really like to make her own. The pattern I developed has a large flower accent but you can do whatever you want with it. One skein of Cascade's Lana Grand is all it takes.

As some of you know-Gerry and I are celebrating our 40th year of marriage this year. Our family actively encouraged us to take a trip. After much consideration, we are going to do that. Unfortunately it will mean the shop will be closed for a week in January. (I looked into having others handle it but I am not sure if that would not be more frustrating to you—unsure of their being able to handle your questions etc. etc.) **We will be gone January 14-22. I will be open again on Sunday, January 23 as usual. Hopefully suntanned.**



1. I need to have your "current" email address as that is the only way I am sending the newsletters now. It is also always on our website.
2. Complete a Customer Appreciation Slip each time you purchase from me in a month to be eligible for our monthly drawings.
3. Add your name and birthdate to my birthday book so I can send your birthday appreciation gift during the appropriate month.

### 3-Sure Fire tips to help make you the best knitter you can be.

- Hang around others who knit.
- Develop good knitting habits. Good habits will make for a deeper passion. One that improves over time.
- Create a knitting environment. Knitting doesn't take a lot of space. Create a "nook" for yourself. A place to call your "knitting home".

With garter stitch (knit every row) each ridge counts as 2 rows.

*Thursday Knit Night:  
Knitting with company*

Every Thursday evening—  
rain or shine, snow, you  
name it—this is our time  
together.

Come when you can.  
7-9 PM

*Sandy*



- Every-so-often one of the yarn companies sends me a deal that is too good to pass up. That happened the first part of December when Knitting Fever contacted me with the opportunity to purchase 6 colors of *Silk Garden yarn* at a greatly reduced price. (I did not have a choice on which 6 colors nor could I purchase more than 2 bags of each color.) Well—that was a “no brainer”! I have 5 colors left—a couple of lucky customers were there when the box arrived and I sold some to them that day. The skeins will be \$8.60 each, and first come, first served. Once they are gone they are gone.
- **Sublime booklet 639** is now available at the shop. I do not handle this yarn but decided this pattern booklet had a number of very nice designs that you might enjoy doing. *Soft Spun, Pastaza, and Montera* yarns would all work very nicely with these patterns. The Chunky Alpaca may also be a good choice.
- **Knitters Year by Debbie Bliss** has 52 original projects specifically chosen for each season of the year. I know you will find many to delight you. It is only available in hard cover—but I am offering a 20% discount off the purchase price to help make it more affordable.
- **Noro-Love** another Jane Ellison pattern booklet for Noro that features *Kogarashi* the new Noro yarn that I am carrying. I have the pattern she calls “love” started. It really is a very easy design. I think the others in the booklet are very “do-able” also. Just because this is a pattern booklet that features Noro doesn’t mean you need to do it in Noro. I’d be happy to help you find another suitable yarn.
- **Maxima** yarn by Manos. I have 4 colors available. It’s a really nice, soft, hand-spun multi-colored yarn that would be lovely in a scarf. Below is a pattern that would be great in this year. One skein should do it.

### Rainy Day Scarf

A couple hundred yards of any heavy worsted weight yarn  
size 5.5 mm (US size 9) needles  
tapestry needle

Finished measurements: 55 inches long, 4 inches wide (unblocked).  
Cast on 28 sts.

#### Work in Wavy Pattern

Rows 1 – 4: (K 2, P 2) 7 times.

Row 5 & 7: P 1, (K 2, P 2) 6 times, K 2, P 1.

Row 6 & 8: K 1, P 2, (K 2, P 2) 6 times, K 1

Rows 9 – 12: (P 2, K 2) 7 times

Row 13 & 15: K 1, (P 2, K 2) 6 times, P 2, K 1.

Row 14 & 16: P 1, K 2, (P 2, K 2) 6 times, P 1.

Rows 17 – 20: (K 2, P 2) 7 times

Rows 21 & 23: K 1, (P 2, K 2) 6 times, P 2, K 1.

Rows 22 & 24: P 1, K 2, (P 2, K 2) 6 times, P 1.

Rows 25 – 28: (P 2, K 2) 7 times

Rows 29 & 31: P 1, (K 2, P 2) 6 times, K 2, P 1.

Rows 30 & 32: K 1, P 2, (K 2, P 2), K 1



Repeat these 32 rows until you run out of yarn; bind off; weave in ends.

**\*\* I enjoy being able to share items you have knit/crochet with others who come into the shop. By no means do all my samples have to be something I have done. If you are willing to share the item that you have made with others in our “community” I would LOVE to display it. Just bring it in and let me know what yarn you used, your pattern, and basically how long I may keep it on display. You all do such nice**

## “Classes: We’ll Keep You In Stitches.”

( I pride myself on always trying to come up with classes that challenge and are current. Something different, at a very reasonable cost.)



It is very helpful to me if you pre-register for the class that you want. That way I can plan for material and so on. Tel: 715-256-9930 or [sandra@thetrollscope.com](mailto:sandra@thetrollscope.com). If you can’t make a session, I am flexible and will be happy to help you another time as long as it is within 2 months of the class you attended.

### Title: Ribbed Headband

Session: Saturday, January 8

1-3 pm

Cost: \$15.00

Description: This headband was brought into the shop by a customer asking me if I could design a pattern. You’ll see them for sale in a number of retail clothing stores around the area at 6 times the cost of making your own. I used one skein of Cascade’s *Lana Grande*.



### Title: Mitered Garter Vest

Session: Saturday, January 8 and 29th

3-5 pm

Cost: \$15.00 for the 2 sessions

Description: The use of variegated or self-striping yarn makes this vest colorful and fun. A ‘Babes and Bears’ sweater without the sleeves, and one button closure.



### Title: Winding River Cowl

Session: Sunday, January 9 and 23rd

1-3 pm

Cost: \$15.00 for the 2 sessions

Description: The most popular accent of this winter season. We’ll make ours’ as a moebius (knit with a twist, no beginning no end.). The pattern is an elongated cable using worsted weight yarn.



### Title: Beginning Knitting

Session: Saturday, January 29 and February 12

1-3 pm

Cost: \$15.00 for the two sessions

Description: You will learn to cast on, knit, purl, bind off. We will make a triangular shawl that you can use this Spring.

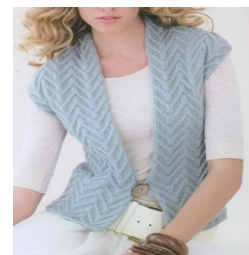
### Title: Weave Vest

Session: Sunday, January 30th and February 6th

1-3 pm

Cost: \$15.00 for the two sessions

Description: Oh! What glorious texture-this beautifully cables vest is an exquisite work of art! The front is cabled to a dream, the back has flattering shaped detail. An addition to your wardrobe that will never go out of style.



### Title: Knit Along Assistance

Session: Sunday, February 6 and 27th

1-3 pm

Cost: \$15.00 for the two sessions

Description: You bring your project and I will help with whatever it is.

**Title: Fair Isle Bag****Session:** Saturday, February 19 and March 5th

1-3 pm

**Cost:** \$15.00 for the two sessions**Description:** In a sprightly take on Fair-Isle, a fabric lined drawstring bag with reindeer motifs. I have the shop sample done in St. Denis, Nordique yarn.**Title: Brioche Stitch Baby Sweater****Session:** Saturday, February 19 & 26th

3-5 pm

**Cost:** \$15.00 for the two sessions**Description:** A seamless cardigan knit in brioche stitch. This stitch creates a lofty fabric that is squeezably soft and incredibly stretchy. It is worked from the top-down.**Title: Casual Glamour Capelet****Session:** Sunday, February 20 and March 6th

1-3 pm

**Cost:** \$15.00 for the two sessions**Description:** Capes are very "in" right now. This classic garment is knit in one piece and requires minimal finishing. A now sophisticated look is perfect for shoulder-draping accent when you want a little warmth with your style.**Title: Kimono****Session:** Saturday, February 26

1-3 pm

**Cost:** \$15.00**Description:** A stylish, comfortable, loose-fitting garment. Great for Layering now and into Spring.**Title: Wrap Neck Top****Session:** Saturday, March 19 and 26

1-3 pm

**Cost:** \$15.00 for the two sessions**Description:** A fabulous shape makes this a chic and versatile knit-and easy to knit too. We can knit this as a hoodie or with a rolled collar, both are very nice.**Title: Fitted Garter Vest****Session:** Saturday, March 5, 19 and 26th

3-5 pm

**Cost:** \$15.00 for the 3 sessions**Description:** Pop this delightful layer over a turtleneck with your favorite Jeans or skirt. Knit from side to side in garter stitch you'll enjoy working on this.**Title: Socks****Session:** Sunday, February 13th and March 27th**Cost:** \$15.00 for the two session**Description:** Each session I will have a different new pattern for you to try.**Important Dates:****IOLA WINTER CARNIVAL** Saturday, February 5th (shop will be open, I won't be there)**KNIT ALONG PARTY** Sunday, March 20 Closed starting at 2pm**ANNUAL TRIP TO MARKET** Friday-Sunday March 11-13 Closed*Sandy*