



the Troll's Knit News



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Tips and Techniques:

- Buttonhole placement: Knit the band without the buttonholes first, then mark the button locations with markers. When you make the button band compare this one as you go with the other. When you reach the approximate location of each marker, it's time to make a buttonhole.
- At the end of a row, turn knit rows clockwise and purl rows counter-clockwise, thereby untangling the yarns instead of tangling them.
- Sometimes the slip knot can look too loose at the beginning of the row. To avoid this, do not include this in your stitch count-unravel it after finishing casting on.

*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

*Where Life Meets Knitting**

The Secret of Knitting: “Knitting is supposed to be fun.” Of course, the longer we knit, the more the definition of fun expands. What makes knitting fun? We’ve been lugging that question around like a child with his blanket. Sorry, but really—What makes knitting fun? Upon contemplation, and list making, and lots of coffee, I have concluded that *fun* is many things. Consider these:

The more we knit the more we learn. We keep discovering new tricks, and it means we are making things that not long ago we never would have dreamed of making.

A silhouette, a yarn, a technique. These are the familiar elements of just about any knitting project. We have discovered that if you mess around with one of them, cool things happen.

Simple materials and familiar techniques always call us back..

The feeling of accomplishment-of doing something we didn't quite know we could do.

As a knitter your handiest tool is your head. The next time a pattern does not spell out a detail, ask yourself: What are the alternatives? Usually there will be only one or two. Try one way, then the other. Which makes the most sense? Knit to the next problem.

There is nothing in this craft that you can not do. NOTHING.

The longer we knit, the more fun it becomes.

“Every day you may make progress. Every step may be fruitful. Yet there will stretch out before you an ever-lengthening, ever-improving path. You know you will never get to the end of the journey. But this, so far from discouraging, only adds to the joy of the climb.”

Warm Thoughts!”

Sandy

* If you do not have an email address please let me know and we will work something out. Also, please don't forget to let me know when you change your email address. Returned newsletters are frustrating for everyone.





New Yarn that I have added since the last newsletter:

- **Eco Wool** from the Cascade Company is a natural, not chemically processed, wool from Peru. It is very soft to the touch. A chunky weight with 478 yds per hank. It is also great for felting. This yarn does not have a “raw” feel to it—it is smooth and clean as it’s processed cousins.
- **Soft Spun** another Cascade product is 100% wool that is wonderfully soft and fluffy to the touch. There are 197 yards on a skein. I have 9 colors in the shop, all are very bright, crisp colors. This would also felt beautifully. I think it is very much like *Montera* from Classic Elite. I can’t imagine anything that would not look nice done up with this fiber.
- **Silk Garden** by Noro. There are 8 new colors. Of course these yarns go fast so if you are thinking of checking out my supply best do it soon.
- **Cascade 220 Super wash** has 6 new colors including a couple of heathers. This yarn is even softer than Encore when it is knit. So many of you have commented on how much you enjoy working with this that I keep adding to my stock.
- **Baby Bamboo** has grown to be one of our most popular yarns. I restock as I am able—not all colors are always available when I want them. There are two new colors available—one is called “Rocking Horse” and is a clear, bright red, and the other is “skittle” which is a dark navy. Both are in the shop. There is a new pattern booklet for children that accompanies these two new colors called *Little Stars and Stripes*. I know those of you who knit for young children will want one of these booklets. Good little boy patterns, included, which is rare.
- **Montera** is a llama/wool blend yarn by Classic Elite. I have 8 new colors coming. They will be in the shop around the middle of October.
- **Chunky Alpaca** a soft 100% alpaca yarn from Cascade has 6 new colors available in the shop including a striking red. Since starting to write this newsletter I have had to re-order 4 of my new colors so others have noticed them also.

New Notions, Patterns, and books:

- **New Twists on Twined Knitting by Laura Farson** Is a fresh look at a traditional Swedish technique. It produces richly textured fabrics with double strands of yarn—perfect for winter wear.
- **Vogue Knitting Magazine** I have decided to start having this magazine available in the shop. I notice that many more of you are starting to enjoy the patterns available in this publication and the articles so decided to handle it.
- **Little Stars and Stripes** is a booklet of 20 new designs using Baby Bamboo yarn. It features the two new colors—red and blue. For those of you looking for “nice” designs for the little man in your life this is the pattern booklet for you.
- **HiyaHiya Interchangeable sets** have arrived. These needles are very light weight, glide gently through your knitting. The ends screw onto the cable with a wonderfully smooth join. Come and try one. The Small Needle set is currently the one available with needles size 2-8 and cables 16-60” for a very reasonable price. **HiyaHiya One Project Bag** is also available. These are small zipper top bags that easily hold the supplies for a project or make a very nice small handbag. They are decorated in bright oriental patterns. As soon as my order came I immediately placed another order because I know many of you will want them.
- **Stitch Markers** I found some new stitch markers that are designed differently so that they do not catch your knitting. Vogue Magazine has a feature on them in the Fall issue.
- **Annie Adams Shawl Pins and Sticks:** I have 6 new shawl pin sets coming from Annie Adams. This lady designs and manufactures pewter knitting accents. Her work is of very high quality, a reasonable price, and is hand done. She has been advertising in all the major knitting magazines.
- **Autunno by Cascade and Moorland by Classic Elite** are both heather blends of merino. New colors are in stock in both yarns. Both are a light weight worsted yarn that will give you a lovely garment no matter what you chose to make with it. Great for guys things are well as us gals.
- **Tweedie Chunky** the machine washable alpaca has two new colors—a teal green and a pretty bright blue. Plus I am re-stocked on the cable booklet that features this yarn.

****I enjoy being able to share items you have knit/crochet with others who come to the shop. By no means do all my samples have to be something I have done. If you are willing to share the garment/hat/scarf/etc 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 how long I might keep it. You all do such nice things I would love to show them off for you.****

Classes: “We’ll Keep you in Stitches.”



It is very helpful to me if you pre-register for the class that you want. That way I can plan for materials etc. Tel: 715-256-9930 or sandra@thetrollscove.com

If you can't make all the sessions, 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: Beginning Knitting

Session: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, Oct. 10 1-3 pm

Cost: \$15.00

Description: Learn the knit and purl stitch, casting on and binding off, increase and decrease. We will make a hat to wear this winter.

Title: Weekend Neck Down Jacket

Session: Sept. 19, Oct. 10, Oct. 31 3-5pm

Cost: \$15.00

Description: You know how to knit and purl. Now you are ready to try to make a sweater. This one is knit from the neck down with very few seams, raglan shaping and a zipper or button band.

Title: Felted Angel and Nisse

Session: Nov. 7 and 28 1-3pm

Cost: \$15.00

Description: Knit these Christmas angels and Scandinavian Santa's for your tree, as an accent or as a gift.

Title: Every Way Wrap from “Fall, Knits Magazine”

Session: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, Oct. 17 3-5pm

Cost: \$15.00

Description: Ingenious construction turns a simple rectangle, a reversible cable, and two well-placed buttons into a wrap, a shrug, a vest, and a shawl collar cardigan.

Title: Scandinavian Christmas Stocking

Session: Sept. 27, Oct. 18, Nov. 8, Dec. 6 1-3pm

Cost: \$15.00

Description: This beautiful, finely knit Christmas stocking combines several Scandinavian inspired motifs.

Title: Classica Coat from cover of “Fall, Knits” magazine

Session: Sept. 20, Oct. 11, Nov. 1 1-3pm

Cost: \$15.00

Description: A deep hood, crinkly texture stitch and an over-sized fit, flattering lines, instant appeal!!!

Title: Fingerless Gloves

Session: Oct. 24, Nov. 7 3-5pm

Cost: \$15.00

Description; Fingerless gloves knit with a cable design down the back. We'll knit the thumb opening but leave the rest of the finger area alone.

Title: Cable Vent Jacket

Session: Oct. 24, Nov. 14, Nov. 21 1-3pm

Cost: \$15.00

Description: With it's eloquent construction and clever use of cables, this figure flattering buttoned jacket looks poised and polished. See the sample in the shop.

Title: Wavy Scarf

Session: Oct. 31 1-3 pm

Cost: \$15.00

Description: This scarf is knit lengthwise so the ripples run the length of the scarf instead of across.

Title: Sock Club

Session: Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 14, Dec. 5 10-12 am

Cost: \$5.00 per session

Description: Come and join others who like to work on socks. Exchange patterns. Learn new tricks. I'll have patterns for you with each session.

Title: Friends Knit Class

Session: You choose the date (s). Call the shop to set up your own private knitting group.

Cost: \$15.00

Description: Do you have a group of friends who would like to take a knitting class on a specific topic, but just can't find a class to fit your schedule? Get a group of friends together (2 or more), pick a subject and call me.

****The weekend of December 12 and 13 is our LAST MINUTE CHRISTMAS GIFT WEEKEND.**

Come anytime over the weekend and I'll help with whatever you are working on. Cost is \$5.00.



Happy Knitting !

Sandy

Don't forget to watch for

Our next newsletter after January 1st.

Plan now to join our annual KNIT ALONG.

I have something completely new planned for us this year.