

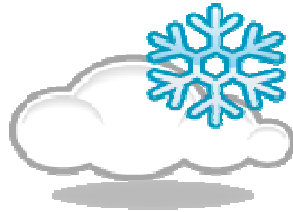


the Troll's Knit News

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Constant Contact

Tips:

*Counting rows on a cable:

Cables are often set on a background of purl stitches. Place the tip of your needle at the hole in the cable (where it twists). That is your cable row. From there you can count rows up or down. Often the stitches of a cross row are extended slightly as they stretch into their position. (To count purls—each row is a paired line of dashes that alternates slightly, so you can count one dash for each row of work straight up from the bottom to the top.)

* Adding cables to an item will compress fabric horizontally.

*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

Hello! I hope you are as excited about this issue of my newsletter as I am to get it ready to go to you. Not only is it time for our annual Knit Along but it is also one of the greatest seasons of the year for our art of knitting.

I chose the title of this note to you because I want to spend a little time talking about how great it is that we all desire to communicate with others who enjoy our craft. We connect with other knitters at the shop, at your child's school, on the subway, leafing through a knitting book at a book store, or a friend of a friend. Once we have made the “connection” it is always amazing to me how easily the conversation flows. In the past our desire to connect lead us to knitting circles, guilds, sheep and wool festivals, the Trolls Cove, etc. etc.

Today our circle of knitting acquaintances knows no boundaries thanks to the World Wide Web. Fellow knitters are out there by the thousands just waiting to meet or read about or commiserate with like-minded stitchers. Did you know that of all the special-interest groups with a presence on the web, knitting sports the highest number of active participants?

The tools we've been given to interconnect in these new ways have changed the face of knitting forever. We all love what we do and are equally proud of and passionate about our knitting. We should use these new opportunities to make us more knowledgeable about our craft and all it entails, and to simply become better knitters.

Our Winter Knit Along is a way to connect with other knitters. To share our passion with other like minded individuals and have fun completing a project that we may not have attempted if it were not for the interest and support of other knitters in the “group”.

I'm looking forward to seeing how each of you respond to my “challenge” in the Knit Along and the projects you complete.

Gone Knitting!

Sandy

****Please don't forget to send me your email address.**

Also, when you change your address.

This really helps me keep my prices down.





Books: I'm constantly adding new books as they are released and as I see one that I think would be an especially good addition to your library. Some of my recent additions are:

- **Kyler's Kardigan** A top down, garter stitch Wallaby by Cottage Creations. This pattern is available in sizes 2-xl. It is not just warm but very comfortable. You can use a zipper closure or buttons.
- **Scandinavian Caps** by Cottage Creations. This is Carol's other new pattern this year. It includes 11 Scandinavian Hat designs for any member of your family.
- **Norwegian Hand knits** by Sal Flanders and Janine Kosel is a book of heirloom designs from the Vesterheim museum in Iowa. The book includes historical notes on Scandinavian knitting as well as on the designs in the book.
- **New Stranded Colorwork** by Mary Huff. This is the other great Fair Isle Knitting book out this season. You will gain inspiration beyond the usual Nordic snowflakes. I like the help sections in the book that guide you through casting on, adding steeks and so on.
- **Pure Noro** by Jane Ellison She continues her philosophy of designing simple straightforward garments that let the yarn shine through.
- **Noro # 3** by Jenny Watson 16 stunning designs to tempt you.
- **Mostly Mittens** by Charlene Schurch. These patterns only look complex. There are 35 mitten patterns and 4 hats. Warm Hands, Wonderful Mittens.
- Also arriving will be "99 yarns and Counting; Sock Innovations; Itty Bitty Toys; Noro, Meet the Man; Pints and Purls" and DVD's by Lucy Neatby and Knitting Daily."

New Patterns:

- **Bella's Cardigan:** Is a top down cardigan with 3/4 sleeves. Chevron effect at the bottom. This garment would look great in one of the self striping yarns such as Noro or our new Geologie.
- **Seed Stitch Yoke Cardigan:** Another neck down pattern with cap sleeves. The pattern suggests Brae Tweed but this pattern would be a nice addition to your wardrobe in a large variety of yarns.

New Yarn:

- **Brae Tweed:** Soft spun, single ply yarn of merino wool, baby llama, bamboo and Donegal tweed. This creates a combination that is super soft. The specks of tweed are natural, beige and black lending a polished look.
- **Geologie:** A self-striping, worsted weight yarn that is hand spun in Italy. A combination of wool and acrylic. Great Pattern support also.
- **Eco Duo:** An incredibly soft blend of baby alpaca and merino. Composed of several colors spun together to create a stunning appearance. Delicate sheen and wonderful drape make it perfect for almost any project.
- I have also restocked on Soft Spun, Eco Wool Chunky, Nordique-St. Denis yarns.

Great Deals!

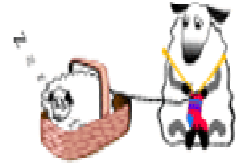


• **ECO WOOL** by KFI has been discontinued. (Only on the market since last May.) I will be discounting my remaining stock at 25% off until it is gone. (Many of you have admired the cabled cardigan I did with one of these colors. Now is your chance to purchase some at a very good price.) You will need to be sure to purchase enough for your project as once it is gone, it is gone. I can't get any more. Unfortunately yarn companies are having to watch their inventories so closely in these economic times that sometimes really great yarn like this are discontinued before we hardly get the chance to enjoy it.

* **RIMINI RAINBOW** is another yarn that is being discontinued. I will also sell that at 25% off until it is gone. Be sure to buy enough for your project as I will be unable to re-order.

**** 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 things I love to show them off for you. (Some of you have done this already.)**

“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 material and so on. Tel: 715-256-9930 or sandra@thetrollscove.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: Cables and Twists

Session: Saturday, January 9th

1-3 pm

Cost: \$15.00

Description: Cables are a popular way to add texture and interest to knitted fabric. This class will introduce you to the basics of knitted cables. You will learn how to make left and right leaning cables, read a chart, and a few hints and tricks.

Title: Kyler’s Kardigan

Session: Saturday, February 13, 27 and March 20th

1-3 pm

Cost: \$15.00 for the 3 sessions

Description: We’ll make a top-down “Wonderful Wallaby” Cardigan that will be a comfortable Spring cover-up. It’s all knit in garter stitch.

Title: Beginning Knitting

Session: Saturday mornings January 23, and 30th.

10:30-12:30 am

Cost: \$15.00

Description: We will review casting on, the knit and purl stitch, increasing and decreasing and binding off. We will make a hat to show off our hard work.

Title: Felted Clogs/Boots

Session: Sunday, January 17 and 31st

1-3 pm

Cost: \$15.00

Description: Once you make a pair of these double soled slippers you’ll want to make many more. A Fiber Trends pattern.

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) and call me.

Title: Felted Mittens

Session: Sunday, January 10 & 24

1-3 pm

Cost: \$15.00

Description: We will knit a pair of mittens to be felted with correct thumb placement and with the option for either ribbed cuff added before or after felting.

Title: Heritage Cardigan**Session:** Sunday, February 7 & 14

1-3 pm

Cost: \$15.00**Description:** Fair Isle vest/cardigan made all in one piece with natural color chunky weight yarn.**Title: Sock Club****Session:** Saturday, January 16, February 13, and March 6

10:30-12:30 am

Cost: \$23.00 per session which includes yarn, pattern and class.**Description:** You know the basics, now you are ready to move onto lace, cables, entrelac, and different techniques.**Title: Knitting Assistance****Session:** Sunday, January 9, February 7 & 28th

1-3 pm

Cost: \$15.00**Description:** We'll get together and work on our Knit Along Projects together. I'll help with whatever you are doing.**Title: Knit Socks****Session:** Saturday, January 23, 30, February 13

3-5 pm

Cost: \$15.00**Description:** Learn to knit socks on two circulars or double points.**Title: Eye of the Partridge Guy Sweater****Session:** Saturday, February 20, 27 and March 20th

10:30-12:30 am

Cost: \$15.00**Description:** A good beginning slip stitch pattern that has an easy rhythm. Worsted weight yarn.**Title: Koolhaas Hat****Session:** Saturday, January 16 and 30

1-3 pm

Cost: \$15.00**Description:** Jared Flood has designed a cable hat with an unusual texture pattern. Easy.**Title: Scoop Pullover****Session:** Sunday, February 21 and March 7th**Cost:** \$15.00**Description:** Eye pleasing lines of welting and rib create supple flow. Quick to knit in eye-let accented raglan construction. Great for spring layering.**Title: Tired of Making Scarves****Session:** Saturday, January 16 3-5 pm; January 23 1-3 pm, February 20 1-3 pm**Cost:** \$15.00**Description:** We will knit either an easy neck down sweater for a baby or a classic drop shoulder neck down sweater for a women. Both use all the basic techniques including sewing together.**Important Dates:**

IOLA WINTER CARNIVAL

Saturday, February 6

Closed

KNIT ALONG PARTY

Sunday, March 21

Closed starting at 2pm

ANNUAL TRIP TO MARKET

Friday-Sunday March 12-14

Closed