



December 2010 Newsletter

Why do the days speed by faster starting on November 1st and gradually gaining speed by December 24th? It's already time to get a head start on 2011. Well, I am doing just that with this tabloid version of our newsletter. My goal is to post the online newsletter with greater frequency than I was able to with the paper version. Because we currently mail out over 1200 newsletters the old fashioned way, the task can be rather daunting and was therefore reduced to twice yearly to save on time and costs. However, twice a year just isn't enough to keep you abreast of all our news; Darren has now joined his sister in daycare so I can finally get some work accomplished at the store again. Add to that the fact that this just looks so much nicer on the website and all of this equals this - our new newsletter. Welcome! I hope you all approve! Now, here are some of the new yarns already in the store and some of what's on order for the spring.

CLEARANCE SALE STARTS TUESDAY, JANUARY 4TH!!!

**Many yarns discounted
from 15 to 70% off
Sale ends Monday,
January 31st. Shop early
for best selection. Avid
Knitter cards don't apply**

**RHYTHM - SUPERWASH
WORSTED by Jojoland**
Gentle striping, brilliant
colours with a soft,
smooth feel in a washable
yam. Jazz up your kid's
knits or any other project



RENEW

**A tweedy chunky weight yarn made from
recycled wool from unsold or used
garments and spinning and weaving waste.
A gorgeous wool you can feel good about
for more reasons than one**

**This is Cashmere Queen. One ball knits
up into the beautiful Hydrangea
Neckwarmer from my current favourite
book BRAVE NEW KNITS or any other
neckwarmer for that matter. This yarn
is wool, silk and cashmere felted
together to make a yarn that blooms
when worked.**



**Small projects to appeal
to every knitter by one of
our favourite designers -
Martin Storey. Cabled leg
warmers, snood and
socks; fair-isle patterned
coasters, vests, scarves
and bags; even a bit of
lace! Mostly knit in
Felted Tweed that
wonderful Rowan dk to
sport weight with
fabulous yardage.**



YARNS ARRIVING SOON

RASTA - BY MALABRIGO

A polar weight yarn that knits up at 8 sts to 4in. It doesn't get much faster than this. In the scrumptious variegated colours from Malabrigo that we cannot resist....



RIOS by Malabrigo

A superwash Merino in an aran weight. We've been looking for a hand dyed aran and we thought this would suit the bill. Plus, it's Malabrigo....need we say any more?



New books from Sublime!!



Tussah Silk from Sublime is 50% silk/50% viscose in a dk weight yarn in soft spring shades



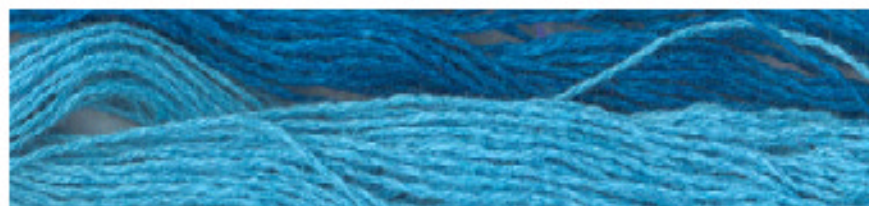
Pila - 90% Llama/10% Silk

An aran weight yarn with a tweedy look and tone on tone variegation. A luxurious blend of fibers

Sausalito - a new fingering by Crystal Palace

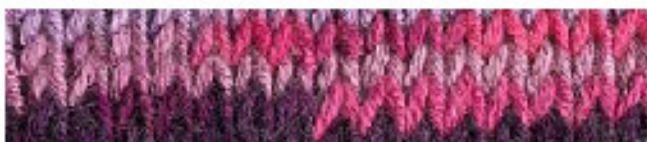
SMILEY STRIPES (BELOW)

If you love Sirdar's Baby Bamboo and so many of you do, Smiley Stripes is Baby Bamboo with bright and cheery variegated colours. Super cute for your little cherub's new sweater.



Pima Lino Lace by Diamond Luxury

60% Cotton/40% Linen Lace weight with 425metres to 50gm. A lovely crisp summer lace weight yarn that will provide stitch definition like no other

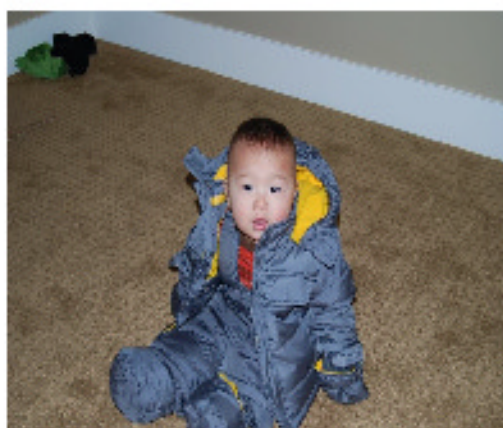


MY KNITTING NEWS.....

I finally finished Kianna's sweater knit in Lanett from Sandnes Book 9910. For months she has been asking if she can wear her sweater but I got stalled by the pattern that says to sew one shoulder, work 1 buttonhole band for the shoulder and then work the other buttonhole band for the other shoulder in the same manner. How many shoulders do kids usually have anyways? Then, the sleeves refused to sew in straight... What is a girl to do? Cast on 2 more projects of course. Finally, a sunny Sunday allowed me to finish the 3ply sweater in black (do not knit fine gauge black sweaters during the winter) and Kianna finally got to don her new sweater.



On my needles now is a lace patterned pullover from Catwalk 2 by Jenny Watson in Noro's Silk Garden. With 2 sleeves and almost the back knit my mind has already moved on to working the Woodsmoke Scarf from Brave New Knits, the Seavines Vest, Waves pullover and Silke Jacket also from Brave New Knits (I am telling you - I love this book!), Mabel - a cabled short sleeve pullover and Olivia - a super cute fair-isle cardigan from the newly arrived Winter Kids book by Rowan. Oh, but those would be for Kianna. Darren would need a couple of sweaters too. Three pairs of my handknitted socks have recently worn out - I'm working on a new pair in Handmaiden's Casbah. However, the newsletter needs to get printed and mailed out, the sale will be starting, the retreat approaches...if only the kids would go to sleep earlier. Is anyone interested in a class on HOW TO KNIT WHILE YOU SLEEP besides me?



Darren all set to go out in the snow!!

That's just some of what's happening at the moment. We have more yarns that I haven't mentioned on the way from Sweet Georgia, Handmaiden, Fleece Artist and Art Yarns just to name a few. Hope the New Year finds you all happy, healthy and knitting furiously.

