

# Skeins & Such Things

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## Calendar

Date	Event
1	<b>Christmas Knitting</b> 6:30 – 8:30p
4	<b>Open Knit</b> 10a – 12p
7	<b>Felted Clogs</b> 6:30 – 8:30p
8	<b>Spinners</b> 10a – 12p
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18	<b>Open Knit</b> 10a – 12p <b>Crochet Market Bag</b> 3 – 5p
21	<b>Mobius Class</b> 10a – 12p <b>Colts Super Bowl Scarf Kick Off</b> 5 – 8p
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## Let's Show Our Hoosier Football Pride

I am sure many of you have heard about the promotion to get **5000 scarves** for the volunteers who will be working the 2012 Super Bowl in Indy. I have the Colts team colors in stock and several patterns that you may use to knit these scarves. To kick off the 2010 season we will be meeting on **September 21<sup>st</sup> at 5pm** to start knitting for the cause. You will receive 20% off your yarn purchased for these scarves and I will have all the information here to get you started. Join us for a night of ideas and yummy game food. Plan to come after work and have a light supper here. Bring your knitting bag, tell your friends and bring them along! To date only 900 scarves have been received by the Super Bowl Committee - this is a big project and we want to let them know that Indiana knitters can deliver.



## New & Fun Stuff

### Crystal Palace Chunky Mochi



Crystal Palace Chunky Mochi is wool and nylon soft single strand that is just unbelievable. It self-stripes like the Mini Mochi and the Mochi Plus. This is a good companion yarn to the other two in this line and you could make a quick chunky hat or scarf to match mittens. We will stock six self-striping color ways.

Chunky Mochi" gives you luscious touch & feel in a quick-to-create, machine washable fiber gem for all your fast knitting & crochet projects. Add the terrific color combos and you have the must-have yarn of the season

### Furst Kunterbunt



The August shipment from Opal Yarns is Furst Kunterbunt **and no**, I don't have any idea what this means. The color ways are vibrant and well blended as usual. Consider this for the gift socks, mittens or a modular scarf. Or maybe a sweater for that little toy doggie, you know who you are Ginger.

## Freedom Spirit



Freedom Spirit from Twilleys is a multicolored self-striping yarn in a DK weight. There are four booklets with fashion sweaters and accessories. Come in and take a look to decide what you would like to make for your fall wardrobe.

## Churchmouse Yarns and Teas



Churchmouse Yarns and Teas line of patterns is now in stock. These are a must see for knitting for yourself and others. Stylish hats, scarves, cowls and wraps to name a few. The photography just speaks to me to knit every one of them. It very much makes me want to visit Washington!

## Berroco



Berroco has sent more colors of **Party**, a ribbon yarn that would make an interesting wrap, shawl or bolero type jacket. I made a short jacket from the bright orange and really like wearing it. It dresses up a simple skirt or pair of slacks. They sent more colors of the **Panda Silk Dk yarn**. I have this in seven colors. It is soft and many are colored tone on tone. **Little Flowers** is a soft shimmery accent yarn that could be used in garments, accessories, and in felted items.

## Sweaterkits



From Sweaterkits are several kits for a classic style bolero, a casual yoga style sweater and some multi fiber sweater flower kits. These are a great way to buy your project as you get all you need to complete the garment in one case. The yarn flowers have a beautiful color way and interesting fiber combinations.

## “Egg-Stra” Special Sock Kit



is an Ovarian Cancer Awareness sock kit  
in honor of Beth McCrary

I am not setting a price for the sock kit, but ask in return  
that you make a minimum donation of  
\$20.00  
for the sock kit

**ALL** of the proceeds will be donated to the  
Knox County Relay for life in Beth's name

## Current Events



**Only THREE more months to go...**Is there something you'd like to give as a gift? Do you need teacher gifts? Exchange gifts?

Stop in for the "Lets Knit for Christmas" September 1st to get gift ideas, be inspired or finish the gift from 2009. You will be so happy come December that you joined this little group!

If you are undecided about who to knit for or what to knit, may I suggest looking to your UFOs. I will bet that there is something there that would make a perfect holiday gift = problem solved - you will be knitting for Christmas and finishing a UFO at the same time. It's a win-win all the way around!



Our Afghan Group has finished their classes. This was quite an undertaking for many and I appreciate your dedication to expanding your knitting skills. It was wonderful to watch you go the distance with me on this nine month long adventure. For those of you who were unable to finish and wish to learn the techniques you missed, please let me know so that I can arrange a time for you to meet with me to take that class session. Thank you for joining me for this knitting journey.

Coming soon to a website near you...lots of photos of the afghans!!

## Upcoming Classes

**September 21<sup>st</sup>  
10:00a-12:00p**

### ***Mobius Class with Jane***

A Mobius strip is a curious thing...and knitters have once again proven that geometrical shapes are more fun and interesting when made with yarn. In this two hour class Jane Campbell will teach you the unique cast-on for the Mobius as well as her pattern design that has the continuity of pattern stitch on both the right and wrong sides of the same surface.

This is a fun item to knit and is a great way to use those one or two skeins of yarn left over from previous projects. Jane's pattern is easily adaptable to work as a larger shawl. A Mobius scarf would make an impressive holiday gift and what better time to start than now...

Bring your knitting bag and needles along with 200 yards of worsted weight yarn from your stash. If you would like to purchase new yarn for this project please come in before the day of class and I will help you choose.

**The fee is \$10.00 and includes the pattern**

**September 18 & 25th  
3 - 5pm**

### ***Crocheted Market Bag with Lisa***

Thought about learning to crochet? Lisa Blaize will be teaching a beginning class in crochet in which you will crochet a market bag. The pattern she will be using is very easy but looks very nice. It will use cotton or a cotton blend in a worsted weight. You will have several options to choose from. You will need a size G hook and approximately 350 yards of the cotton. This class will meet the last two Saturday afternoons in September. If needed, she will include a third class the first Saturday in October. This is a great opportunity to learn the basics in crochet which come in handy for finishing work in knitting and embellishing. I encourage you to give it a try.

**The fee is \$20.00 and includes the pattern**

**Tuesday Evenings:  
September 7, 14, and 28th  
at 6:30p**

**Thursday Mornings:  
September 9, 16, and 30th  
at 10:00a**

## ***Felted Clog Class***



This three session class will show you how to make felted clogs using the Fiber Trends pattern. I will step you through the instructions for short row shaping, picking up for the cuffs and assembling the slippers. At the last session we will felt the clogs here in the shop. This is a fun class and you learn a project that will make great gifts for the holidays and winter season.

**The fee for the class is \$30.00**

**Tuesday Evenings:  
October 5, 12, 19, 26, and  
Nov 9 & 16  
at 6:30p**

**Thursday Mornings:  
October 7, 14, 21, 28 and  
November 11 & 18  
at 10:00a**

## ***Basic Shaped Cardigan***



In this class I will teach you how to make a basic cardigan with set in sleeves to fit your body. You will learn how to adjust the pattern to fit your measurements. You will also learn short row shoulder shaping, how to determine the correct sleeve length, picking up stitches for the bands and finishing techniques. Everybody **needs** a cardigan and this will empower you to make custom fit sweaters for yourself or others.

**The fee for the class is \$50.00**

## Ideas for Future Classes

The Orenburg lace class will be after the first of the year

If there is a technique, project or class you that like to tackle, please let us know and we will do our best to meet your needs

## Southern Indiana FiberArts Festival

**October 15 & 16 2010**  
**Friday 1-7 Saturday 9-5**

Harrison County Fairgrounds  
341 South Capitol Avenue  
Corydon IN

**FREE ADMISSION**

**FREE PARKING**

**DOOR PRIZES**

**<http://www.southernindianafiberarts.com>**

## Charity Corner

For those of you who feel the need and would like to knit warm woolies for those less fortunate than us, there are several programs that would love to receive your items. The local Clinic can use adult hats and scarves. Generations welcomes hats, scarves, lap robes and other knits for their clients. Additionally, there are several mission groups I am aware of who will take children's and toddler hats and sweaters. If one of you would like to head up a charity knit group to meet here in the shop, please talk with me and let's get a group established.

## Charity Pattern of the Month

### **A great idea from Infiknits**

Double your fingerless mitten patterns by using your favorite top-down sock patterns. Knit to just before the heel instructions. Now knit several rows of garter stitch. Cast off and try on to make sure they are the desired size. Pinch the edge to close the thumb and mark spots on both sides to accommodate the thumb. Stitch these two spots together. Then block.

You can embellish with beads or buttons at the wrist side in the garter stitch.

Cowls are also popular this year and the repeat pattern in the mitt can be used with larger yarn and needles to make a matching cowl.

# I Want That!!

This is a monthly giveaway in which the featured item changes each month. This is something that you are sure to want to register to win. No purchase is necessary – just fill out your winning registration ticket the next time you are in the shop. Every month brings a new item and a new raffle so you must sign up each month to participate. The drawing is held the last Saturday of the calendar month and the winner need not be present.

What a concept! An afghan kit that includes **NOT ONLY** a pattern booklet **BUT** 8 balls of **Encore Worsted** Weight Yarn. The **Krazy Eights Pattern Booklet** is a collection of 15 different throws, each knitted with 8 balls of **Encore Worsted** yarn - you will have a hard time choosing which afghan to make but oh what a decision to ponder...

**Plymouth Encore** is our favorite yarn for making blankets, throws and afghans because it is easy-care, machine washable, softy, cozy and comes in a beautiful array of colors.



## Sheila B

as our lucky winner in July

of the

Knit Happy Accessory Collection

## Dianna O

was our lucky winner in August

of the

Jade Sapphire Cashmere Scarf for Him Kit

## On Cheryl's Needles

I have a new sweater from **Scottish Highland Knits** knit in **Encore Chunky Tweed**. It is a light gray tweed jacket knit in seed stitch. I used a shawl pin of the **Modern Swirl** design from **Sweaterkits** as the closure. Stop in and try it on.

I am finishing a **Babies and Bears** sweater from **Cottage Creations** in **Jojoband's Rhythm** yarn. It has turned out so cute with all the different colored stripes. It is a really fun little sweater to knit. This darling pattern is available in adult sizes also.

I finished a simple triangle scarf with an attached saw tooth lace border in **Lang's Jawoll Magic** in the green colorway. I used the **Pimpelliесе** pattern available free on the internet at the following link:

[http://www.spinningmartha.de/WebRoot/Store11/Shops/61920259/MediaGallery/Pimpelliесе\\_english.pdf](http://www.spinningmartha.de/WebRoot/Store11/Shops/61920259/MediaGallery/Pimpelliесе_english.pdf)

The purple **Duke** silk scarf I have been working on is just a few rows from complete. I must make a pair of the felted clogs to refresh my memory this weekend then I can choose a new project. I am excited as some of the new yarns will be arriving and you know I will be choosing from those. Never enough hours in a day!

## You Guys Are Just the BEST!!

A great **BIG** thanks to all who came in, partied or wished me and the shop a happy birthday! The shop has been open for six years and I have been around much longer. I so enjoy all your companionship and our shared joy of all things fiber. This place is so much more than I could have dreamed for and it is because of each and every one of you. May God richly bless you.

## On the Road with: Sheila B & Lisa B

For many fiber enthusiasts the Michigan Fiber Festival is long anticipated and anxiously awaited each year. Held each year in August, weavers, spinners, and knitters flock (pun intended) to Allegan, Michigan from all over the United States to take classes and see what is new and happening in the world of fiber. This year Sheila B and Lisa B made the journey to see what was to be seen. They report that there were **LOTS** and **LOTS** of vendors and merchandise to be fondled, adored and purchased. Sheila went looking for a new spinning wheel and she is now the proud owner of a new Kromski Minstrel.

In addition to the fiber available, there was also a livestock showing of sheep, goats, alpacas, llamas, bunnies with a special guest star appearance by the 2010 Featured Breed: The Pygora Goat. Rumor has it that Sheila was seriously thinking about bringing home one of these little critters...

Both ladies has a very enjoyable time and felt the trip was well worth their time but they wish that it was just closer to home...seven hours is a long way to travel even for fiber.

## Don't Forget

If you have not already done so, please let us know the month of your birthday and your telephone number. You want to be sure to receive your 10% discount coupon to be used during your birthday month. Please email this information to: **shopnews@atkinsonfarmyarns**

**Please check the website often...you never know what surprises may await you...**

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