

Skeins & Such Things

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Calendar



New Additions

I have had many requests for a yarn that has no wool content, is easy care but still works up and looks like wool. SO...I have introduced **Paton's Canadiana** to meet this request. It is 100% acrylic and machine wash and machine dry. This yarn is a great bargain as the 100 gram ball (205 yards) retails for \$4.49. With 17 colors to choose from, this yarn is ideal for kids, home décor or your charity knitting.

I have a sample afghan here at the shop so you may see how it works up and there are several free sheet patterns or pattern books available for this yarn.

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Photo Gallery

Sherry

Doesn't she look fabulous in her Scalloway Sweater? Her workmanship is fantastic and the color is just perfect for her. Kudos to Sherry for a job well done indeed!



Mary Ann



Mary Ann made this sweater for her granddaughter. Check out the precision details...great job, Mary Ann! Now we need a photo of Mary Ann's granddaughter in this wonderful creation

Kim



Using a Sally Melville pattern, Kim created this lovely sweater with Ultra Alpaca. The color, style and attention to detail make this an outstanding garment. Wonderful job, Kim!

Sock Knitalong



The sock group in March was full to capacity! We started the **Lace and Lattice Sock** and all are enjoying it. We will continue with this sock in April. I hope to have the Footlet sampled (which we will begin in May) for you to see at the April meeting. Come in and join us!

Beginning Knitters Clinic

The response to the **Beginning Knitters Clinic** has well attended and continues to be well received. If you are a beginner and would like to understand your knitting better or learn some of the basic techniques please stop by. If you have not ever held needles but would like to try our wonderful hobby call me and we will get you going either in this group or at a time that fits your schedule. **Any** level of knitter is welcome to attend no matter if they have never held needles or need to learn or refresh the basic skills.

What do we do? We teach people to:

- Knit
- Cast On
- Bind Off
- Pick up dropped stitches
- Read a yarn label
- Read a Pattern
- Increase/decrease
- Understand your fabric

So if you have any questions about these things or other beginning techniques please join us for these sessions. You are a better knitter when you understand the basics. You don't have to sign up or register in advance for this clinic; you can just "drop in" as it works with your schedule. The clinic will continue as long as there is a demand and the sessions are well attended.

Tuesday Evenings: April 12th or 26nd

6:30 – 8:00p

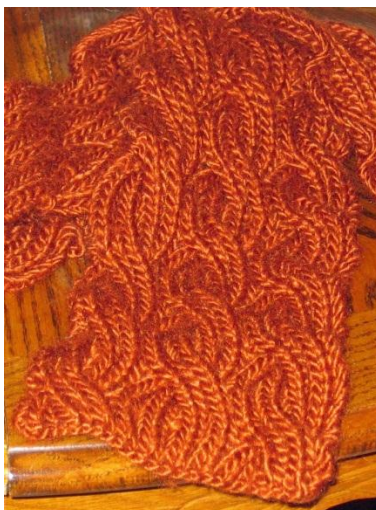
Bring along your knitting tools, needles and light colored worsted weight yarn.

Afghanalong



Why YES, I do believe that we invented a new word...**Afghanalong**, but then a new word was necessary to describe this exciting new adventure that will begin in April. With three different class sections to choose from (morning, night and weekend), there should be a time that is convenient for just about everyone. Initially we will meet to pick our colors and the specific blocks we are going to work on as a group. We are using the **Great North American Aran Afghan** booklet. It will be great fun to work on this project together. There will be some challenges and I am sure that you will learn many new skills and tricks along the way. You can find the dates and times on the calendar, so just pick one that works for you.

For those of you who have not participated in a KNITALONG, there is no class fee to participate with the group, but you must purchase or have purchased your yarn for this afghan from Atkinson Farm Yarns.



Brioche Stitch Scarf Class

If you didn't get in on the Brioche Stich classes last year and would like to learn this technique **and** have a beautiful scarf, please email me and we will set up another class. Lisa Blaize has been teaching these on Saturday afternoon from 3-5p. Want a private class with your buddies...just let us know and we can arrange it with a group of four or more!

The cost is 10.00 plus supplies

Want to learn to crochet?

Lisa Blaize and I have been talking about another Crochet Basics class for May. We are looking at **May 7th from 3-5**. This class will help the person who is new to crochet or would like to learn. . . Class size will be limited so let me know if you are interested please let us know so we may get you signed up. In addition, Lisa is also working up a class to teach granny squares since there is a new popularity with this crochet technique.

The fee will be \$10.00 per person

Colts Scarves



April 28th

5:30 - 8p

While it may be uncertain at this time if the NFL players and team management will reach an agreement any time soon, we are not losing faith and therefore will continue knitting the blue and white scarves for the 2012 Super Bowl.

8000 scarves are needed to be in the end zone of Lucas Oil Stadium for the 2012 Super Bowl no later than November 2011. Approximately 4000 scarves have been received to date so that leaves just a few months to rally together to finish the next 4000. This is such a great opportunity to promote the fiber arts of knitting and crochet AND show our support of the Colts at the same time. Just think of all the positive vibes that will be created as the volunteers for the Super Bowl and City of Indianapolis proudly wear the items we have made.



We had such a nice time tailgating thus far that we all decided to officially add **Colts Night** to our monthly calendar of events. So please join us on April 28th for a night of food and fun while we make scarves for the 2012 Super Bowl. I have received a poster from the 2012 Super Bowl Committee explaining their need and have posted it in the shop. For more information please check out the special Colts Scarf page on our website:

<http://atkinsonfarmyarns.com>

If you have a pattern you would like to share bring it, along with a simple snack food.

You will receive a 10% discount when purchasing this required yarn.

Even More New Additions

In the same line as the **Canadiana** I have **Bernat Mosaic**, a worsted weight long stripe color repeat. It is 100% acrylic and the 100 gram balls equal 209 yards per skein. Currently, I have 7 colors available. Again, this is an easy care yarn that works well for winter accessories, modular or entrelac knitting as well as cool weather garments. This yarn is perfect for the Prayer Shawls many of you make for charity.

It retails for \$5.49 a skein.



Oh those wonderful dish cloths! I now carry the 100% cotton **Sugar and Cream** in many solids, stripes and twists. At \$2.49 per skein, you can knit many great dishcloths or check out the kitchen essentials booklet for this yarn to crochet wonderful gift items.

By the way this yarn is priced under the retail price of local craft stores!



From **Pagewood Farms** I have two needle felting kits. I have completed the biggest part of a silk scarf kit that was so much fun to do! I don't have much experience with needle felting but I really enjoyed this process. It allows you to do the technique with no specifics to follow but to just follow your own creative instincts.

Then there is the small kit that is for flowers you can attach to any garments or needle felt into a bulky yarn to make your own wild yarn.

Kauni is a very long stripe color repeat fingering weight wool from Estonia. These yarns are hand wound yarns that vary in price due to the weight variations. This is really pretty wool and you can find plenty of patterns on **Ravelry** for shawls and scarves. I have a few patterns from the company for scarves and a small shawl here at the shop as well.





Remember the **Marian Foale** book with the lightweight classic style sweaters? I have her yarn in stock to make these sweaters and you are going to love it. This yarn is fingering weight superwash wool. I have it in six colors and will special order any colors you wish if I do not have them in stock. In each 50 gram skein there are 238 yards which retails for \$8.00.

Bits and Pieces

From **Plymouth** I have a cotton/rayon blend with clear sequins in it. The colors are beautiful and I have made a Mobius from it. What a great fun spring scarf!

New colors in **Misti Alpaca** in the cotton/silk blend are here. The solids in the DK weight are just beautiful. This yarn has great drape and softness and a low sheen. When these sell out that will be it as these solids have been discontinued. In addition, I have five new handpaints and wait until you see the green!

THEIR BACK...I have brought back the **Lantern Moon** products! I have silk scarves, straw ring totes in great summer shades, bucket bags for small projects, shawl pins, gadgets, silk needle cases nesting bags **AND** more items that I cannot think of... Oh yeah, a striking canvas knitting tote with a needle punch design. Just when you thought it could get no better – you've got to see this tote!

You have to check out the **hand thrown pottery yarn bowls** by local artist **Doug Daugherty**, Laura's son. These bowls are great for small balls of silk yarn to keep it from tangling. Also they are good to contain all the little knitting notions you need within arm's reach but out of sight of inquisitive three year olds!

You all know we have many talented individuals who converge at Atkinson Farm Yarns to pursue their creative endeavors. **Terri G** has become completely enamored with wool appliqué penny rugs and all things of this nature. She now has offered some of these wonderful items for sale here at the shop. The prices are too good to be true as she just wants to support her habit! I have candle wraps, mats and had a couple runners. The amazing Santa runner sold as soon as it was presented. Be sure to look for Terri's pieces when you next visit the shop. She will be offering these as they are completed. The workmanship is totally Terri, need I say more? I think NOT!!

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Wedding

Congratulations are in order for **Carly and Bryan** for their recent wedding. Carly is a fellow spinner and we had a little reception for her during our last spinner's group. **However**, the guest of honor was so busy planning the wedding that she planned to skip the spinning that day.... **we had to call her to invite her to the party!** She is such a good sport that she arrived with the groom as well just in time for the dinner! Carly, we wish you much happiness.

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.

A **Lantern Moon Ring Tote**

will go home with the lucky winner of
the April 2011

I Want That

drawing, so be sure to register the next
time you are at the shop.



In March, Laurie C was the lucky winner of the **I Want That** luxurious

Farmhouse Yarns

Abbie's Alpaca Hand-Paint

Out and About in the Fiber World

Friday, April 15th 1p - 7p

Saturday April 16th 9a - 5p

Putnam County Fairgrounds
Greencastle, Indiana

FREE admission!
FREE parking!

<http://www.thefiberevent.com>



Friday, June 3rd 12:00p - 8:00p

Saturday, June 4th 9:00a - 5:00p

Johnson County Fairgrounds Franklin, Indiana

FREE admission!
FREE parking!

<http://www.hoosierhillsfiberartsfestival.com>

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...

<http://www.atkinsonfarmyarns.com>

Did you know that in addition to receiving the 10% discount coupon, to be used during your birthday month, that by using that coupon you are automatically entered in a quarterly drawing to receive an additional \$20 in Birthday Bucks.