

Anacapa Fine Yarns Newsletter

Proudly Promoting Fiber Arts in Ventura County

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Please note our new store hours:

Tuesday – Friday 10 to 6; Saturday 10 to 5, Sunday 11 to 4, **Closed Monday**

Spring/Summer 2007

Those warmer months of spring and summer are upon us. It's warming up outside, making us want to play. The nice thing about knitting is that no matter where we are or where we go we can always take our knitting along! Some of us like to knit on the winter yarns throughout the year, but if you are looking for some new and interesting yarns in the spring/summer palette, then we have just the selection for you!

Come by and check out our great cotton, rayon, silk, bamboo and soy blends. Rowan Classic Yarns has come out with a great palette of summer colors. "Bamboo Soft" is a yummy 100% bamboo yarn, and "Cashcotton 4 Ply" is a stunning blend of cotton, polyamide, angora, viscose and cashmere... yum. Also check out "Natural Silk Aran", which is a tweedy looking yarn of viscose, silk and linen. From Louisa Harding we have her new "Mariposa", a blend of viscose and cotton which has a lovely sheen. Her new "Coquette" has fine little sequins, making it perfect for a delicate little shell or for trim. We also have lots of new colors in her "Nautical Cotton" and "Sari Ribbon". From Vermont Fiber Company we have a new certified organic cotton and wool blend called "Balance", a nice soft yarn in even softer colors.

Over the past winter, your response has been overwhelmingly positive to all of the crochet classes we added! Crochet is definitely HOT!! Because of the craze, Interweave Crochet Magazine has decided to go to a quarterly publication. So, if you haven't tried any of the crochet classes, you might want to take a peek and see what all the buzz is about.

Speaking of classes, we are glad to have Jane Davis return for a class on knitting with beads. Jane Davis is the author of the successful book "Knitting with Beads". She has published a total of 13 knitting, crochet and beading books. We're hoping to see more of her classes in the coming months. Brecia Kralovic-Logan, will also be back to teach her freeform knitting. Join Brecia and create a beautiful one-of-a-kind shoulder wrap. Brecia's classes are informative and oh soooo inspiring!

As a reminder, there are lots of holidays coming up this summer, and lots of opportunities for gift giving. Wouldn't dad or that special man in your life like a nice pair of hand knit (or crochet) socks for Father's Day. For the knitting mom on Mother's Day, consider a gift of yarn, needles or a gift certificate to Anacapa Fine Yarns. If you are not sure what to buy her, check to see if she has signed up for our Gift Registry, maybe she has already told us what she wants. If she doesn't knit, she'd probably love a handmade shawl, scarf or maybe a felted bag from her favorite knitter/crocheter. For the Graduate that will soon be going off to college, how about making a warm and cozy afghan that they can wrap around themselves in the dorm when they are feeling homesick.

We've already received the first in Rowan Yarns rotating summer Trunk Show. Every two weeks we'll have something new from them for you to see. In mid-June, Barbara Selesnick will be debuting her new designs from Keep It Simple Designs.

We have a few things already planned for fall and winter. Talk about wearable art, Brecia Kralovic-Logan will be back in October to show us how to make a garment with her freeform knitting techniques. Also, coming in January will be Therese Chynoweth of Dale of Norway to show us how to put steeks in a garment. It's truly an amazing technique that will eliminate your fear of cutting your knitting.

We look forward to seeing you in the upcoming months.

Happy Knitting,

Class & Workshop Schedule • Spring/Summer 2007

*Please note: we expect classes to fill quickly. Register in advance to secure your space. Students must pay for their class when signing up. Unless noted, students should purchase all supplies listed before attending class, including any pattern or notions. Class participants receive a 10 percent discount on class materials. In the event you must cancel your reserved spot, we must be given at least five days' notice **before** the class date in order to refund your fees. If you do not, you forfeit your entire registration fee; however, if your place is filled by another student, we will refund your fee. Class samples are available to view at the shop. Also, please be **on time** for class.*

Knitting Classes

Beginning Knitting

Three Sessions –Fridays, June 15, 22 and 29, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., \$50, supplies not included. Skill level: No prior knitting experience. Instructor: Lois Varga.

OR

Four Sessions-Wednesdays, July 11, 18, 25 and August 1, 6 to 8 p.m., \$79, Call Ventura College to register-654-6459. Instructor: Lois Varga

This basic class will start you on your knitting adventure. Learn the basics: cast on, knit, purl, and bind off. Also learn several increases and decreases to add shaping to simple projects, as well as some easy poncho variations. Come see what all the fuss is about!

Knit Fixes

One Session – Saturday, May 19, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
OR Saturday, July 21, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; \$20, supplies not included. Skill level: Students must have mastered the basics – able to knit and purl confidently. Instructor: Lois Varga.

If you are a fairly new knitter tired of ripping due to errors, this class is for you. Begin to understand stitch structure, learn how to unknit, and fix your knitting without ripping the whole thing out. This class can honestly make the difference between a frustrated knitter and a happy knitter. We want YOU to be a happy knitter with a beautiful, completed project!

Stitches II

One Session -- Sunday, May 6, noon to 3 p.m.; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Know how to

knit and purl confidently. Completion of *Stitches I* is **not** a prerequisite. Instructor: Barbara Selesnick.

Go beyond basic stitches with Barbara Selesnick. Learn some fun and interesting stitch patterns and stitch methods to incorporate into your knitting. We will review how to read the language of stitches and what different symbols mean, and incorporate some easy methods to keep track of complicated patterns.

Summer Poncho

Two Sessions-Saturday, May 12 and 26, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.-\$40, supplies not included,-Skill Level: Know how to knit confidently. Instructor: Karin Wilmoth

Ward off the chill of a summer night with a poncho created especially for you, by YOU! This poncho is knit from the top down and is made unique by playing with texture. Feel free to experiment. Use five or more yarns of various weights and fibers to make your first wearable art garment.

Block-a-Month Afghan-Intermediate

Monthly – Every second Saturday. Next class: Saturday, May 12, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Three classes \$75 or \$30 per class; supplies not included. Skill Level: Intermediate. Instructor: Karin Wilmoth.

This class covers more intermediate level techniques. This is a continuing class but students at the appropriate skill level can jump in if space is available.

Sock Knitting

Two Sessions -- Wednesdays, May 16 and 23, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; **OR** Saturdays, July 21 and 28, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., \$50, supplies not included. Skill Level: Intermediate. Instructor: Lois Varga.

Once you make one pair of socks, you feel the need to make a pair for everyone in the entire family! Come and learn how to knit circularly and work the heel and the toe of the sock. You will learn the basics on either double-pointed or two circular needles.

1st Garment

Three Sessions – Saturdays May 19 and June 9 and 16, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; \$50, supplies not included. Skill Level: Students must have mastered the basics – able to knit and purl confidently, as well as know some increases and decreases. Instructor: Lois Varga.

Ready to move on from making basic knitted items? Impress your friends with this simple sweater pattern. Make a garment that will fit you well enough that you'll actually wear it! Learn to knit to gauge, read patterns, shape armholes and neck, and finish the garment – all in three classes!

Multi-Directional Diagonal Scarf

One Session -- Sunday, May 20, noon to 3 p.m.; \$30, supplies not included. Level: Know knit stitch confidently. Instructor: Barbara Selesnick.

This scarf looks complicated but actually is fun and simple once you learn an easy method of short rows and increases/decreases. You will also learn how to add on a new ball of yarn, how to make and apply fringe, and how to weave in yarn ends. If you are interested in picking up a few more skills and ending up with a scarf that sparks conversation, this class is for you.

Block-a-Month Afghan-Beginner

Monthly – Every fourth Saturday. Next class: Saturday, May 26, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. **Please note in June only this class will be held on the 5th Saturday on June 30th.** Three classes \$75 or \$30 per class; supplies not included. Skill Level: Know how to knit and purl confidently. Instructor: Karin Wilmoth.

Learn a wide variety of skills as you work toward completing an afghan. You will learn how to read knitting patterns and gain confidence in all your knitting projects.

Toddler Sweater

Three Sessions – Wednesdays, May 30, June 6 and 13, 6 to 9 p.m. \$50, supplies not included. Skill level: Students must have mastered the basics – able to knit and purl confidently. Instructor: Lois Varga.

Ready to make a garment, but still a little intimidated? We suggest you start small. Everyone has a little one to knit for, or you can save your sweater for a future gift. Learn the basics of sweater composition while making a beautiful toddler sweater of your choosing -- pullover or cardigan. Learn to knit to gauge, read patterns, shape the neck, seam and pick up stitches for edgings. Then you can try an adult sweater pattern!

Introduction to Lace

One Session – Sunday, June 10, Noon to 3 p.m.; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Know how to knit confidently, no purls necessary. Instructor: Karin Wilmoth.

Make a beautiful lace soap sack and washcloth while learning the intricacies of lace. Enhance your knitting knowledge while learning to decipher pattern reading as well as chart reading and its symbols, garter lace pattern stitches, short rows and more.

Intro to Cables -- Cable Scarf

One Session -- Sunday, June 24, noon to 3 p.m.; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Know how to knit and purl confidently. Instructor: Barbara Selesnick.

Cables are really quite *simple* and fun to make. In class you will learn the ins and outs of cables, how to keep track of cable patterns as you are knitting. You will also learn some interesting history about this traditional technique. Cables may appear to be a challenge, but allow Barbara Selesnick to demystify them for you. Learn the basics by knitting a beautiful cabled scarf. This technique can be applied to various garments and knit items – even purses and pillows!

Beaded Notions Bag Sampler

One Session-Sunday, July 1, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., \$45, plus materials, there will also be a material fee \$TBD for the beads, payable to instructor on day of class. Instructor: Jane Davis

Learn about working with beads and yarn while knitting this elegant and quick to make sampler that will become a staple in your knitting bag to hold small items such as stitch markers, scissors, measuring tapes and cable needles. Three techniques of knitting with beads will be covered as well as information on types of beads and yarns that are suitable for these techniques. Also covered will be how to handle the yarn and beads for your projects and how to string the beads.

Creative Knitting Shoulder Wrap

One Session -- Sunday, July 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (with a break for lunch); \$50, supplies not included. Skill Level: Know how to knit confidently. Instructor: Brecia Kralovic-Logan.

Wrap yourself in the luscious colors, textures and fibers that you love! This workshop introduces you to creative knitting techniques that you can use to create a one of a kind shoulder wrap. Get free from patterns, straight rows and gauges. Using a knit, bind off and pick up technique your knitting takes on an organic look that reflects your individual spirit.

Mystery of Gauge

One Session -- Sunday, July 22, Noon to 3 p.m.; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Know how to knit and purl confidently. Instructor: Barbara Selesnick.

Unlock the mystery of knitting the item that you've envisioned by learning the facts about gauge. In this class we cover what a gauge is and why it is *extremely* important to knitting, along with essential information that a swatch can tell you about your finished item. You will learn how to read ball-band information, learn about the properties of different yarn weights, along with washing symbol information. Finally, learn how to use your gauge to create patterns in Sweater Wizard, the easiest computer knitting program on the market.

Intro to Double-Pointed Needles -- Hats

One Session -- Sunday, July 29, noon to 3 p.m.; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Know how to knit and purl confidently. Instructor: Barbara Selesnick.

Learn how to use double pointed needles! In this class you will begin by making a miniature hat, giving you the opportunity to practice all of the stitches and skills required for this project. You will also receive a pattern for a larger version of this hat, which we will begin working on before you leave class. Along with using double pointed needles, you will learn how to decrease stitches for shaping, and how to seamlessly weave in the ends.

Crochet Classes

Beginning Crochet

Three Sessions -- Saturdays, June 30, July 7 and 14, 2 to 4 p.m.; \$50, supplies not included. Skill Level: No prior crochet experience. Instructor: Elisa Purnell

This class will get you started on your crocheting adventure. Learn the chain stitch, single and double crochet, simple increases and decreases. We will also learn how to do a granny square. Additional skills and/or topics will be covered as time permits.

Block-a-Month Afghan-Crochet

Monthly – Every first Saturday of the month. Next class: Saturday, May 5, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Three classes \$75 or \$30 per class; supplies not included. Skill Level: Know basic crochet stitches (chain, single crochet, and double crochet). Instructors: Anastasia Poland/Elisa Purnell.

Learn a wide variety of skills as you work toward completing an afghan. You will learn how to read crochet patterns and gain confidence in all your crochet projects.

Crochet Socks Too

Two Sessions – Tuesdays, May 15 and 22, 6 to 9 p.m.; \$40, supplies not included. Skill Level: Know basic crochet stitches (chain, single crochet, and double crochet). Instructor: Elisa Purnell.

Why should knitters have all the fun? Crocheted socks are warm, comfortable and - with just a few tricks that you'll learn in class – fun to make. You'll learn to crochet in the round as we make a pair of custom fit, wear-in-your-shoe socks. No prior sock crocheting experience is needed for this class. Students who took the first crochet sock class will

be able to build on the skills they learned, plus add a few more ‘tricks’.

Crochet Summer Shawl

One Session – Sunday, June 3, Noon to 3 p.m.; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Know basic crochet stitches (chain, single crochet, and double crochet). Instructor: Elisa Purnell.

Be prepared for those chilly summer evenings with this easy to crochet wrap. The Perfect Summer Shawl sits lightly on the shoulders and tapers slightly at the edges for a touch of elegance. The pattern is easily adjustable for a shawl that fits you perfectly.

Crochet Beaded Bag

One Session – Tuesday, July 10, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Know basic crochet stitches (chain, single crochet, and double crochet). Instructor: Elisa Purnell.

Beads are hot hot hot, and combining them with crochet raises the temperature even more! Join us as we make a crocheted purse with bead embellishments. You’ll learn several ways to add beads to your projects while making this cute easy project.

On Going Classes

Drop In Assistance

Thursdays, 3 to 6 p.m.; \$8 Don’t understand the pattern? Need some help getting started with a new project? We can help. *Free Drop In Class with your yarn purchase at Anacapa Fine Yarns.* We want you to feel the satisfaction of having completed a beautiful project!

Let’s Knit (or Crochet) for Charity

Fridays, 10 a.m. to whenever. Get together to knit or crochet for a good cause! We are now working on hats for cancer patients and baby blankets for babies in NICU. Local hospitals are the recipient of both of these projects. They then distribute the items to those in need.

Thursday Night Knitting Get Together (KTOG)

Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m. Everyone is welcome to this informal knitting and crochet group. It’s fun to get together with others that share your passion for fiber arts. Meet new people, get inspiration for new projects, and make new friends. Bring a project and join the fun. Shop is also open during this time.

3rd Anniversary Party

Anacapa Fine Yarns will be celebrating its third anniversary on Saturday June 23rd. You and all of your fiber friends are invited to our celebration. Door prizes, goody bags, food and fiber fun. Stay tuned for more details.

Fair Entries and Demonstration Volunteers

The Ventura County Fair is fast approaching. The fair dates this year are August 1st through 12th. If you are a Ventura County resident, you can submit your projects in a variety of categories. Fair entry books will soon be out with the entry deadlines listed. You can provide inspiration for all of us who love meandering through the Home Arts Building admiring what others create. Make Anacapa Fine Yarns proud. Show your stuff!!

The past two years Anacapa Fine Yarns provided knitting demonstrations in the Home Arts Building at the fair. We had lots of fun talking to people about knitting and crochet and letting them know about the shop. We plan on doing this again and are looking for volunteers to help us out. Dates of the demos are yet to be determined, but it will include weekends of the fair plus some dates during the week. If interested, call the shop for more details.

Change in Store Hours

Please note we have changed our store hours, we are no longer going to be open on Mondays. Our new store hours are: Tuesday – Friday 10 am to 6 pm, Saturday 10 am – 5 pm, and Sunday 11 am – 4 pm. **Closed Monday**

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: What can I do with all these left over bits and pieces of yarn?

Answer: It seems there is always some yarn left over after completing a project. Here are some ideas of what to do with those left overs.

1-Make a lengthwise scarf or shawl by casting on about 130 stitches on a #15 needle. Knit one row of each yarn leaving a tail long enough to use as fringe on either side, you are done when the scarf or shawl is as wide as you like, or you've run out of yarn!

2-Make a funky scarf or shawl by cutting strips about a foot long. Tie different yarns together leaving the tied sections hanging and knit away.

3-Make a Multidirectional Scarf with the leftovers. If you are not familiar with this method of knitting, come to Barbara Selesnick's class on Sunday, May 20th, from noon to 3 pm. We are used to making a multi directional scarf with a self striping or textured yarn, but why not try it with different yarns. Remember in knitting that the sky is the limit *and there are very few rules!*

4-Use up your leftovers in Brecia Kralovic-Logan's "Creative Shoulder Wrap" class on Sunday, July 15, 10 am to 4 pm. She will show you how to make a beautiful shoulder wrap in a freeform knitting style with different yarns.

Warming Ventura County

If you knit, crochet, or sew, here is a great way to practice your hobby and contribute to our community! The Warming Ventura County program was started in July 2006 with the purpose of bringing handmade items to people in need throughout the county. Such items range from warm garments to household items like dishcloths. Not only can a warm item save a life on a cold night, it will bring joy and love into a life that has seen rough times. We are currently serving the Lighthouse Women and Children's Rescue Mission in Oxnard. All items must be new and will be used by people in need. Please see the Warming Ventura County website (Website: www.geocities.com/warmingvc) for a complete list of items needed. If you have any donations, you can drop them off at Anacapa Fine Yarns and tell the staff its for Warming Ventura County. Warming Ventura County email: WarmingVC@yahoo.com

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