

The Slipped Stitch

Sheridan County Fair
July 28 to August 4

February

Can you believe it's already February?! It sure hasn't been a typical winter here in Wyoming. Very little snow and warmer than usual temperatures have everyone thinking spring already. But, who knows what March will bring? And it's still a little too chilly outside to do outside stuff yet, so we'll keep those hooks and needles busy inside. Don't forget to start thinking of items to enter for the County Fair. It'll be here before we know it.

On a side note, we have quite a collection of bags under the stairs. Please check to see if you have a stash hidden there and if you'd still like to buy it. We're going to be checking through the bags and if you do not let us know by the end of the month, the items will be returned to the shelves.

WEAVING ON A 4-SHAFT LOOM - SERIES OF CLASSES

This month we are starting a series of classes for multiple shaft weaving. Rather than cramming a lot of work into one weekend, we are going to stretch it out into three classes. We will have two different sessions for each class, one on Saturdays and one on Sundays. The classes will break down the process into more manageable segments. Cost will be \$10.00 per class. Class size will be limited to 6 participants. Sign up for one, two, or all three classes, but please only one session so that more people can participate. The class schedule will be as follows:

Sat., Feb 11 or Sun, Feb 12	Reading Weaving Drafts (repeat of class held in November)
Sat., Feb 25 or Sun, Feb 26	Measuring a warp and Warping a 4-shaft loom
Sat., Mar 10 or Sun, Mar 11	Tie-up and weaving

We have two Wolf Pup 4-shaft looms for teaching. Due to the limited number of looms, we will be doing shared samplers, with participants working together on the samplers. All materials will be provided. Also, stay tuned for demonstrations / classes on Inkle looms, tapestry looms, and tablet weaving.

NEW STUFF

We have more new yarns (of course). Since the sock knitters have been enjoying the 6-ply yarn we got in last year, we just recently received some in Regia's 6-ply *Fjord*. This is a self-striping / self-patterning yarn in six colorways. Some of these are browns and dark blues for the guys! They are in 150-gram

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skeins; so one ball should make one pair of socks (as long as you're not trying to make them for a size 15 foot!) We still have the *Indulgence* 6-ply and Opal's 6-ply *Polar Lights*, as well.

Another new sock yarn is Regia's designer *Garden Effects*. This is a typical 4-ply yarn in 50-gram balls. Don't forget that sock yarn is for more than just socks!! Think scarves, shawls, Fair-Isle hats, gloves, and mittens, and even sweaters. I knit a tank top last year with double-stranded sock yarn.

To go along with that idea, several new books in the shop are *Knitting Scandinavian Slippers and Socks*, *Knitting Circles Around Mittens and More*, *Magnificent Mittens & Socks*, and *Knitting for Little Feet*. All of the patterns can use a variety of yarn weights, including sock yarn!

With customers still asking for the fancy new scarf yarns, we have brought in *Tutu* from Crystal Palace. This yarn is similar to *Tinseltown* without the glitter. It is slightly narrower than the *Tinseltown* and in addition to a scarf, would make a cute embellishment to a hat brim or cuff! We also just received a couple of colors of *Flounce* and do still have a small amount of *Tinseltown*.

After dreaming about it for a couple of years, we are now beginning to get in some Manos del Uruguay yarns. So far we have received their kettle-dyed, *Silk Blend* in nine colors, with more to come. This is a silk-merino wool blend. Also in the hand-dyed wool-silk blend category is a new yarn from Sweet Grass Wool in Helena, MT. This yarn comes in beautiful soft colors. We love supporting our "local" yarn producers.

FYI, just to keep you up-to-date, we have yarns and roving from local producers in Wyoming and Montana, including BobCat Ranch (Big Horn, WY - alpaca yarn and roving), Mountain Meadow Wool Mill (Buffalo, WY - wool yarn), Sage Ridge Mill (Clearmont, WY- alpaca yarn and roving), ChanTar Llamas (Big Horn, WY - llama roving), Lucy's Sheep Camp (Thermopolis, WY - yarn, roving, felted mats, kits), Sweet Grass Wool (Helena, MT - yarn), and Mountain Colors (Corvallis, MT - yarn). Then there is the ever-popular Brown Sheep Yarn from Nebraska!

As always, you can check out our website for the new yarns and colors. Chris generally tries to have everything up there within a couple of weeks. If you don't see what you want, call and ask us about it!

UPCOMING EVENTS - SAVE THE DATES

Ravelry Patterns will be available for download soon. You will now be able to purchase Ravelry patterns directly through us! More information to come.

Coming in March. Broomstick lace and hairpin lace - two types of crochet lace.

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FEBRUARY SPECIAL

Tahki Stacy Charles Yarns 10% Off
(In Store Special Only)

Tahki Stacy Charles yarns also include Filatura di Crosa brand. Take advantage of this month's special to stock up on *Zara* and *Zara Plus*, some of our favorite superwash wool yarns. *Zara* is a DK weight yarn and *Zara Plus* is a worsted weight. A new TSC yarn is *Jackson*, a bulky 100% wool tweed that works up fast. We also have the luscious *Ritratto*, *Gioello*, and *Tweedy Alpaca*. *Ritratto* is a mohair blend with a metallic thread included. This provides a nice touch of glamour to any project. Filatura's *Gioello* is a slightly thicker version of *Ritratto* and will make beautiful, classy fingerless mitts. *Tweedy Alpaca* is a worsted weight alpaca blend that is plush and soft.

Weavers and Spinners Get Together

Our next weavers and spinners gathering will be Sunday, February 19 from 1 to 4pm. Our last gathering was great! In addition to weavers and spinners, we also had crocheters and knitters, so anything goes! Have a question or need some help? There will be plenty of solutions!

Sock Club

I'm still working on the fair-isle sock while I'm also trying to finish Chris' socks! Sock Club will be Saturday the 4th this month. We'll try to keep it to the first Saturday of the month. However, we are also continuing with the Sock Day Mondays if you ever need help with anything.

Ran out of space and time – Donna's soapbox will return next month.