

DYED IN THE WOOL

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A wool shop and place to knit, spin, weave and crochet

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New Store Hours For 2022:

Tuesday: 10am - 6pm
Wednesday: Noon - 4pm
Thursday: 10am - 7pm
Friday: 10am - 4pm
Saturday: 10am - 3pm

Special Holiday Hours!

Closed - December 24th & 25th
Closed - December 31st & January 1st

End of Year 18 and Welcome 19

I can't believe that on December 21st I will have completed 18 years and be ready to start Dyed In The Wool's 19th year on the 22nd. To celebrate there will be a small sale on the 22nd. There are some wonderful yarns in stock for you to enjoy.

2021 In Review

The biggest disappointment of the year was losing Lorna's Laces. We have carried this yarn since 2004 and have loved the subtle tone on tone and brilliant variegated colors.

We extended our relationship with Dream In Color and added the Pop-Up- Club. The Smooshy with cashmere is incredible in socks but fabulous in fingerless gloves, scarves and shawls.

From Baah we brought in the amazing Sequoia which is a heavy weight yarn that is soft, squishy and knits up beautifully into cowls and hats.

The biggest surprise for me this year were the amazing yarns from West Yorkshire Spinners. Great colors and textures for adults and amazing yarns for children. My personal favorite is the Fleece with my 2nd favorite being The Croft and Re-Treat in 3rd place

I am actually looking forward to weaving with some of these great yarns.

New Arrivals

For our spinners we have a nice new selection of Bare Bones, Bare Bonesie's and Apprentice Spindles. Elizabeth created some of her magic in these spindles and now it is up to you to see what magic you will create.

From the Fibre Company we now have Tundra which is a heavy weight yarn that knits up beautifully on needles from US 9 through US 11. The colors are rich and gorgeous as we have come to expect from The Fibre Company.

Feli from Illimani. I can talk about this yarn but its beauty is in the touch. There are four natural colors to choose from, a natural, a silver gray, a gray and a taupe gray. I have knitted two one ball cowls in this yarn and it is amazing to work with but even more amazing to wear. It feels like nothing but warmth on your neck.

UnEEK Yarn will be back in stock. We had some production issues but I have been assured they are all addressed and this batch is coming direct from Turkey.

Christmas Surprise(s)

I can't believe that there are only three more working days before Christmas. If you haven't already signed up for the Christmas Surprise then you only have three days to do so. There is a simple textured cowl in Road To China Light, a textured cowl in Hemp Tweed and a lace and textured cowl in Milo or Feliz.

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Spin In

January 7th is Distaff Day which unfortunately is a Friday so we will celebrate Distaff Day on the 8th at 3pm. Bring your spindles or wheels or just come to watch as we create yarn. Please reserve a space letting me know if you are a spindle or wheel spinner or just an observer to make sure there is space and refreshments for all.

Knit, Spin, Weave or Crochet

Got something you want to work on and be social or just want to be social then sign up and come in on January 15th at 3pm.

Ravelry Unravelling - Jan. 22nd

I know what we have some people who are new to the fiber community and haven't really explored Ravelry much. I also know that there are some of you that would like to delve deeper. So, gather your Ravelry questions and sign up. This will be a Zoom class so please make sure I have all your most recent contact information on file.

A Yarn Sampling Event

I must say that I am extremely excited by the Spring/Summer collection of yarns from Berroco. On January 29th I will be hosting a Yarn Sampling Event at 3pm. Everyone participating will receive a pretty little bag with a nice selection of yarns that we will preview, sample and discuss. This event will be limited so sign up quickly.

February Sock

The 2022 advanced sock will be worked in Amble using a Fairisle technique. I chose this yarn for two reasons, the first is I love this yarn and the second is that there are mini skeins. We will be exploring our Fairisle options while making an incredible soft, squishy sock.

New Patterns

I am very excited by the five new patterns that I have worked on. They are being test knit right now. There are two cowls, two scarves and a shawl.

One cowl is knit in the amazingly soft Feli from Illimani. This cowl has two options, you can knit the simple two row repeat and get stripes or you can knit the sixteen row repeat and get blocks.

The next cowl is knit in Tundra which is also rather soft and quite squishy. This has a very simple repeating pattern giving lots of texture.

There is a pretty simple scarf in The Croft which I am really very partial to. This scarf is a little wider and would be great for the cold weather that is anticipated.

The other scarf is knitted in Re-Treat and is slightly more challenging. Simple stitches meet with traveling cables to change the appearance of each side.

The shawl so far has been worked in DK weight but it is currently being test knitted in Worsted and Sport. Simple but sometimes simple is good. Maybe I should knit this in Les is More color way from Baah!

Thank You

A great big Thank You to all who have supported Dyed In The Wool throughout these past 18 years. I am sorry, I wanted to keep this newsletter short and sweet as it is the holidays but I got rather excited and had so much to tell you. There it is.

I wish 2022 brings us joy, peace and hope!