

DYED IN THE WOOL

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What's New At Dyed In The Wool

I am delighted to say that our wonderful Smooshy with Cashmere and our LaJolla October 2020 colors sold out within two days of their arrival. We just got another shipment of these fabulous colors from Dream In Color and Baah. These yarns won't be here for long so don't wait to get yours.

We are expecting the scrumptious Millifiori Light yarn from Berroco. I used this yarn to make the cozy Broderie Shawl. This can either be dropped shipped to you or you can come into the store and select your colors in person. I love the amazing colors that play so well together with the simple stitches in this shawl.

Thank You Lisa

We spent a fabulous Saturday morning with Lisa Richardson from Rowan. She generously shared her time, vision and passion for fiber with all of us. I enjoyed learning about her latest collection and her inspiration. A few people have already viewed her designs on Ravelry and are looking to make the Kyle Cowl, the Edith Wrap or the Arabella Cowl. I think that the little slip stitch bookmark opened up the possibilities of color work to some who had not tried it yet. With all the gorgeous colors that Rowan offers it can be fun to combine them into wearable art, which is what I personally consider Lisa's work to be...very wearable art! One of the favorite sweaters that she shared was the Adore sweatshirt style sweater. Knitted out of Pure Cashmere it is gorgeous. This may have to be a class coming up next year. Now you have to decide Pure Cashmere or Alpaca Soft? I will be swatching some options for us to play with. So much yarn, so little time.

Mapping Your Projects for Success

I thought this would be a good time to go back to the basics of Mapping projects and have come up with three wonderful projects to Map. These will be Zoom classes and you can Map along with me and you can knit the projects which will make great gifts or save them to knit later. Mapping is a way to plan your knitting, check your pattern reading and stitch counts at various points along the way.

Mapping the Taina Scarf

When the new colors of Uneek arrived from Urth Yarn I knew that I had to knit something with it. I first went to Ravelry and looked at some of the projects that had been worked with this yarn and fell in love with the Taina pattern. Taina is a free pattern from Ravelry and I can see this is going to be a great pattern to go to when I need a nice gift. This very simple boomerang shaped scarf is worked in garter stitch making it soft and squishy. It is very easy to get into a rhythm but also easy to get lost. That is where mapping comes in.

Dog Days 8

I was on Ravelry looking at the projects that I had posted on the Simple Pleasures Forum and thought that this would be a fun project to knit. The construction is very interesting and I really enjoyed knitting it. Again it is a simple garter stitch project that finishes like a bandana and can be worn like that, or turned into a shawl with the point in the back. I enjoyed it so much I made two of them. Yes, I did map this project and even though I knitted it twice I only had to map once and could still use my initial mapping a few more times.

Moorgate Scarf from My London

The third in the series of Mapping classes is unfortunately not a free pattern but if you don't have the book (which is well worth the cost) I would recommend buying the individual pattern via Ravelry through their "in store" program. We will explore a more complex series of instructions where we are dealing with right and left repeating patterns that don't have the same number of rows in their repeats.

I am often asked if I really Map my projects and the answer is 9 out of 10 projects are mapped. It gives me a chance to read the pattern, help me make sure that I understand all the repeats, especially the words: more or total. It also allows me to knit with confidence that I understand everything. Keep on mapping, gauging and knitting

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