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Fall Is Here!

With the arrival of the cooler weather I am pleased to say that it also means that our Fall orders are starting to arrive.

We now have the incredible Tweed Haze from Rowan. This is a deliciously squishy (yes, it is a technical term) yarn that will knit up on a larger needle and be incredibly light while still being warm. For those of you who like a DK weight we have Felted Tweed Colour which knits like Felted Tweed but with a subtle color change throughout.

From West Yorkshire Spinners we have some really lovely yarns. The ColourLab is a brilliant DK weight yarn with bright clear colors and will be great for children as it is machine washable. My favorite, Fleece DK BFL is here in some beautiful jewel tones. I hope you like it as much as I do. Then there is the ReTreat which is a single ply Aran weight that will knit up around 14sts to 4". Gorgeous clear colors in this yarn too.

A Pattern Sale

A get ready for Fall pattern sale. All printed patterns from Churchmouse, Louet, Karabella and many more will be on sale throughout October. Come and browse our binders and file crates I am sure you will find something to please you and the prices definitely will.

Let's Steek Together

As I would like to make a Steeked Cowl next year I thought it would be a good idea to start with something a little smaller. A mug cozy is the perfect size, not too scary. Kits will be available. This will be two classes. The first will be a fairisle refresher and a discussion on steaks and in the second, you will be using scissors. Don't panic this is only a mug cozy and you will be amazed at following some simple instructions how easy and successful it can be.

Kick-ass Boot Toppers

In November I will be hosting a KAL for the amazing Kick-ass Boot Toppers. I will also be preparing kits for these so if you have a favorite color palette that you are interested in please let me know as soon as possible. All kits must be purchased in October. These are a lot of fun to knit and I will be showing you some simpler ways to tackle a couple of areas.

Halloween Party

On Saturday, October 30th I will be hosting a Halloween Party from 3:30pm until 5pm. Dressing up is optional. There will be some surprises and dice will be involved. As we are still being careful socially this will be by reservation only and the numbers will be limited. Reservations must be made prior to October 23rd.

Scarves - simple to not so!

I have selected some free scarf pattern from Ravelry in various yarn weights with some yarn suggestions. Some of them I have knitted and some I have just read the patterns. They are all beautiful and I would love to knit them all. I have started with lace weight and worked up to worsted weight.

A few of these patterns might be great to work with some stash or your handspun as accent colors.

Yes, there are more pages this month. Please read on.....

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Lace Weight Patterns

- Larisa by Karie Westermann would be amazing in Rowan Kidsilk Haze or Kidsilk Haze held together with Fine Lace
- 133-29 Angel by Drops Design. Lovely in Kidsilk Haze (what isn't) but how about Breathless Lace or Fine Lace
- Wisp by Cheryl Niamath. You guessed it: Kidsilk Haze, Fine Lace or Rowan's Silk.

Fingering Weight Patterns

- Henry by Mareike Sattler for Knitty, Fall 2007. This is a gorgeous scarf and I would love to see it knitted in Island Blend Fine, Hat Box, LaJolla, Alegria or Scrumptious
- Augusta's Scarf by Anette Mielche uses two lace weights to achieve this amazing result. I would suggest Kidsilk Haze and Fine Lace or Kidsilk Haze and Gleem or Scrumptious Lace
- Foreign Correspondent's Scarf by Lexy Lu is simply beautiful and could be worked in Scrumptious, Baby Cashsoft Merino, La Jolla or Alegria

Sport Weight Ideas

- Breaking Bad Marathon Scarf by Erika Flory. This is a really fun pattern and you could use just two colors but how about using some stash or even some handspun. I would select a simple single color or tone on tone for your base such as Luma, Serena or even holding two yarns together such as Kidsilk Haze and Cumbria
- Gentleman's Scarf by Sara Elizabeth Kellner is another one where you pick a plainer base yarn and incorporate your handspun or stash. This design is very sophisticated in its simplicity
- Memories of Mishka by Susan Ashcroft is a very beautiful repeating lace design. The yarn choice for this needs to be very simple to show off the stitching. I would recommend Road to China Light, Scrumptious, Luma or even Cumulus
- To-Ji by Brenda York is a beautiful sampler scarf that would be another great choice for a little bit of stash or handspun.

DK Weight Patterns

- The Cerus Scarf by Hilary Smith Callis was originally worked in Tapestry by Rowan which is sadly no longer available. This would be a great pattern to use the new Felted Tweed Color along with the Felted Tweed. Another great choice would be Remix Light in three colors. Milo would be amazing

- The Hatfield Scarf by Lauren Sanchez would be perfect in Fleece DK BFL, Alpaca Soft, Classic Alpaca by Alpaca Co., Milo, Moordale and of course luxurious is Island Blend. For a more rugged look you might consider Lore.
- Karin's Gansey Scarf by Tina Hees is a lovely design using some of my favorite stitches. This would knit up best is a solid color and smooth yarn like Alpaca Soft, Island Blend, Silk Blend, Milo, Nua or Moordale.

Worsted Weight Ideas

- Wheat by Tincan Knits is another pattern that is so simple in its elegance. I would knit this in Shepherd Worsted, Pure Wool Worsted, Ultra Wool or Cumbria
- Duderster Scarf by Jana Pihota has always caught my eye. I like Cumbria for this one but it could look great in Remix, Pure Wool Worsted, Ultra Wool or Felted Tweed held together with Kidsilk Haze
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- Jacob's Ladder Seaman's Scarf by Jennifer Hoel would be perfect in all the worsted weight yarns but when I knit mine I wanted something really soft so knitted it with Shepherd Worsted. I would like to remake this scarf using Felted Tweed and Kidsilk Haze held together. I knitted this pattern using size 6 needles and Rimu which made it slightly smaller but really decadent.
- Boyfriend Scarf by Angela Juergens is an easy knit for everyone. This could be knitted in all the usual suspects of worsted weight but would be lovely knitted in Island Blend for a wonderful sheen that would make the scarf glow.

Remember, these are just my suggestions, you will have to gauge and think about the type of use these items will get. If this scarf is going to get everyday use you might want to think about a superwash option.

I am so looking forward to seeing what you do with this list.