

DYED IN THE WOOL

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Frightening Thought!

This past week someone told me that there are only 17 Saturdays until Christmas. I did have to check that out and they were right. What a sobering thought. It got me thinking about small knitted Christmas gifts. This month I have selected to spotlight fingerless gloves. In the online newsletter I go into much more detail with yarn suggestions too. All the patterns that I feature are free patterns available on Ravelry.

Transition: Summer to Fall/Winter

September always brings a flurry of activity to the store and this year is no exception, other than the transition is already under way. I am clearing a few cubes to make room for all the wonderful yarn this is coming in from Rowan, Berroco, West Yorkshire Spinners and a few others in the next month or so.

Rowan - Fall/Winter

September 1st is the launch of the new Rowan lineup for the Fall/Winter season. I am delighted to say that many of the books have arrived and the first yarn launch yarns are in the store. There is plenty to be inspired by and dream about. Can't say too much until Sept. 1st. Please join me between 1pm and 3pm on the 1st as I unveil what is new and what is still to come.

Marit - An Entrelac Class

I really enjoyed working with the sample of Topaz yarn that came in from Berroco and was delighted when I saw this fabulous entrelac shawl by Amy Christoffers. I couldn't wait to make it - so I didn't. I would like to share this excitement in an interlac class. Entrelac is the working of small segments against other segments so there are only a few working stitches at any one time, the others being held on your needles.

Adaptations Class

In this first class we will be looking at the numbers and how to use some of the yarn in your stash to make an amazing project. I am going to focus on two free patterns, one is for a worsted weight cowl and the other is for a lovely hat in a lighter weight. Be ready to explore a simple solution that will enable you to make that cowl in a sport weight and have it come out the size you want, or make the hat in a light worsted weight that really fits. Sound like fun? Then sign up and come prepared to unlock a key to your stash.

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Wins Micro S2S (Sheep To Shawl)

I am delighted to say that Leslie, Teresa and I won the FiberWorld Micro S2S this year. It was our first competition and we were really excited. Thank you to all our wonderful cheerleaders who came out to support us, it really helped us stay on task. We ended up with a really wonderful scarf that is all handspun. We used a Border Leicester fleece which carded, spun and wove beautifully, better than we could have expected.

Fingerless Gloves For All

To give you some inspiration for some quick little projects I picked a few favorite patterns and some that I would like to try. I have broken them down into yarn weight categories. I hope you like these patterns as much as I do.

Yes, there is a 2nd page this month. Please read on.....

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Fingering Weight Patterns

- Halv vantene Sma Blomster/Small Flowers Mitts by Pinneguri - maybe BC Garn Shetland or Cumbria with a few extra colors from your stash
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- Birdie's Mitts by Julie Davies - try Cumbria, Canopy, Scrumptious

Sport Weight Ideas

- Sequence Mittens by Emily Burkholder - maybe Canopy, Scrumptious, Rowan's Baby Cashsoft Merino, Road To China Light
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- Lovisa Armwarmers by Sarah Pope - try Road To China Light it would be so decadent

DK Weight Patterns

- Orkney Mitts by Carol Brown - Kid Classic, Classic Alpaca, Alpaca Soft, Silk Blend, Island Blend
- Ardmore Mitts by Emily Burkholder - I would like to make these in Acadia, Lore or Silk Blend

Worsted Weight Ideas

- Masonry Mitts by Vera Brosgol - Try Cumbria, Pure Wool Worsted, Ultra Wool
- Holt by Susan Moskwa - Maybe Pure Wool Worsted, Ultra Wool with some leftover Shepherd Worsted
- Steeplejack by Quinn Reverendo - Try mixing some worsted weight yarns with a pretty Kid Silk Haze or Cumulus, i.e. Cumbria with Cumulus, Pure Wool Worsted with Kid Silk Haze

Aran Weight Patterns

I am going to wait before I make suggestions here as we have some wonderful yarns in this weight coming in from West Yorkshire Spinners that I think would be amazing for these patterns.

- Lambing Mitts by Veronika Jobe
- Newfoundland Texting Mitts by Spannytickle Studio
- Hand-tastic Unisex Wrist Warmers by Vickie Howell

Remember, these are just my suggestions, you will have to gauge and think about the type of use these items will get. If you want a hard wearing everyday wrister then don't pick Road To China Light or Scrumptious. If you want to have some pure luxury and wear these for light duty then those yarns would be perfect.

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