

Renovations – we are so excited to be celebrating our 2nd anniversary with a remodeled shop.

- We now have a comfy place for you to sit, knit, sip coffee and chat and two class tables.
- The class project board is staying put; you can walk right up to the items for a closer look.
- Feel free to spread out your sweater on the counter by the buttons while you browse for that perfect solution.

Judy Pascale's Beaded Belts

Connecticut's own Judy Pascale visits Creative Fibers on Sunday April 15th from 1-5pm. Join Judy for what promises to be a fun filled afternoon and learn her fabulous beading technique. Find more details on the class schedule page.

LAST CHANCE!

B&B Weekend

March 30 – April 1st

Nutmeg Inn

Wilmington, Vermont

We still have room for a couple more. Check your calendar; grab a friend and your knitting. It's going to be a precedent setting weekend of knitting, friendship and fine food. For details, call, see our website or pick up a flyer at the shop.



Sale Bin

We've accumulated some odds and ends. They are **25%** off the normal retail price. You can find the basket in the side room near the bag handles.

French Girl patterns feature Rowan yarns and lovely feminine designs. We will be teaching two classes from this collection, Brigitte (a lacy summer top to layer over a camisole) and the Oceane shawl (you'll learn three easy lace stitches on big needles).

Phoenix Bess – 14 year old designer extraordinaire! Check out her adorable backpack pattern, felted cell phone cover and yoga pants. Keep your eye on this young lady as she develops and evolves her simple and fresh style of designs. I think we will see much more from her in the years to come.

Swallow needles from Australia are perfect for those who suffer from arthritis or other joint stiffness. These needles are made from milk protein and absorb your body warmth to provide flex that other needles can't provide.

Celebrate Our Birthday!

Saturday and Sunday, May 12th and 13th

All knitting bags and needle cases will be 20% off

(a nice Mother's Day gift)



Skacel lace needles are here! Read about them... excerpt taken from Knittersreview.com

To the Point

Why all the fuss over a sharper tip anyway? Lace knitting requires a lot of detailed manipulation of stitches—knitting multiple stitches together, passing stitches over one another, knitting through the backs of multiple stitches, etc.—using an extremely fine yarn. A sharp-tipped needle helps you navigate and manipulate your work more easily.

The Gold Standard

These needles are made from hollow brass. While the standard Addi Turbo needles have a nickel plating, these needles are coated with a fine resin to seal the brass and provide an extremely discreet hint of drag to the needle surface. This helps you keep control over all those fine lace stitches.

A Warm Reception

These needles have a lighter and much warmer feel than their nickel-plated counterparts. They quickly warmed up to my hands and felt very comfortable. I think the coating also dulls the usual "clang" noise that metal needles make. Instead they made a much softer, more muted "tink" sound when the tips touched.

Helpful Markings

My favorite thing about these needles is on the cord. These needles actually list the manufacturer, country of origin, needle size in US and metric, and cable length in inches and cm, right there on the cord! This makes keeping track of your circular needles easier than ever.

New Yarns

Bonsai: Inspired by the rhythmic markings on a bamboo tree, this ribbon yarn is made from a cellulistic fiber derived from bamboo. It is woven into a narrow ribbon that is wrapped with a delicate nylon for a touch of high sheen.

Nostalgia is a cottony blend of matte and shine that has a soft jersey-like hand.

Love It: a cool matte cotton/acrylic blend with just the right touch of elastic. **Love It Colors** creates a long striping pattern with sophisticated colors.

Natural Focus Eco Cotton: new environmentally friendly fiber with two pattern books specifically for this cotton: **Bloom** (baby designs) and **Family #1**.

Jawoll superwash sock yarn, 231 yds, comes with its own skein of elastic that you knit right into your sock for extra stretch.

Beaded Silk from Art Yarns – need I say more?

Somerset and **Classic Silk** are simply lovely. The corresponding pattern books feature timeless designs with contemporary updates.

Oh My (baby soft yarn) now comes in adult colors and two adult sweater patterns. How soft and snuggly can you be?

Also, new books and yarn from **Elsebeth Lavold**, **Louisa Harding** and **Debbie Bliss**.

Just Arrived!

Not Just Socks for Kids

Favorite Socks (Interweave Knits)

Knitting Software

Sweater Wizard generates schematics and text directions for sweaters customized to the knitters specifications. Sweaters may be charted for flat or round knitting, using any gauge.

Choose a shoe size, enter your gauge into **Sock Wizard** and in minutes you are ready to start knitting. Knit from cuff to toe, or toe to cuff on the needles of your choice.

Whether you want to design your own motif or use an existing textured stitch, **Stitch and Motif Maker** allows you to draw in color or common knitter's symbols. **Print-A-Grid** was written with all crafters (including knitters) in mind and for anyone who just needs to print graph paper to custom specifications.

Big City Knits with 31 Chunky Chic designs from Wenlan Chia and her new **Twinkle Soft Chunky** yarn in four delicious colors are something you must check out!

We've added the new spring patterns to our **Noni bag** pattern collection. The bags will be visiting the shop from March 23rd - 30th so you can see them made up. And check out our class schedule. We'll be making both the Lattice bag and the Carpet bag this spring.

Trunk Shows



- * **March 9th through April 29th:** The Bolero featured in Helen Haman's [Andean Inspired Knits](#) is on display.
- * **March 23rd – 30th:** Noni felted bags – Come see the new spring bags!
- * **April 13-20th:** [Cozy Knits for Cuddly Babies](#) - This book is really two books in one. Part one: if you are a new knitter, this is an excellent teaching resource. Part two: adorable baby projects; each in three sizes from newborn to 18 months.
- * **April 20th – May 6th:** Classic Elite - 8 designs for woman and 3 for toddlers each feature a different Classic Elite yarn including our two new ones, Classic Silk and Summer Set.

The Fine Line:

Helping versus a Lesson

We are happy to help you with your projects. If you need a quick fix, or advice, that is freely given. However, sometimes the "help" is more than "just one question" and turns out to be much more than just a few minutes. In that case we ask that you book a one-on-one. We charge \$10 per half hour and only charge you for the time you need. You can call in advance for an appointment or just show up. (Careful! A staff member may not be available.) We want to make certain we are providing all our customers the very best service we can provide and teaching requires undivided attention.

New! New!



We are starting a group called the “Purl Girls™”. Julie is kicking off the first group Tuesday, March 20th meeting for 6 weeks from 9:30 to 11am. A fee of \$35 will be collected at time of registration. While you are sipping coffee and knitting, Julie will introduce new yarns and project ideas, demonstrate knitting techniques, and much more. Ellen is anxious to start her own group on another day/time so let us know if you are interested and days/times that work for you.

K2Tog

Uniting the Community through NeedleArts

Many of you contributed to the Red Scarf project. In fact we sent over 50 scarves to foster youth who attend college. They were shipped in time for Valentine’s Day. Many of these students have never received a gift in their lives (that just gives me goose bumps!) If you would like to donate to this project for next year, we have a flyer with the details.



Preemie Hats – Over 150 preemie hats and other baby items were delivered to Baystate Medical Center in February. The next cradle-ful will go to Hartford Hospital. We have free patterns for you if you would like to contribute to this wonderful program. (Patterns are available on the website or in the shop.)



Project Linus – Providing blankets to children in need. We are now an official drop-off location for this national program. Blankets of all sizes, knit, crochet, or quilted are encouraged. (We know two ladies; one crochets the square, the other seams the squares together. What teamwork and a great way to use up leftover yarns!)

Helpful Hints

Calming Circular needles. If you are using a circular needle and the coil is too bouncy for you, try this. Dip the coil in hot water for a few seconds, making sure NOT to get the join wet. Rub the coil with your fingers to smoothen it out. While you may not get it to go completely straight, it will relax.

Save your yarn labels. That way if you need more yarn to complete a project, we’ll know exactly what color and dye lot you need. And if we don’t have that yarn/dye lot in our shop, did you know that we belong to a Shop group that works together to find your yarn? Read on....

Yarn Searches. We can help you locate one or more skeins of a specific yarn/dye lot. Once you have supplied us with the information, we work with other stores to locate it and have it shipped to the shop. You pay the “other” shop’s price plus shipping. Most of the time we are able to find what you are looking for.

Attention: We will be **closed:** Easter (Sunday, April 8th)
Memorial Day (Sunday and Monday, May 27th and 28th)

Mail / Email

If you were expecting this to arrive via email and it came by US Mail; it could be that your email has changed. When we receive a bounced email, we automatically switch you to US Mail. We don’t want you to miss out on the shop news. Please keep us up to date with any changes, or perhaps we typed it into the computer wrong. Just let us know if you would like to receive info via email. We occasionally send little snippets of info via email that we don’t send with a stamp. If you would like to receive these and keep the newsletter coming standard mail just, provide us with your email address. The computer is smart enough to keep things straight.