

Fall Knitting!

Why do so many of us consider September as the start of a new year? Is it because summer vacations and back-to-school shopping are over and we've watched children climb the steps of school buses?

As knitters and crocheters in New England we also think of fall as the start of a new year. We start new projects to keep our hands busy and our loved ones warm in the cool days of fall and winter. And we look for the unusual, or the practical, to be given as gifts for the various holidays.

I don't want to startle you but those holidays are just around the corner. How can we help you?

We have several new garment models and pattern books to inspire you as well as new yarns. Here's a sampling:

- Jojoland's Swirl shawl pattern is a winner; you've seen it featured in just about every knitting magazine recently. Check out our sample; we have eleven (11) colors of the Melody yarn to knit it up in. Knit a few less rows of swirls and you have a Swirl scarf.
- Socks are still hot; we have lots of new sock yarns including **Ancient Thread's** organic sock yarn.
- The Malabrigo Loafer Slippers (and class) are adorable and snuggly warm.
- Noni Felted Oven Mitts (and class) are just too cute!
- Felted bags with a unique button make excellent gifts.

We've scheduled several classes designed to get you started on that holiday crafting NOW. Or maybe you want to learn a new technique or improve your existing skills. Whatever the reason may be, we hope you find a class or two that will stimulate your creative juices.

Friday Night Knitting resumes after a short summer break. If you can't join us on Fridays then consider *Purl Girls*, or *1st Wednesday of the Month* to meet others in an inviting and social atmosphere.

Happy Fall Knitting! Laura

Fall Shop Hours Start September 2nd!

Monday – Friday	10-7pm
Saturday	10-5pm
Sunday	1-5pm

Summer Shop Hours (now until 9/2)

Tuesday – Friday	10-6pm
Saturday	10-5pm
Sunday	1-5pm
Monday	Closed



Maggie's Rags

Helix Knitting Workshop Saturday, September 13th 1-4pm

Knit circular stripes with absolutely no jogs! No one will ever find your beginning and end of round. Use as few as two colors or as many as you like. This technique produces perfect interlocking spirals of each color and is a wonderful technique for handpainted yarns. \$65



Melissa Leapman is returning to Creative Fibers!

Mark your calendars now January 31st and February 1st 2009

Melissa is a clear and understandable instructor who makes certain every student's needs are met. She is a delightful and thoroughly charming designer who inspires her students to want to do more.

Workshops (3 hrs each) ~ \$65

Fully Fashioned & Fabulous – Learn fun and easy ways to work garment shaping with style and finesse to guarantee figure-flattering results.

Hugs & Kisses Baby Blanket and Blocks - Curious to learn how to knit closed-ring cables? Learn this fun technique while creating a baby block toy or a cuddly baby afghan. Either one makes an adorable baby gift!

Nifty Necklines - Explore several fun and innovative necklines, including many that are created as you knit the main garment for easy finishing!

Reversible Scarves - explore textured stitches, cabled patterns, even multicolored designs that look great on both sides of the fabric, making them suitable for scarves, but also for afghans, vests, and many other projects.

Melissa Leapman is a widely published sweater designer whose patterns have appeared in *Vogue Knitting*, *Knitter's*, *McCall's*, *Family Circle*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Knit It!*, and *Interweave Knits* magazines.

Her newest book **Continuous Cables** (due in October) is an exploration of Knitted Cabled Knots, Rings, Swirls, and Curlicues. Melissa will sign copies of her books at the weekend. (You can purchase any of her knitting or crochet books from us or place an advance request for her new book.)

Workshops will be held at the Courtyard Marriott (around the corner from the shop) to provide students with the best learning environment possible.

New Products for Fall!

Yarn & Pattern Booklets

* denotes in-stock now

Auracania:

Nature Wool* & **Nature Wool Multi's***, 100% wool, 240 yds, 4.5 sts per inch, \$11-12.00

Berroco: pattern booklets and

Inca Gold* – a luxurious blend of 80% merino wool and 20% silk. This multi-ply yarn has a refined twist creating a classic yarn, 122 yds, 5 sts per inch, \$8.00

We have the **Eastlake*** sweater from Norah Gaughan's newest book on display.

Ultra Alpaca* – 50% alpaca, 50% Peruvian Highland wool, 215 yds, 5 sts per inch, \$8.00

Ultra Alpaca Lite* – 50% alpaca, 50% Peruvian Highland wool, 144 yds, 5.75 sts per inch, \$5.00

The **Chantal*** sweater from Norah Gaughan's first book uses these two yarns. Chantal is on display and will be offered as a class (see class schedule).

Classic Elite: pattern booklets and

Moorland* – 42% Fine Merino Wool, 23% Baby Alpaca, 19% Mohair, 16% Acrylic, 147 yds, 5-6 sts per inch, \$10.00

Autumn Book 1* features this new yarn; great guy patterns and autumn colors.

Montera Heather* – an old favorite, now in heather colorways, 50% llama, 50% wool, 127 yds, 4 sts per inch, 10.00

Alpaca Sox – kettle dyed colors

Debbie Bliss: pattern booklets and new magazine

Rialto 4ply – 100% extrafine merino, 198 yds, 7.5 sts per inch, \$9.00

Nashua: pattern booklets and

new colors of **Ecologic Wool**

new pattern booklet **Nashua Handknits Magazine**

Louisa Harding: pattern booklets and

Kashmir Baby – 55% merino, 35% microfiber, 10% cashmere, 143 yds, 6 sts per inch, \$8.50

Noro: pattern booklets and

Silk Garden Sock* Yarn - the same colors you love in Silk Garden, 330 yards 6.5 sts per inch, \$20

New colors of **Kureyon Sock*** Yarn

Plymouth: pattern booklets and

Buckingham* – 80% Baby Alpaca, 20% silk, 218 yds, 7 sts per inch, \$7.95

Happy Choices* - Don't wind this yarn into a ball; just knit straight off the knitted fabric. You'll be surprised at how the pattern changes from a flat scarf to a round sock or hat! Pattern included with yarn. Definitely a cool gift to give! \$23.95

Reynolds: pattern booklets and

Andean Tweed – 40% acrylic, 35% wool, 24% superfine alpaca, 109 yds, 4.25 sts per inch, \$5.95

We will have man's vest on display soon.

Cricket – 52% Rayon, 48% wool, 110 yds, 5 sts per inch, \$6.50. Lovely feminine designs work hand in hand with this lovely draping yarn.

Rowan: pattern booklets and

Kaffe Fassett's "Exotic Collection" Sock Yarn - 75% wool, 25% nylon, 230 yds, 7.25 sts per inch

Sirdar:

Big Softie - 51% wool, 49% acrylic, 50yds, 2 sts per inch, \$10.00

Tahki: pattern booklets* and

From their "green collection": **Montana** – 100% pure new wool, 130 yds, 2.5 sts per inch, \$12.99. We will have a vest on display from the new Terra Collection.



New Books –

Never Not Knitting* - Stephanie Pearl-McPhee's latest bit of inspiration, passion, humor & practical advice.

Classic Knits* – Erika Knight

Knit So Fine* – Lisa Myers, Laura Grutzeck, & Carol Sulcoski

Little Felted Animals* - Marie-Noelle Horvath

Inspired to Knit* – Michelle Rose Orne

Coming in October

Melissa Leapman's **Continuous Cables**

(pre-order your copy now)

Other items

Slipper Grippers* – Two 12x14inch sheets with cute little gripper "feet" can be cut and sewn to the bottom of slippers. \$3.99

Suede soles with fleece lining* - \$19.50

Friday Night Knit-Alongs Starts September 5th

Friday evening drop-in knitting: 7-9pm.
No charge; no signup. Just come.

1st Wednesday of the Month

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Fall Class Highlights

(schedule attached)

Chantal Cardigan – the perfect cardigan!
Sally Melville's **Einstein Coat** will make you feel brilliant!

Seed Stitch Jacket – design yours to fit!

Swirl Scarf or Shawl – this fall's hit design

Beaded lace scarves: **Teardrop** or **Undulating Waves**

Wallaby – an old standby; knit one for the whole family

Fall B&B Knitting Weekend November 14th - 16th

We are heading back to the Chesterfield Inn in New Hampshire for our fourth knitting weekend and hope you will consider joining us. The weekends away only get better as old friends reunite, "small-world" connections are discovered and new friends are introduced.

Knit, relax, socialize, enjoy fine dining and learn a knitting trick or two.

We still have fireplace rooms available.

And if it helps your pocketbook, we're happy to take partial payments until you are paid in full.

For more details see our website or pick up a flyer at the shop.

This fall we are offering three sessions of **Purl Girls™**

Thursday mornings ~ 9:30-11:30am (Julie)

Thursday evenings ~ 6:30-8:30pm (Julie)

Saturday mornings ~ 9:30-11:30am (Ellen)

Join our relaxing atmosphere where you work on your projects, learn new techniques, get answers for questions, and meet other knitters.

Six weeks \$45 or drop in at \$10.

Please register in advance



New sessions start September 11th and 13th.

Debbie Bliss Magazine

We are delighted to be carrying Debbie Bliss's new magazine that is due out September 2nd. Not only will it contain her fabulous patterns but also interesting technique articles and newsy items about Debbie and possibly a scone recipe or two.

New (instructor) Faces

You may recognize **Amy** from Vernon Needle Arts Gallery before they closed. We are thrilled to have her teach classes for us on Monday evenings.

Margo Lynn joins us for Sunday afternoon classes. You may have met Margo Lynn. She is known to walk around the shop knitting and chatting with customers. Welcome Margo Lynn!

Great American Afghan



Join Laura to work on a square from the Great American Afghan. Spend some time on pattern instructions and then enjoy knit-along-time with a goal towards completing the squares needed to create your own personal Great American Afghan. See the class schedule for dates and times.

Best of all, it's the perfect take-along knitting, as you only need about 100g of yarn and a pattern to complete the square. Options abound for this project, from Cascade 220, Malabrigo Worsted, Brown Sheep Lamb's Pride and more.

Each square is a different pattern, so you can pick up your skeins as you go, making it an affordable and very DO-able project. Several Thursday evening sessions are scheduled to help you complete your afghan. Advanced registration required. \$15 each Thursday evening session.

Afghan Pattern Books

We think that this just may be the year of Afghan knitting so we've added some new pattern booklets to the library. Whether it is a full size afghan, baby afghan, or sofa-cover-me-up-while-knitting size we think all these patterns are suitable.

Done by Monday \$7.95 – as the title suggests, these attractive designs knit up quickly.

60 Easy to Knit Pattern Stitches - \$8.95

Big Book of Quick to Knit Afghans - \$8.95

Easy Afghans for Knitters - \$29.95

Great American Afghan - \$12.95

Great American Aran Afghan - \$12.95

Great American Kid's Afghan - \$9.95

Great North American Afghan - \$12.95

And lots of single afghan patterns in the "Blankets" binder!

Harry Potter Sock Yarn from Opal

We are proud to be one of 200 shops to carry the new Harry Potter sock yarn whose colors are inspired from the upcoming movie **The Half Blood Prince** (due out in Nov. 2008).

We expect the yarn to arrive in October and we will be raffling off two tickets to the movie. You will receive one raffle ticket for every skein you purchase. Wouldn't it be fun to wear your own pair of hand knitted socks to the movie?

We also carry the Harry Potter book **Charmed Knits**: projects for H. Potter fans.



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Sunday 1-5pm

Closed

Sunday August 31st – Labor Day
Monday, September 1st – Labor Day
Thursday, November 27th – Thanksgiving
Thursday, December 25th - Christmas

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Fall Class Schedule – Inside!

Melissa Leapman
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