

After a long New England winter we're all longing for bright happy colors. I'm already knitting a summer top from the latest issue of Interweave as a class model, another summer top of Berroco Linsey (just for fun), a crochet scarf with Noro sock yarn, and I have my eye on some Rowan Revive for a summer skirt. What are you thinking of knitting (or crocheting)?

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### News Flash!

**We're delighted to be participating in a shop hop.**



Save the Date for the  
**FIRST ANNUAL I-91 SHOP HOP**  
Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>

**Twelve local yarn shops located along I-91 from New Haven, CT to Putney, VT want to have some fun and get to know you better!**

Stop by and purchase your Shop Hop Passport for \$5. Your passport will contain a map and details about each of the twelve shops. And you'll receive a special Shop Hop tote bag at the first shop you visit.

- Get your Shop Hop Passport stamped by visiting the participating shops over the 3-day Shop Hop weekend.
- Every time you get your passport stamped you will be entered to win the **Daily Door Prize** at that shop. A total of **36** door prizes will be given out to participants!
- By visiting all 12 shops you will be entered into a drawing for the fabulous **Grand Prize**.

Here's your chance to explore new yarn shops and win some great prizes. You can complete the Shop Hop all in one day or spread it out over three days. Consider making it a weekend event with some friends.

## Spring/Summer Knitting



Rowan **Magazine # 49** is probably one of the best books ever. Not only are the patterns lovely; the photography is top notch. Choose from projects made from Savannah, Kid Silk Haze, and Revive along with other Rowan yarns.

Speaking of Rowan **Savannah**: it is a dry handle yarn perfect for summer knits and is available in 8 lovely desert shades. 94% cotton 6% silk, 4 ½ sts per inch, 88 yds, \$8.95. There is a dedicated pattern booklet available and we do have a sample of this sweet vest for you to try on.



Recycling is becoming increasingly important in a world coming to terms with environmental challenges. Rowan's **Purelife Revive** is made from used garments that are then carded to make regenerated fibre, which is then spun into this beautiful, high quality yarn, which gives life to new hand knitting designs. 36% recycled silk 36% recycled cotton 28% recycled viscose, 5 ½ sts per inch, 137 yds, \$11.00 We have a sample sweater for you to see made from Revive.

Plymouth's newest summer yarn **Vita** is 85% recycled cotton, 15% recycled cashmere. We knit up a swatch and you'd never know you were knitting with cotton. We see this as a great year round fiber. 5 sts per inch, 136 yds, \$8.95.

Plymouth **Kudo** has a striped effect reminiscent of Noro striping yarns with absolutely no trace of wool content. Amy will be teaching a *Kudo Placket Pullover* class using this yarn. 55% cotton, 40% rayon, 5% silk knits at 4 ½ sts per inch, 198 yards, \$11.95



Berroco introduces **Linsey**, 64% cotton, 36% linen, 5 sts per inch, 114 yds, \$7.95. Available in solid colors as well as gently shifting multicolor shades, Linsey™ is cool, comfortable and colored in the sun-weathered shades of summertime. Laura is knitting a vest in subtle shades of gray and purple; the yarn is very comfortable to knit with.



## Open 7 Days a Week

We'll be six years old in May and I continue to be amazed when customers tell me we aren't open on Mondays. We are!

We're open every day of the week  
*with a few holiday exceptions.*

## Shop Hours

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| Monday - Wednesday | 10am – 6pm |
| Thursday           | 10am – 7pm |
| Friday             | 10am – 6pm |
| Saturday           | 10am – 5pm |
| Sunday             | 1pm – 5pm  |

### Note: Friday Nights

Most Friday nights we have Open Knitting from 7-9pm and the shop is open those nights until 9pm.

If you want to be certain we are open, just give us a call.

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## Don't be Fooled by Sticker Prices!

Sometimes you may look at the sticker price for a skein of yarn and it reads \$13.95 (Classic Elite Provence). But look further; there are 205 yards of mercerized Egyptian cotton on that skein. That's equivalent to two (2) 100 yard skeins at \$7.00 each. Puts it into perspective!

## Our Return Policy

Every shop has a return policy. Just as a reminder, ours is:

No returns on printed materials, needles, notions, kits, special orders, discounted/sale items.

Returns for yarn must be within 90 days of purchase and **must be accompanied with a receipt**. Yarn must be in original condition with brand label intact.

No Cash or Credit Card Refunds - **Store Credit Only**  
Thank you for your understanding.

## Washing Your Sweaters, Especially Superwash Wools

Superwash wools are specially treated wools so they will not shrink if they are washed. However special care is required if you are going to machine wash the item.

Please note that the garment should be placed in a lingerie bag so it doesn't stretch or rub against other items in the washer. Cool water and a gentle cycle are advisable.

If possible, we prefer to hand wash our finished projects. We almost never dry clean an item as the chemicals used may be more harmful to the garment, and they are hard on the environment.

## Monday Night Help Sessions

Do you need help with a project to move it along? Join Laura on one or more of these *Help* nights. She'll guide you past that stumbling block so you can move that project forward.

Learn tips and tricks from Laura as she works with other students as well.

Monday 6-8pm April 25<sup>th</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup>, June 20<sup>th</sup>  
Each session is \$20.

## Smokers – We Need your Help!

We ask that you please not smoke a cigarette just prior to coming into the shop. The smoke comes into the shop with you and neither the yarns nor the customers are happy. In fact, some of the employees are allergic to cigarette smoke.

If you are returning yarn and it smells of smoke, we can not accept it and if you are donating a charity item, please wash it prior to bringing it to us.

Thank you, we appreciate your help.

## Charity Knitting

### *Helmet Liner Deadline!*

*Please turn in your finished helmet liners by the end of March so we can pack them and send them out.*

### *Next up! Children's Hats, Scarves & Mittens*

One of our lovely customers donates everything she knits. In honor of Toni we will be donating children's hats, mittens and scarves to local organizations in the Greater Hartford area. These small projects are a great way to use up leftover yarn and are quick to make, especially during summer months. (You can even start now if you like.)

## Friday Night - Open Night

Most Fridays from 7- 9pm



Bring your knitting, crochet, or spinning.  
Bring a friend, or just yourself.  
It's free, just come and join us!

## Purl Girls™

Thursday Evenings  
6-8pm



Join Julie and others as you work on your projects, learn new techniques, get answers for questions, and chat the evening away.

\$45 for 6 weeks or drop in rate of \$10 per session