

News from Double Ewe

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String Bag Sale Part 2: The Shopping Part

Did you knit yourself a string bag? If you're quick, you could still whip one up & take part in the 'event'! Bring in your string bag one day this week, March 4th - 8th, fill it with yarn, and get **20% off**. Here's how the fine print goes:

1. The bag needs to be knit or crocheted from yarn purchased from Double Ewe. There are a few good choices: Cotton Fleece, 2nd Time Cotton, Ty-Dy & Summer Linen come to mind.
2. The pattern you use is up to you. I do have a cool pattern for sale (the Stow Away Shopping Bag from Oat Couture), but there are numerous free patterns online as well.
3. Double Ewe has the final say on any bag you are using. (The measurements need to be similar to the Stow Away Shopping Bag - you can see it here in the shop to get an idea.)
4. Discount applies to yarn & patterns only; handspun, books, needles, baskets/totes & notions are excluded.
5. No bag-sharing allowed...it must be *your own* bag; if you need help with the pattern, I'd be happy to help you figure it out!
6. One "bag-o-discount" during the week per customer, please.
7. The yarn purchased with the discount does not count towards earning your 25% off coupon.

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## New Stuff

I've added some more great yarns to the shop since I've last written.

### **Poems** from Universal Yarns

100% wool with long gradual color repeats; gorgeous colors, soft, and it felts beautifully. \$5.75/50 grams

### **Mohair Kiss** from Cascade

A heavier weight mohair great for fuzzy scarves & accessories. \$7.75/50 grams

### **Cottonrich DK** from Cascade

Just in time for spring/summer knitting. This is a cotton/nylon blend in a lighter dk weight; great for summer garments for kids & adults. I'm working on a cute girls sweater - you'll see it in the shop soon! \$4.95/50 grams

### **Ty-Dy** from Knit One Crochet Too

I've only had this one for a short time, but it's been a big hit! 100% cotton with long, gradual color changes, and it's incredibly soft. Great for garments, spa cloths, and strikingly beautiful string bags, too! \$14.20 / 100 grams

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March & April Classes

This time around, we've added four, count 'em FOUR new classes to our line up! This is just a listing of the classes available. For detailed descriptions, prices and dates, visit our website at: www.double-ewe-yarn.com/Classes.htm and scroll down a bit for the details, or stop in the shop for a schedule. To register you can stop in the shop, send an email to kelly@double-ewe-yarn.com, or call 763-780-2465.

- Knitting 101 - starting March 12
- Knitter's Choice - ongoing, Tuesday mornings & Thursday evenings
- Beginning Crochet - starting March 8
- Cables - March 29
- Kid's Knitting - April 5
- Entrelac Spa Cloth - starting April 7 (new!)
- Lace Soap Sock - April 9 (new!)
- Fixing Mistakes - April 19
- Flower Basket Shawl - starting April 21 (new!)
- Finishing Techniques - April 26
- Lacy Round Spa Cloth - Starting April 16 (new!)

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## Events, Knit Alongs, & other stuff to do with Ewe

### **Mother Bear Project**

The Mother Bear Project is dedicated to providing comfort and hope to children, primarily those affected by HIV/AIDS in emerging nations, by giving them a gift of love in the form of hand-knit and crocheted bears. Please remember, you do not have to come to the group to participate in this project. I have brochures and patterns available here at the shop. We've already started accumulating bears, and they're CUTE! This could be a lot of fun!

**When:** The first Thursday each month, from 2:30 - 5:00

**Next meeting: Thursday, March 6th**

**Why:** Join us as we knit bears for Mother Bear Project to bring comfort & hope to children in Africa affected by HIV/AIDS. What you will need to bring: Size 7 needles. I will have some yarn available to use, but if you have yarn you'd like to use or share, you're welcome to bring it as well. Each bear takes a "fist size" ball each of three colors: one "bear colored", one for his pants, and one for his shirt. The yarn needs to be either acrylic or machine washable wool.

**Cost:** Coming to our group is free. However, we need to contribute \$5.00 to The Mother Bear Project for each pattern and to cover shipping the first bear you make to Africa. With each additional bear you contribute, I'll need to collect \$3.00. I will pass this money on to Mother Bear Project, where it goes directly into shipping the bears air-mail through the US Postal Service and taxes and duty on the receiving end in Africa.

For more information plus some cute pictures of kids with their bears, visit: [www.motherbearproject.org](http://www.motherbearproject.org)

### **Great American Afghan Knit Along (a.k.a. GAA KAL)**

Meets Saturday mornings from 9:00 - 10:30. Don't worry if you haven't started yet - you can join us any time!

**The Scoop:** This is going to be fun! In making this afghan, we'll explore a broad range of knitting techniques one square at a time: Entrelac, cables, lace; the list goes on. We'll be doing two blocks a month, but they're interchangeable, so feel free to repeat or omit blocks. Knit all 25 blocks for a full-size or make as many as you like to make a smaller throw. Each square is unique and uses different techniques. Each block was designed by a well-known knitting designer, such as Meg Swanson, Melissa Leapman, Sally Melville, Lily Chin, etc.

**Cost:** Free

**What you'll need:** The Great American Afghan (\$12.95)

**Suggested yarns:** Plymouth Encore, Cleckheaton Country 8-Ply (Because the afghan is knit a square at a time using different colors, you can feel free to purchase the yarn as you go rather than all at once.)

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Upcoming Fibery Events in the Twin Cities

Yarnover 2008

April 12th, 2008

Location: Hopkins High School

Yarnover is an annual, one-day event put on by the Minnesota Knitter's Guild, and it's held at Hopkins High School. Yarnover consists of a big "market" (a yarnaholics dream come true!), and classes. Great classes taught by well-known teachers. There are a lot of classes available - some are all-day classes, and there are also half-day classes. All day registration is \$115, half-day is \$75. Both whole & half days include the class, a keynote address, lunch & a gift bag. There are also drawings for a lot of great prizes. If you want to just shop, there's no charge. So, that's it in a nutshell. If you can swing it, I highly recommend attending. It's a ton of fun, and it's really fun to see so many knitters all in one place! And the classes I've attended have been really good. I'm really looking forward to it! For more information, please go to www.knitters.org.

Shepherd's Harvest Sheep & Wool Festival

When: Mother's Day Weekend, May 10th & 11th

Where: Washington County Fairgrounds, Lake Elmo, MN

Cost: Free admission, free parking

What: Minnesota's Premier Fiber Festival: There are lots of great vendors, some really interesting classes, fun activities for the whole family, and (...this is my favorite part) there are the animals! Sheep, llamas, sheep dogs, etc.

More information: www.shepherdsharvestfestival.org

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**Guest Columnist**

Sorry...no guest columnist this month.

*\*\*Each month, I feature a guest columnist. Maybe you like to write, but don't have the time to commit to a knitting blog. I'd love to see personal essays, technique articles, and book reviews. Tell us about your visit to a woolen mill or to an alpaca farm. Share your personal knitting trials and successes. If you're interested in contributing, just email me at [kelly@double-ewe-yarn.com](mailto:kelly@double-ewe-yarn.com). Don't be shy!*

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Again, I want to thank y'all for your support!

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