



News from Double Ewe!

April 4th 2007

Closed Tuesday, April 10th

Next Tuesday, April 10th, we're going to be closed while I rest up from a little surgery. My mom will be helping in the shop the rest of the week, so it'll be business as usual from Wednesday through Saturday. (So, no Open Knitting next Tuesday night; bummer. Join us on Friday afternoon if you can.)

New Stuff in the Shop

Even though I had to scrape my car windshield last night, spring *is* here. With the warm weather coming, we've brought in some new yarns that are great for warm-weather knitting.

- **Bamboozle**

Great for summer garments. I've got eight colors in the shop, with six more on the way – lots of selection. The bamboo gives a really nice feel and luster, the cotton gives a soft core, and the elastic nylon maintains the shape of a garment and prevents it from stretching out while wearing. It's machine washable, too, so it's great for both kids and adults.

- **2nd Time Cotton**

Another earth-friendly yarn! Created with new textile waste from the apparel & textile industry – spun from with unused but recycled cotton. Great for summer garments that have a soft, worn denim look and feel.

- **Cotonade**

A super soft, slightly textured 100% cotton yarn made of fuzzy strands wrapped in a single ply. Nice for hats, scarves, sweaters, tops, blankets, and shawls. Also great for washcloths, dishcloths, or a bright baby bib.

- **PJ's**

This stuff is so cute and fun to knit with. Super soft fleece fabric is cut into ribbons – knit up, it feels like cuddly flannel jammies! Make a quick and super snuggly baby blanket, bunting or sweater for your little ones.

- **Pace**

I've been looking for a good, economical, basic sock yarn, and I found Pace. It's a 75% wool, 25% polyamide, machine washable sock yarn in solid colors. Use it alone, or combine it with other yarns for Fair Isle socks. Two skeins are needed for one pair of socks.

- **Tango**

This merino blend is used to make soft ruffles – use it alone to make a ruffled scarf or as an accent. Fun to play with – just ask for a demonstration.

Upcoming Fiber Events

Yarnover – April 21st

Yarnover is the Minnesota Knitters' Guild's biggest event of the year. There is a fabulous market and many classes. Some of the classes are full, but they're accepting registrations until April 13th, so you still might be able to get in on some fun education. Even if you don't take a class, the market is a lot of fun. It has many vendors of yarn, patterns, and other knitting paraphernalia, and the market is free. For more information, go to www.knitters.org.

Shepherd's Harvest Sheep & Wool Festival – May 12th & 13th

A great fun and educational event held annually on Mothers Day Weekend at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Lake Elmo. I love seeing the animals, but my favorite part is the market. Live entertainment each day. Demonstrations are ongoing for sheep shearing, herding dogs, rabbit agility, spinning and knitting. (*Rabbit* agility? I need to find out what that is...) For more information, go to www.shepherdsharvestfestival.org.

Charitable Knitting

I've been looking for an organization for the shop to support, and I've decided on **The Ships Project**. The Ships Project sends handmade hats, slippers, cool-ties and cool-heads to Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines deployed across the world. The troops call them "Hugs from Home".

There are some guidelines, so if you're interested in knitting and donating items to this worthwhile project, you can either go to their website, www.theshipsproject.com for guidelines and free patterns, contact me and I can email you the information or you can pick it up in the shop. I'll be collecting your items and sending them to The Ships Project periodically.

From www.theshipsproject.com:

The Ships Project was founded in October of 2001, when a female sailor on board the USS Bataan responded to an "Any Sailor" letter written by the project founder, Ellen Harpin. In that letter, Ellen mentioned her love for knitting, prompting the sailor to joke that maybe Ellen could send a pair of knit slippers to keep her feet warm as she slept, since her berthing was extremely cold. Since then, the project has grown far beyond that small beginning and has earned the respect and support of the military. The USS Bataan has long since returned home but we have continued to send packages to sailors and Marines on dozens of ships deployed since then, as well as Army, Marine, and Air Force units on the ground.

What's new at double-ewe-yarn.com

Kelly's Blog

I've been a big fan of knitting blogs for a while now. It's fun to see what other folks are knitting, and it's a great way to get new ideas. If you'd like to see what I've been knitting lately, check out my blog at www.double-ewe-yarn.com/blog.

Patterns

I've added a page on my website where you can download some of the little patterns I've come up with. I'm new at this whole pattern-writing thing, so if something's unclear or seems wrong, please give me a call or send me an email. (It's so much easier to just knit than it is to knit and explain it in writing!)

From my blog (oh my gosh, now I'm quoting myself...):

Why am I doing this?

First and foremost I'm a knitter; I love everything about knitting: planning projects, selecting yarn, talking about it, reading about it, learning new techniques, teaching others, and of course the actual knitting... Second, I own a little yarn shop, but that's not why I'm starting this blog...I just want it to be a record of my projects that I can share with other knitters.

Spring/Summer Classes

I'm working on the summer class schedule, and I'm looking to you for ideas. If there's something you'd like to learn, or if you and some friends want to work on a project together, please let me know!



Spring Pattern Special

50% off pattern when purchased with the yarn for the pattern.

*excludes books, coupon expires 6/1/07

Save a Tree

If you have email that you check regularly, you can get this newsletter electronically. Just let me know by sending an email to kelly@double-ewe-yarn.com.

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