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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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My favorite time of the year for fiber arts! Once the holiday hub bub is over, there is nothing more satisfying than letting your creative juices flow! Fleeces To Pieces has lots of yarns and ideas for you to get 2023 off to a good start.



The Naughty or Nice Challenge was lots of fun. Everyone was very nice! We had 37 participants, and 9 beat the challenge to win a \$20 gift certificate! We have 2 large bins of donations heading to Wilmington’s LifeCare and Foster Pantry, Inc. organizations as a result.

The 2022 Sock Challenge was also a huge success. Of the 15 participants, 2 completed the 12 pair challenge (\$20 in gift certificates), 2 completed the 6 pair challenge (\$10 in gift certificates), some learned new techniques, and everyone enjoyed sock yarn discounts! Anticipate something different in 2nd quarter for the 2023 Challenge!

At this time there are no plans that impact business hours of the shop.

WHAT’S NEW AT THE SHOP?

During the 4th quarter most of the purchases were replenishing existing stock. Three new yarns were introduced:

- Laines du Nord-Cashsilk Light 131 yards of Sport/DK 70% Merino, 10% Cashmere, and 20% Silk in 3 colors
- Malabrigo-Caprino 164 yards of DK 80% Merino, 20% Cashmere in 6 colors
- Interlacements-Baby Rick Rack 900 yards of Sport 100% Rayon in their new Sunflower colorway

TEXTILE / FIBER GUILD

Discussions at the shop indicate that there is a desire to create a group that promotes collaboration, relevance and growth of the textile / fiber arts disciplines in our coastal Carolina communities. If you are a producer, artist, educator,

manufacturer, or retailer of textiles, fibers, fiber products & tools or have input on how local textiles and fiber arts can be relevant to the local businesses and activities that draw residents and tourists to our community, we would like to hear from you.

In the coming months, I will be working with a collaborative group to determine the scope and interest of forming such a group. If you have input as to needs in the Carolina coastal community (yarn or quilting crawls, education or vending events, spinning, quilting, weaving collaborative groups, business or recreational engagement, etc.), you can submit your ideas via email to flecestopieces@gmail.com. We would love to know what is already going on, or where people are looking for engagement opportunities.

EVENTS

Fleeces To Pieces will be scheduling some classes and Knit Along activities on Wednesday evenings this quarter in addition to the classes we offer during business hours. This quarter we will have:

- Spinning wheel spinning class offered by Nina Zonneville,
- Rigid heddle weaving class offered by Nina Zonneville,
- 3-D felted fox Make & Take Party offered by Brenda Pazar,
- Continuous Strand Washcloth offered by Audrey Kruse,
- Big blanket finger knit class offered by Jo Caracappa. Get the details below!

Knit Alongs Audrey Kruse will initiate 3 Knit Alongs in January. They are all different, so read the details carefully. Try one or try them all! Email flecestopieces@gmail.com if you would like to join in the fun!

Stars Falling Double Knit Cowl KAL. This is a pattern by Juniper Moon featuring two colors of Herriot Great yarn. The pattern is available at the shop for \$1.00. I am ordering the 2 colors featured in the pattern, and have a few other colors available to choose from. I am making my shop model in a worsted weight yarn by adding 1 iteration of the 12 stitch repeat into the pattern. This creates several other yarn options for purchase, or you can use your own yarn.

If you would like help in reading the pattern, learning the double knit cast on and double knit stitch, there is a workshop for this scheduled on Wednesday, January 11th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. (You must register by eod Saturday, 1/7) The workshop is \$35 per person. If you can't make the class, but need help getting started, you can schedule a 1 hour knitting one-on-one with me to get you started for \$20. You are welcome to work on your own, or join us at Sit & Knit on Thursday or Saturday afternoons to work with others! This one completes at your own pace, and will be great to work between sections of the other 2 KALs scheduled this quarter.

Felted Beach Bag KAL. This KAL has no official start date, but we will be scheduling a felting day for KAL participants in March. The price of the felting day will be \$30. More details to come.

The kit sells for \$80 and includes 6 skeins of Cascade 220 yarn, the downloadable pattern which includes felting instructions, a lingerie bag, a button and a project bag. Pre-orders can be taken now, and the kits will be available January 16th. If you are only interested in the yarn and pattern, they can be purchased separately if you would like to start now!

Knitted Argyle Teddybear KAL. Cuteness abounds with this adorable knitted stuffed bear. The pattern that will be used is from the book 60 Quick Knitted Toys featuring Cascade 220 Superwash yarns. I will be creating a-la-carte bundles that will be sold at 10% off if you sign up for the KAL. The bundles include any of the following:

- Cascade 220 Superwash full ball main color \$11.50 (or 4 full balls)



- Three 25 oz partial balls for the Argyle and facial features \$9.00
- Bobbins \$10.00
- Stuffing (quantity and price will be determined once I finish my model!)
- Apron \$8.00
- Pattern Book \$18
- Pattern sections that coordinate with the 3 workshops \$1 each

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS & SUPPORT

Here's the line-up of classes, workshops, and Make & Take Parties being offered this quarter: Check the [website](#) for details. Class seats can be purchased on-line, or in the shop.

Title	Date	Time	Instructor	Price	
Beginning and Technical Crochet, Embroidery & Just for Fun (see list below)	By appointment	Two hours – by appointment	Jo Caracappa	\$30.00	
Beginning and Technical Knit (see list below)	By appointment	Two hours – by appointment	Audrey Kruse	\$30.00 / \$35.00 if outside business hours	
Stitch Fix	By appointment	Up to 1 hour – by appointment	Jo Caracappa or Audrey Kruse	\$15.00	
Stars Falling KAL Cowl Workshop	Wednesday, January 11	6:00pm – 8:00pm	Audrey Kruse	\$35.00	
Spinning on a Spinning Wheel	Friday, January 13	10:00am – 1:00pm	Nina Zonneville	\$45.00	
Bear KAL Ears, Head, and Leg Shaping Workshop	Wednesday, January 18	6:00pm – 8:00pm	Audrey Kruse	\$35.00	

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Chunky Blanket (Make & Take)	Wednesday, January 25	6:00pm – 9:00pm	Jo Caracappa	\$100.00) price includes materials)	
Rigid Heddle Weaving	Friday, January 27	10:00am – 1:00pm	Nina Zonneville	\$35.00	
Needle Felt a 3-D Fox (Make & Take)	Saturday, January 28	12:00pm – 3:00pm	Brenda Pazar	\$50.00 (price includes materials)	
Bear KAL Intarsia on Legs, Arms, and Body	Wednesday, February 1	6:00pm – 8:00pm	Audrey Kruse	\$35.00	
Bear KAL Overstitch & Stuffing	Wednesday, February 22	6:00pm – 8:00pm	Audrey Kruse	\$35.00	
Needle Felt a 3-D Fox (Make & Take)	Saturday, February 25	12:00pm – 3:00pm	Brenda Pazar	\$50.00 (price includes materials)	
Felted Purse Felting Day	TBD in March	TBD	Audrey Kruse	\$30.00	
Continuous Strand Washcloth (Make & Take)	Wednesday, March	6:00pm – 8:00pm	Audrey Kruse	\$35.00 & \$10 Loom Rental fee	

- Crochet:
 - Crochet a Chinese Knot Bag
 - Amigurumi



- Embroidery:
 - Flour Sack Towel
 - Beach Towel - Children ten and up
 - Embroidery on Sheer Fabric
 - Embroidered Necklaces - Adults or children ten and up
 - Tote Bag
- Just for Fun:
 - Plastic Canvas - Create a handbag
 - Plastic Canvas - Coasters - Adults or Children ten and up
 - Yarn Trees - No craft knowledge is required! Adults or Children ten and up
- Knitting Techniques:
 - Mitered Square
 - Illusion Knitting
 - Waves & Baubles – Drop Stitches, Feather & Fan, Chevrons, Baubles & Dupps
 - Brioche – Single Color Ribbing, Multi Color Ribbing, Multi Color Patterns
 - It's all in the yarn – Self Striping, Self-Patterning, Pooling, & Argyle
 - Cables
 - Knitting with Beads
 - Double Knit
 - Entrelac
 - Knitting on the Edge – Cast On's, Bind Offs, Provisional CO, Pick up Stitches, Kitchener, hem stitch, i-cord edging
 - Fair Isle (the pattern will be for a cup cozy)
 - Intarsia
 - The Amazing Slip Stitch – Bricks, Fences, Diamonds, & Mosaic





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