



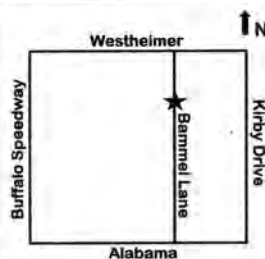
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Knitting in the Loop
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Hours
Tuesday and Friday
9:30 am to 5:30 pm
Wednesday and Thursday
9:30 am to 7:30 pm
Saturday
9:30 am to 3:00 pm



Dear Knitters & Crocheters,

Thank you for making our Grand Opening such a special event for all of us. You have made Knitting in the Loop feel very welcome on Bammel Lane.

Our first 2 months have been filled with yarn, learning, fun, and making new friends. Hopefully the phones are working, doors are locked, and there is light everywhere—especially in our Sublime room. Before we finished unpacking all the yarn from our initial orders, it was time to start ordering new yarn for the fall. The fabulous new yarns include metallic

threads in beautiful colors to knit alone (think evening bag) or mix with divine new mohair yarns and my favorite, yarns that create designs and patterns for you. The self striping sock concept has expanded into jacquard patterns, self striping garments, and baby patterns that decorate themselves. Rose and I will be going to market in June. Please give us your requests.

Our new class schedule has something for everyone or gather a few friends and create your own class. Our first knit along is the shrug on the cover of the current issue of Debbie Bliss Magazine.

Join us as we work this project with the help of our talented instructors, but no class fee.

Don't forget to visit our divine Sublime room. The colors are spectacular. I hope you saw the incredible Mothers' Day exhibit of hand knit garments by Esther Flieg of New York. What exquisite work!

I look forward to knitting or crocheting with you soon.

Judy

sub•lime (səb láim) -

adj. of such excellence, grandeur, or beauty as to inspire great admiration or awe.

We are proud to carry the most beautiful soft palette of colors of Sublime Yarns. Sublime yarn colors mimic the natural colors of cotton from Peruvian history. "The colors are gently dyed which means in as environmentally friendly a way as possible, which includes that they take pains to ensure no by products are left over after dyeing—which for those of you who are familiar with hand-dyeing, this means that they completely exhaust their dye-bath—which I assumed the industry did, but apparently not!"

The fiber is grown organically. Each skein has 120 yards and the yarn is recommended to be knit at 5.5 sts/in on US 6. The pattern support for the yarns is scrumptious.

Sublime is a new line from the English yarn company Sirdar exclusively distributed in the United States. Spun in Italy, there are two loosely spun, lightly plied strands. If any yarn could carry a sign that says "squeeze me", this is it.



Be sure to visit the room in the back to view the full palette of colors of Sublime yarn at your next visit to the shop.

Camp Crochet

Have twice as much fun this summer at Camp Crochet at Knitting in the Loop, in a three day adventure of crocheting on June 17, 18 & 19 or July 22, 23 & 24. In two hours of activities each day 12-14 year olds will embellish their own flip flops on day 1, crochet a bracelet and/or a choker on day 2,

make 2 granny squares for a purse on day 3. This adds up to two hours of fun each day.



Ella Rose Donoto

Is our "Shop Baby." Ella is Virginia Martinez's second great grand daughter; Trinity Guzman is her first. While we were opening boxes and pricing, getting ready for the grand opening, darling Ella, not creeping yet, played with everything close enough to get her little hands on. She especially liked chewing on the boxes and was drawn to the legs of the antique table. Now, thanks to Judy, she loves antique wood. After lunch Ella would cuddle down for her nap in a big empty yarn box with her

pillow and bottle.

Ella is at the shop often on the days that Virginia is teaching. She now crawls and still chews, but now on the yarn labels, so Virginia now has a collection of 1 skein balls. We hope to make Ella a knitter and crocheter.



Dash to Class Hat	Knit in the round, this hat features a zig-zag stitch made by knitting into the row below.		
Class size:	2-6	2 sessions (4 hrs.)	\$45.00 Karen Turnbull
Wednesdays, August 5 & 12, 1:00-3:00			
Entrelac Scarf	Entrelac is worked with short-rows. Students must be able to K1, P1, M1, K2tog, P2tog, and pick up stitches.		
Class size:	2-4	2 sessions (4 hrs.)	\$45.00 Karen Turnbull
Saturdays, July 18 & 25, 10:00-12:00			
Farmers Market Bag	Crochet this staple of the European shopper and take it along to your local farmers' market.		
Class size:	2-4	2 sessions (4 hrs.)	\$45.00 Virginia Martinez
Saturdays, June 6 & 13, 1:00-3:00			
French Market Bag	Knit with double point needles and circulars and come back to transform your knitting into felt.		
Class size:	2-6	2 sessions (4 hrs.) + felting fun	\$45.00 Karen Turnbull
Fridays, July 10 & 31, 1:00-3:00			
Houston Shawl	This shawl from Knitter's Stash features a yarn over repeat and a scalloped lacy border.		
Class size:	2-4	3 sessions (6 hrs.)	\$60.00 Karen Turnbull
Fridays, June 5, 26, & July 17, 1:00-3:00			
Kureyon Mitred Square Bag	Knit a bag of mitred squares from Noro Kureyon, then return to felt your bag in our washer.		
Class size:	1-6	1 session (2 hrs.) + felting fun	\$25.00 Rose Graham
Tuesday, June 2, 1:00-3:00 or Saturday, July 11, 12:00-2:00 or Thursday, August 20, 1:00-3:00			
Lavender Gift Pouch	Learn knitting in the round, increases, decreases, three-needle bind off, and I-cord.		
Class size:	2-6	2 sessions (4 hrs.)	\$45.00 Karen Turnbull
Mondays, July 14 & 21, 1:00-3:00 (Christmas in July) or Fridays, July 24 & 31, 9:30-11:30 or Fridays, August 14 & 21, 1:00-3:00			
Leggings—Magic Loop	Knit leggings as you learn the innovative Magic Loop technique using one long circular needle.		
Class size:	1-4	2 sessions (4 hrs.)	\$45.00 Sharon Babbitt
Tuesdays, July 7 & 28, 10:00-12:00 (Christmas in July)			
Mason-Dixon Washcloth	This multi-sided shape from <i>Mason-Dixon Knitting</i> includes bobbies and eyelets.		
Class size:	1-4	2 sessions (4 hrs.)	\$45.00 Karen Turnbull
Wednesdays, July 15 & 22, 1:00-3:00			
Matinee Jacket	With this beginners' sweater you learn the skills needed for an adult sweater, but in fewer stitches.		
Class size:	2-4	2 sessions (4 hrs.)	\$45.00 Sharon Babbitt
Fridays, August 7 & 28, 1:00-3:00			
Mini Christmas Stocking	Knit a tiny stocking in the round on doublepoints to hang on your tree.		
Class size:	1-4	1 session (2 hrs.)	\$25.00 Rose Graham
Tuesday, July 14, 10:00-12:00 (Christmas in July) or Saturday, August 22, 1:00-3:00			
Multi-Directional Scarf	Work short rows, increases, and decreases with self-stripping or variegated yarn.		
Class size:	2-4	2 sessions (4 hrs.)	\$45.00 Karen Turnbull
Fridays, June 12 & 19, 1:00-3:00			
Night on the Town	Cabled and bobbed poncho/skirt to knit from Louisa Harding's <i>Deco</i> pattern book.		
Class size:	1-4	3 sessions (6 hrs.)	\$60.00 Sharon Babbitt
Fridays, July 3, 10, & 17, 10:00-12:00			
Odessa Beaded Hat	Size 6 seed beads swirl up this lovely little hat knit in the round of dk yarn.		
Class size:	1-6	1 session (2 hrs.)	\$25.00 Virginia Martinez
Saturday, July 18, 1:00-3:00 or Tuesday, August 4, 1:00-3:00			
Summer Shoulder Wrap	This wrap of cables and bobbles buttons around your shoulders.		
Class size:	1-4	2 sessions (4 hrs.)	\$45.00 Sharon Babbitt
Thursdays, June 4 & 25, 1:00-3:00			
Tea Towel with Edging	Knit two different patterns in cotton or linen yarns.		
Class size:	1-4	2 sessions (4 hrs.)	\$45.00 Karen Turnbull
Thursdays, August 13 & 27, 10:00-12:00			
Tile Stitch Wash Cloth	Border the tile stitch pattern with double basket weave using a cotton or linen yarn.		
Class size:	1-6	1 session (2 hrs.)	\$25.00 Karen Turnbull
Wednesday, August 19, 10:00-12:00			
Water Lily Shoulder Bag	Introduction to Fair Isle patterns in two colors/row and simple chart reading.		
Class size:	1-4	2 sessions (4 hrs.)	\$45.00 Rose Graham
Thursdays, July 2 & 16, 3:00-5:00 or Tuesdays, August 18 & 25, 10:00-12:00			
Woopsie!	Recognize and correct mistakes: yarnovers, dropped stitches, wrong stitches, rescuing vs. ripping.		
Class size:	1-5	1 session (2 hrs.)	\$25.00 Rose Graham
Thursday, June 11, 1:00-3:00 or Tuesday, July 7, 2:00-4:00 or Tuesday, August 11, 1:00-3:00			

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Is That A Good Felting Yarn?

If your yarn once walked around on "all-fours" bleating at dinner time, then design your project and join the fun felting frenzy club. Protein fibers from animals are covered with tiny scales that hold the fibers together during the spinning process to form a strong, durable yarn. The presence of these scales also creates distinct fibers within the yarn. When agitated in hot, soapy water, an item created with yarn will transform into a felted fabric as these scales tangle and become enmeshed.

Consult the yarn label to determine the fiber content. One hundred percent wool content or blends of wool, merino, alpaca, and/or mohair denote felting potential. A small percentage of silk will not impede the felting process; however, silk does not contain scales and will not felt. Do not consider plant-based fibers such as cotton, linen, bamboo or hemp as well as nylon or acrylic synthetic fibers for your felted project as these fibers are also without scales. In addition, avoid yarns labeled "superwashed" wool. This

yarn has been chemically treated with enzymes to remove the scales; therefore, the washing process does not change the fibers. Natural light-colored wools will also felt; however, bright whites or lights that have been bleached or processed may have damaged scales that will not enmesh.

The transformation of wool fibers into felted fabric is a creative process from start to finish. First, gather all your wools in your favorite colors including solids, tonals, self-striping, and variegated yarns. Consider the "look" of each yarn and note the weight and the unique twist. Also consider the possibility of combining different strands, mindful that such combinations of weights should remain consistent throughout your project. Next, make a swatch using your desired yarn combinations. After you are satisfied with your felted swatch, complete your "cat-in-the-hat" sized project and become amazed with the transformation. Finally, "sculpt" your project to the desired shape and let dry.

Felting yarn choices await

you at Knitting in the Loop. Options include Brown Sheep Lamb's Pride, Noro Kureyon, Araucania Aysen, Debbie Bliss Luxury Tweed, Debbie Bliss Como, Debbie Bliss Donegal Tweed, Ella Rae Extrafine Heathers, and Queensland Katmandu Aran. When you are comfortable with the felting process, look for serendipitous opportunities. Incorporate a non-felting fiber with some sparkle or a material such as beads with your felting yarn for a decorative element in your project. Our instructors are excited to join in your design fun. They can assist you from start to finish. Agitate your project in our washer and become part of the felting frenzy club.



Loopie Invites You to Join the Fun

Brown Bag Knitalong

We're knitting the shawl from the cover of the Spring-Summer issue of Debbie Bliss Magazine at lunchtime on Thursdays in June. When you see it, you'll want one too. Bring your lunch (lots of places nearby to pick something up) and come knit with us. Please. Free, no reservations required.

Big Bang 4th of July

In honor of our nation's birthday we are offering a 20% discount on all red, white or blue solid color yarns to our patriotic knitters on the 4th of July.

And . . .

The shop will be open from 9:30-3:00. Bring your latest project, come sit and knit and enjoy the all American refreshments and fellowship.