

in the loop

bliss yarns

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Summer winding down? Start winding UP some new Fall yarns!

Summer starts winding down this time of year. Most of us are ready for the pool to close and the kids to return to school, because we all know what that means... we can knit more!



Berroco is the first of our fall yarns to arrive. We have replenished some of our favorites like **Peruvia Quick** and brought in many new ones...**Vintage** and **Vintage Chunky, Link, Ultra Alpaca**, and **Blackstone Tweed**. I love 'Breena' using Ultra Alpaca.

The elbow length sleeves make it a perfect fall cardi. All good things must come to an end and that includes our Summer Sale Wednesdays. August 24th, will be the last sale Wednesday of the summer. Look for an email Tuesday evening with the next announcement. If you have not been to a Wednesday sale, you do not

want to miss out. In addition to the featured announcement we usually have lots of other unannounced sales in the store. Last week, for example, Rowan Colourscape Chunky flew off of the shelves at 75% off!

School bells have rung!

Natalie recently finished her summer of working at Bliss Yarns and has returned to college life at UT! Even though she is not in the store, Natalie would like to continue knitting and do finishing work for anyone interested. She makes regular trips home, so it will be easy to pick up and return anything that you need done. Don't forget that she would love to knit up a custom Christmas stocking for you or that special grandchild in your life! Orders need to be in soon for any Christmas gift items. All projects and rates will need to



be negotiated with Natalie directly. She can be reached at knittynatty@gmail.com.

Who doesn't love a good Mystery?



Stephen West, that whacky, wonderful designer of all things cool and original is at it again. This time it's a Mystery Shawl KAL and the first clue will draw you in to his challenging, unusual construction techniques. Bliss Yarns is home to 'Sock Island' where you will find all the best choices in sock weight yarns to make your one-of-a-kind shawl. Download his KAL now on his Ravelry page www.ravelry.com.

It's time to "get rid of the Junk in Your Trunk"!



On Sunday, August 21st, join us for our 3rd annual "get rid of the junk in your trunk" sale. Bring any knit or crochet item you are ready to part with, put a price on it and watch it walk away. You set the prices and can either sell from your trunk or bring a table for the sidewalk. Anyone is welcome to shop even if they are not a seller. Remember, "one man's trash is another's treasure." The sale lasts from 1-5pm. Please note all transactions must take

place outside of Bliss, and we will not be able to provide change or the use of our credit card processing.

Bliss will be open as usual from 1-5pm. After you have made room in your trunk, come in and see all of our new yarns arriving for fall.

School is starting at Bliss too...with a new class schedule!

We have finished (finally!) our class schedule and are ready for signups. Treat yourself to a perfect fitting sweater in **Ready, Set...Sweater**, which will provide instruction and tips for knitting your first sweater with a perfect fit.

If you are ready to learn a new skill, you may be interested in **Cable Exploration**, **Peace Out with Fair Isle**, or **The Wonder of Entrelac**. All three classes offer the opportunity to learn a new skill that will ultimately expand your knitting possibilities.

It's only August, but it is never too early to think about your Christmas gift

list. We are offering felted **French Press Slippers** and **Toasties** (hand warmers) for gift knitting and giving.

Of course, tried and true favorites such as **Beginning Socks on Magic Loop** and **Your First Hat** are available. Emily's sock and hat class are loved by all. We may add a few more classes if space and timing allow, so check the schedule regularly. Don't forget that we also offer Private Lessons that can be scheduled at your convenience. Lastly, if there is a class that you would like that we have not offered, please let us know. We are open to all suggestions!

So you think you can knit fast?

On Saturday, September 10th you can show off your mad knitting skills because we are hosting a friendly speed-knitting competition. The catch? All competitors will knit using the same materials which will be Berroco's new Link yarn on size 50 needles and knitting the Wink Scarf (pictured right)! If you have never tried size 50 needles before, trust us when we tell you, it changes everything about the 'feel' of knitting. The winner of the competition will take home a basket overflowing with goodies from Bliss.



To be eligible for the competition you must purchase your yarn and needles from Bliss. If you have already purchased a skein of Link from us, simply rip out your work and come with your Link ready to start again. The winner will be the person who completes the scarf (with ends woven in) in the fastest time.

So join us Saturday, September 10th, at 11:00am for a chance to be crowned **SPEED QUEEN FOR THE DAY!**