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News from Wool N' Things

Hello my fellow knitters!

A big surprise is in store for when you visit Wool N' Things. We did some renovations in July and added 11 more feet to the store front. It's like a brand new store, hope you like the changes.

Our special guest this year is **Jane Ellison**. Jane will be promoting the **Mirasol Collection**. Please see below for more details.

Also, Mary-Ellen Williams has joined our team. She will be hosting our Knit Café and teaching many new courses in our brand new classroom (more renovations!) Janet Fougère will also be teaching new classes and seminars this year. The new class schedule has been added to the web site.

Thank you so much for your support,
Gisèle



Introducing our Special Guest!

Jane Ellison the Designer

www.janeellison.co.uk

Jane will be coming to Wool N' Things on **Sunday, October 14, 2007**. The details of her visit will be announced on the web site as soon as they are available.

*“Jane Ellison is a young, energetic and talented British designer who has achieved considerable success in knitwear design. She began designing for Debbie Bliss in London and subsequently has designed for a number of British, French (**FFFilati**), Italian (**Laines du Nord**), American (**Queensland**) and Japanese (**Noro**) yarn producers and distributors. This involves developing designs for three or even four knitting books a season for a variety of knitting yarns. Jane particularly loves designing with luxurious yarns but admits that really she just has a passion for creating a design because any yarn is a challenge. The designs she has created are innovative, modern and fun.”*

Jane is coming to Wool N' Things to promote the **Mirasol Collection** that was created to contribute to the funding of the **Mirasol Project** in Peru. (www.mirasolperu.com). Jane designed the patterns and chose the colours of the yarns that are part of the current Mirasol collection.



*“It was also exciting for me because I chose the colours for the Miski, Sulka and Cotanani ranges, that was a luxury because the company that makes the yarn has a *huge* colour range to choose from. I love the way Miski has many different contrasting colours in one yarn. This is a beautiful technique”.*

“The Mirasol Project is based on Fairtrade: a principle that is very important to Jane and that she wishes could become the basis for all world trade. Fairtrade guarantees that disadvantaged producers in the developing world get a better deal for their products. The producers receive a price that covers the cost of sustainable production plus an extra premium that is invested in social or economic development projects such as the Mirasol Project. As well as

Du Store Alpakka of Norway, other yarn distributors have decided to expand and promote such a worthwhile project: Knitting Fever of the USA, Diamond Yarn of Canada and Designer Yarns in the UK”.

The Mirasol Project will do something to redress the balance between rich and poor nations. Peru is a nation of 29 million people with a high level of social inequality, with the poor rural Quechua-speaking communities high in the Andes being particularly disadvantaged.

Here’s a sneak preview of the Mirasol Collection yarns:



Great New Stuff

- ◆ **Debbie Bliss:**
 - * New colours in **Baby Cashmerino, Cashmerino DK and Cashmerino Aran.**
 - * **Luxury Tweed:** Lovely tweed yarn containing 85% Wool and 15% Angora (\$9.95).
 - * New books, of course.
- ◆ **Rowan and RYC:**
 - * Book #42 - Fall/Winter.
 - * **Kid Aura** book and the **Kidsilk Aura** yarn.
 - * New colours in Kid Silk Haze, Kid Silk Spray, Kid Silk Night and Tapestry.
 - * RYC books: **Tweed, Accessories, Travel, Am to PM**
- ◆ **Sirdar:**
 - * New colours in Snuggly DK and Supersoft Aran.
 - * Many new books and leaflets.
 - * New yarn: **Peru** with a book full of patterns.
- ◆ **Phildar:**
 - * Brumes, Astrakan, Nebuleuse.
 - * More English books this year for baby, children and adults.
 - * Confetti sock yarn - new collection. (100g balls at \$9.95)
- ◆ **Berroco:**
 - * **Peruvia** (100% Peruvian Wool), as seen on the cover of Interweave Knit for Fall 2007
 - * **Jasper** (100% merino).
 - * Fall/Winter Berroco book + Norah Gaughan Collection 1 book (great new designs).
- ◆ **Nashua:**
 - * Natural Focus - Ecologie Wool which is a naturally dyed wool.
 - * Superwash wool (50% merino, 50% wool) at \$1095 for 218 yards.
 - * Sitar: novelty yarn
- ◆ **Sheperd: (www.shepherd yarns.biz)**
 - * new baby yarns from Australia & New Zealand: **Baby Velvet DK** (54% wool 46% nylon) and **Baby Wool 2-ply** (100% Pure new wool)
 - * 5 baby and children books.
- ◆ **S R Kertzer:**
 - * **Perth** (70% Merino, 30% acrylic) Aran weight yarn at \$4.95 per ball. This yarn is machine washable and dryable... great for children's sweaters and even afghans.

- * **Northern:** New worsted weight yarn (\$4.49) in 63 shades, 51 solids and 12 ombres - perfect for garments and afghans.
- * **Angel:** New baby yarn + patterns. A wonderfully soft, lightweight, double knitting yarn. This acrylic and nylon blend is available in 14 shades for baby, including 7 beautiful prints.
- ◆ **Mirasol Collection:**
 - * **Hacho,** (100% merino yarn) hand dyed with a gauge of 22sts per 10cm
 - * **Cotonani** (Pima Cotton and Merino)
 - * **Miski** (Baby Llama)
 - * **Sulka** (Merino, Alpaca and Silk)
 - * **Mirasol Collection** patterns by Jane Ellison
- ◆ **Noro:**
 - * New colours in **Silk Garden** and **Kureyon**
 - * New book from Jane Ellison
- ◆ **Americo Originale:**
 - * Wooden Buttons
 - * Wooden Shawl Pins
 - * We have the pattern that was featured on CityLine, on August 31, 2007... come and see!!
- ◆ **JO Sharp: (www.josharp.com.au)**
 - * Silkroad Aran and DK weight wools and tweeds
 - * Alpaca Silk Georgette
 - * Fall 2007 book
- ◆ **Sweaterkits: (www.sweaterkits.com)**
 - * Beautiful hand painted Silk Chenille Scarf and Shawl kits
 - * Baby and children sweater kits
- ◆ **Hemp for Knitting: (www.hempforknitting.com)**
 - * 100% Hemp yarn
 - * Hemp and Cashmere Hat kits
 - * Scarf and fingerless glove kits

Coming soon

- ◆ **S R Kertzer:**
 - * **On Your Toes:** New 4-ply sock yarn containing Aloe Vera, 22 shades, 10 solids and 12 prints
 - * **On Your Toes DK:** Boot sock yarn in 10 ragg shades. This yarn also contains Aloe Vera which makes for smooth knitting.
 - * **Northern Sport:** New DK weight yarn.

- ◆ New shipment of kits and yarns from **Fleece Artist** due the last week of September.
- ◆ **Americo Original:**
 - * Llama and merino yarns
- ◆ **Alpaca with a Twist** (250 yards of pure Alpaca in on skein).
- ◆ **Lace weight Llama and merino.**
- ◆ **Patterns from Knitting Pure and Simple.**
- ◆ **New Noro patterns** from Cornelia Tuttle Hamilton.
- ◆ **...and many more surprises.**

Courses

The Fall 2007 course list is now posted on the web site.

In-store Specials

We constantly have in-store specials that vary from 20% to 50% off the regular price.

- ◆ **Canadiana and Real Worsted** at \$3.50 per ball while supplies last.
- ◆ **Merino Fine** by Naturally - \$5.00 per ball
- ◆ **Super 3 cotton** (Aran weight, 125g) for \$8.95 (Reg. \$11.95)

Knit Café

Our Knit Café is a real success, especially Wednesday afternoons. It is held at **Wool N' Things**, as follows:

- ◆ Wednesdays from 1:00pm - 3:30pm; and
- ◆ Thursdays from 6:00pm - 8:30pm

We serve coffee and tea, but if you wish to bring your own refreshments, please feel free to do so.

Gift Registry

Would you like your friends and family to know what you want for the holidays, your birthday or for any special event in your life? Wool N' Things is starting a gift registry. Just come in to the store or call us at 613-841-8689 and provide us with the list of items on your wish list. We will keep them on file, inform your friends and family of what you would like and keep track of the items so you don't receive the same item twice!

Don't forget to visit our website at www.woolnthings.com.

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