



## Happy Fourth of July All,

Hope your summer thus far has allowed you some time for stitching. Summer is a great time to start new projects, learn new skills and get back in touch with your yarn collection. Don't forget to stop in and register for the [60-Second Shopping Spree](#) if you haven't already (one entry per customer) - our drawing and announcement will be on July 5th!

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### New Yarns Arrive Daily

Celebrate Independence Day with a little yarn flare. Colinette's newest yarn, "Firecracker," is our hot sale pick for Independence Day weekend (July 1 & 3) for 40% off. Regularly \$28.95, for two days only, it is \$17.50. Stop in and see lovely samples of this slinky, frilly and soft hand-dyed ribbon. Have a safe and Happy Fourth of July.

We just received a shipment of all your favorite snazzy Ironstone Yarns: Starlights, Pizzaz, Showstopper and Paris Nights. There are great colors to choose from for sexy summer knit and crochet projects.

Calling all Cal Bear fans! We just received a shipment of the "UCB" Shepherd Worsted yarn - dyed in Cal colors just for Skein Lane by Lorna's Laces Yarn. This soft worsted weight yarn is great for all your Cal fan knitting, crochet and even weaving. Sorry, our supply of the sock yarn in UCB colors just sold out, but we have more arriving soon. We'd be happy to reserve some just for you.

We also have some great summer reading for you. Many new books are in stock - come take a look. There's the hip crochet fashions of Melissa Leapman in *Cool Crochet*, the popular *Little Box of Knitted Scarves II* and now, *Little Box of Crochet Hats & Scarves*. We have *Sarah Dallas Knitting*, *Family Circle Easy Toys*, and the new *Stitch-N-Bitch Knitting Design Journal*. A new knitting mystery by Maggi Sefton called *Knit One, Kill Two*, will keep you occupied on those long trips.

### Hot Projects

Check out a new complimentary pattern from Skein Lane: the sassy [Fringed Scarf](#), introduced to us by knitter and staffer, Sharon. It has a fun looped fringe that will show off novelty yarns well. Stop in and see Sharon's model at the front desk in fiery red colors. For your convenience, Skein Lane staff have selected several fiber and color suggestions and packaged them ready to use with our Fringed Scarf Pattern.



## Learning at the Studio

Two exciting sweater classes are coming up in the next few months. Just because it is summer doesn't mean you won't need a sweater for those cool, foggy evenings. Learn to design your own sweater or learn a new way to construct one with our classes. Visit the [Knitting Classes](#) page on the web for more information.

Due to enthusiastic demand from our newer knitters, Skein Lane is expanding our beginning knitting curriculum. In addition to our basic 2-session Beginning Knitting class, we have expanded the 4 session Beginning Knitting Series into four different levels. Each level builds on the recently acquired skills of the previous level, or your equivalent experience. This is a wonderful way to expand your knitting knowledge in a fun environment. See the [Classes](#) page for more information on these and other classes.

## Yarn Events

The [Summer Fiber Arts Market](#), sponsored by the Knitting and Crochet Guilds of America, is this month. You've heard our announcements in previous newsletters, and you may be wondering why you should go - you went to Stitches West back in February, right?

At this market, many of the best vendors you might find at other conferences will be attending, but in a more intimate environment with a less overwhelming pace. Currently, there are about 50 vendors that will have booths, and Skein Lane is among on a few retail shops present. The other vendors are yarn companies, pattern designers, several button and bead vendors, lots of fiber vendors for spinning and felting, plus needles and notions galore. Of course, Skein Lane will have some surprises in store for you, so please stop by our booths, 116-118. Don't forget to pick up your coupon for a discount on admission to the market.

We are adding some new [Resources](#) on the website that may be of interest to you. We have several of our most popular complimentary patterns now available for download. There are numerous links for you to explore. In Meet A Designer, we are pleased to feature an interview with local designer, [Merrily Parker](#). Coming later in July, we will have a fun collection of knitting moves called How We Knit, where you can see how differently we all knit from each other. We hope you enjoy these new resources, and check back often, as we add new material.

## Skein Lane Know How

The Three Needle Bind Off is a way to join the front and back pieces of a sweater at the shoulder using "live" or non-bound off stitches. Skein Lane recommends it because it produces a really smooth, less-visible join. Basically, you are binding off two stitches at once: one from the front piece of the sweater and one from the back, at once. And as the name implies, you need a third needle to do the bind off. Stop in the shop and we can



teach it to you - it's surprisingly easy!

Having said all that, if you are familiar with this bind off, but find it a little awkward to do knitting the stitches together, there is a simple modification that makes it easier. Turn your work inside out (wrong sides facing) and do the three needle bind off, *purling* the stitches together. Working the stitches in front by purling, makes it a little easier than knitting them, but produces the same smooth join on the right side of the work.

This tip was learned by one of our staff members in a class with designer and instructor, Judy Pascale.

Do you have a knitting timesaver? Got a hot crochet tip? If you would like to share your know how with other Skein Lane customers, we'll reward you. Submit by email your tip or other helpful hint for knit, crochet, needlepoint, cross-stitch, embroidery, weaving or any other fiber art. If our staff chooses it for the newsletter, we'll mention your name with gratitude and even give you a prize. Submit your know how to [info@skeinlane.com](mailto:info@skeinlane.com).

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