Can't resist a loose thread

Do you love unravelling old jumpers for new wool? Are you unable to resist tugging on those loose threads? If so, then the fantastic Unravelling Knitted Calendar 2012 (code 112236) is sure to appeal to you! This clever calendar is basically a very, very long knitted scarf - simply pull down the thread at the bottom to unravel the days throughout next year, but be careful not to tug too hard! It comes complete with a wooden hanger and costs £75 from the V&A shop.

Call 020 79422696 or visit www.vandashop.com.

Sweet

If you put just one yarn on your wish-list this Christmas, then make it Sweet Harmony by Amy Butler for Rowan, priced at £11.50 for 100g. Textured and soft, this 100% merino yarn is perfect for injecting some colour and warmth into your winter projects, and it knits up quickly on 10mm (UK size 000) needles. Choose from a stunning colour palette of 10 bright and beautiful shades (including Jade, pictured), to create colourful jumpers, hats and blankets. You'll find great pattern support inside Amy Butler Farmhouse Knits, which contains 20 designs by Erika Knight for garments, accessories and home.

Call 01484 681881 or visit www.knitrowan.com.



Winter

The world's gone pom-pom crazy this winter, but if you don't have time to make your own, then Toft Alpaca has come to the rescue with these fab alpaca fur pom-poms. Use these super-soft balls of fluff to add the perfect finishing touches to hats, scarves, slippers and more. They come in black, white or brown, cost £6 each and come with their thread sewn on - ready to go on your favourite knitted accessory!

For more information and to buy, visit www.thetoftalpacashop.co.uk or call 01788 810626.

Stocking fillers

Stock up on these fab treats for under a fiver

Mr Mouse

This cute mouse will add character to any knitter's workspace. He measures 6cm tall, and is made from high-quality lambswool.

£5 from www.not onthehighstreet.com.



Super stitchmarkers

Help a fellow knitter keep track of her rows with these cute Russian Doll stitchmarkers. They fit needles up to 4mm and have solid rings to prevent snagging.

£4 from www. atomicknitting.co.uk.



Teatime treats

New from Herdy, these fun Peep Coasters are guaranteed to be a hit with anyone who enjoys a cuppa while they knit. They'd make a great gift for your club!

£2.99 for six from www.herdy. co.uk or call 01539 739202.



Knitted Christmas ca

Finding the perfect card is a piece of cake thanks to these quirky designs, which are ideal for birthdays, too.

£2.50 from www.notonthehigh street.com.

