



Fashion for charity

January always sparks talk of New Year's resolutions and in this issue we touch on the idea of trying something new, challenging yourself or putting your passion for knitting first. Elspeth May is someone who has done that. A member of the Lymphoedema Support Network, a small charity determined to punch above its weight when it comes to raising awareness and funds to support sufferers, Elspeth has combined her passion for knitting with her desire to raise the LSN's profile. Lymphoedema is an incurable condition which 25% of breast

cancer surgery survivors develop, involving the swelling of the arm, which, if not treated properly, can result in wearing an elasticated sleeve every day for the rest of your life.

Elspeth has teamed up with Kerry Lord of Toff Alpacos, who has designed exclusively for LSN a pair of lovely cabled wrist warmers in Toff's gorgeous DK alpaca yarn. The pattern will be sold exclusively through LSN for £3, with all proceeds going directly to the charity. You can order the pattern by phoning **0207 351 0990** and from the website www.lymphoedema.org



If we needed another reason (as if) to prove that knitting is taking over the world, then the news that Ravelry beat Facebook and Twitter to win the Community Site of the Year Award at the .net Awards should do it! Stick that in your pipe and knit it.

Knitting

Every little helps

Knitting is now available to buy with your Tesco clubcard points! In fact you can actually buy all our sister titles, Making, Making Jewellery and The Dolls' House magazine too. Just collect points on your clubcard, which get turned into vouchers and use these to buy a subscription. Go to www.tesco.com/clubcard and check out the new magazine subscription deals. As they say, every little helps!



Web of colour

Blacker Yarns have got a brand new website dedicated to their full collection of natural fibre own brand of yarns, launching with their new colour collection of naturally dyed yarns. Carefully created to compliment each other and the natural shades of yarn, the new colours include rich fruity colours, pastels and the odd zingy shade. You will also find kits and patterns to buy too so check it out at www.blackeryarns.co.uk



Wollemeise hits London!

Having previously reported about elusive German yarn company, Wollemeise, we are happy to be able to tell you that Loop is now stocking it! The whole Wollemeise colour wheel with both variegated and semisolid colours in all yarn weights will be available, though only from the London shop and not the online store (phone orders are possible). Luckily Loop will be announcing in advance when they get new deliveries via their blog

and Facebook page (once a month on Saturdays) so keep your eyes and ears open! www.loopknitting.com
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