



## 5 reasons to... ...stay in & knit

### 1 It's cold outside

Hiding indoors with a hot water bottle, chocolate and knitting is a perfectly acceptable course of action under the circumstances. Don't miss our his 'n' hers hottie covers on page 34.

### 2 Cosy alpaca yarns

Alpaca fibres are deliciously soft and have such a high snuggability factor, you won't be able to resist giving them a comforting squeeze while you work. Toft Alpaca has a range of sumptuous yarns in a variety of weights, call **01788 810626** or visit [www.thoftalpacashop.co.uk](http://www.thoftalpacashop.co.uk)

### 3 The Christmas countdown

Forget going out and partying, you've got that long list of gifts to be cracking on with.

### 4 Plenty of entertainment

The start of the longer evenings usually heralds the start of exciting new TV dramas which are the ideal accompaniment to your latest WiP.

### 5 Check out these gorgeous designs

Not only are we providing you with stunning vintage-style cape and hat patterns, we've also given you the needles to make them with – what are you waiting for?



## Three is a magic number

Happy Birthday LK! This issue marks three years of fabulous features, interesting news and views, and, of course, patterns galore. We asked our forum members if they had a favourite design from our vast archive and Laura Cruickshank's Cerulean shrug was a clear winner.



Cerulean by  
Laura Cruickshank  
featured in LK20



## wise buys

### Twist again

This fabulous new yarn is called Colinette Hullabaloo blend of 66% pure wool and 34% wool from Black Welsh Mountain sheep, the only purely black breed of sheep to be found in the UK. Available in an incredible 125 colourways, including shades of



Honolulu pictured here, the vibrant shades of red and black stand out brilliantly against the black background of the Black Welsh wool. Producing a fabric reminiscent of both tartan and houndstooth, Hullabaloo is aran in weight and can be worked up on 4.5mm needles. A 50g (1.76oz) skein costs £3.83 from Colinette, call **01422 349380** or visit [www.colinette.com](http://www.colinette.com)

## New kids on the block

Located in the historical Piece Hall in the centre of Halifax, Three Bags Full is an exciting new yarn shop, set up by former literacy teacher Kath Kilburn. The store features a great range of classic favourite yarns as well as hard-to-find brands, such as Crystal Palace. There are also lots of lovely handmade goodies including cards, notelets and knitting-themed gifts. If you're looking for a knitting group in the Halifax area, pop over to the shop on Wednesday mornings, where you'll find a lovely band of fellow fibre fans with their needles clicking away. To find out more call **01422 349380** or visit the shop at **3 Piece Hall, Halifax**.



Did you know?

Look out for this new logo from The British Wool Marketing Board on your wool products as it shows you that the product is 100% British