

ON OUR
NEEDLES



Knitter's notebook

Our technical assistant, Jen Storey, has accessories in mind this month:

① "A friend met me for coffee wearing Sarah Hatton's 'Every Which Way Wrap', and I was so taken with it that I cast on that same day! I love its versatility - the placement of the buttons means you can wear it as a shawl, a scarf, a waistcoat, a poncho or a shrug. I'm knitting it in

Fyberspates Scrumptious 4ply which helps the lace pattern to drape well." www.sarahhatton.com
② "These 'Edwardian Boating Socks' by Emma Grundy Haigh are the most charming socks I have ever made. I just love the long slipped stitches that are like little rowers on the river, with the beautifully textured linen stitch on either side. The yarn is

a variegated mystery skein that I found in my stash." www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/edwardian-boating-socks
③ "Up next for me is Kate Davies' delightful 'Peerie Flooers' hat. I'll be using a combination of Rowan Fine Tweed and Jamieson & Smith 2ply Jumperweight, and the array of shades I have is mouthwatering." www.textisles.com



Toft Alpaca are offering a series of fun workshops using their alpaca yarns

Win a day with Toft

If you have a friend who you'd like to introduce to the delights of knitting - or if you'd like a refresher on some fundamental techniques - then we've got a great competition for you.

Toft Alpaca are offering one place on their 'Introduction to Knitting' workshop which takes place on 20 January at Toft's farm in Warwickshire.

The prize is worth £50 and includes Toft's knitted necklace kit with yarn and pattern, a farm tour and a home-cooked lunch.

For a chance of winning this great prize, please text the code TKNtoft plus your name and address to 87474 (entries cost 50p), or go online to www.futurecomps.co.uk/toft and enter your details. The closing date is 28 November 2011.

For Toft's workshop schedule, call 01788 810626 or visit www.thetoftalpacashop.co.uk



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Special knits for tiny babies

When a baby is born prematurely, finding clothes to fit can be so difficult. That's why the Yarnville knitting group and Artesano Yarns are working to support a charity called Lisa's Stars which provides tiny garments for premature babies.



Artesano has donated the wool and the Yarnville group are busy knitting - and would greatly appreciate any help and support. Contact Lisa Bevan at lisa@yarnville.com or on 0118 375 8338

Sneeze in style!

For the knitter who has everything, how about this as a whimsical gift - knitting-inspired tissues? With a range of designs imitating knitted Fair Isle, cable and stocking stitch fabric, they're sure to raise a smile.

Each pack costs 99p plus 35p postage and can be ordered from www.stores.ebay.co.uk/annabella044

