



November Greetings from Skein Lane,

Have you started your holiday gift knitting and crochet projects? Do you have enough knitting for your holiday travels? Do you need a gift for a knitter or crocheter? Skein Lane can help with all of these needs, with our in-store assistance, our Skein Lane Wish List, and our Gift Certificates in any amount.

NEW YARNS ARRIVE DAILY

Exciting new Needful Yarns are here: warm and woolly textures, cool glittery fibers and beautiful colorways are their hallmark.

We are eagerly awaiting a shipment of Noro yarns and a collection of the new Debbie Bliss yarns.

Sally Melville's third book of the series, *Knitting Experience, Color*, is on its way to Skein Lane. Our shipment arrives in the next week and we are happy to reserve a copy for you. These will sell out fast, so contact the shop at 510.525.9276.

As a gift-giving reminder, a Skein Lane gift certificate is a great way to make a knitter or crocheter feel warm and fuzzy inside. Available in any amount, they are a most appreciated gift. To give others some specific ideas about Skein Lane items you might like as a gift, we've created a Skein Lane Wish List you can print out, complete and share with others. You never know - you might get exactly what you want from your Secret Santa this year! The link for the Wish List is on the Skein Lane home page or you can get a copy at the shop.

HOT PROJECTS

Have you seen Carolyn's elegant light green mohair drapery wrap? It's easy to make, fits everyone well and it only takes about 600 yards of fiber. Carolyn's is made of Trendsetter's Dune but you can make it by combining a light mohair and a glittery strand. Of course, we'll have a complimentary pattern for you at the shop (we'll get it up on the website later this month too.)

LEARNING AT SKEIN LANE

Tell your teen to grab their needles and join Frances and her friends at the [Teen Knit Club](#). This group meets every other Saturday and is just for teenagers, led by our teen staffer, Frances. She works at Skein Lane on weekday afternoons and is an experienced knitter. Bring projects to knit, or start a new one. Check the website for the exact meeting dates. There is a \$5 drop in fee, and registration is required.

On November 12, you can learn the shadow knitting technique while making a cool scarf for yourself or a loved one in Shadow Knit Scarf, with Jeremy. Even in



December, it's not too late to make great hand-knit gifts. Join us for Basic Socks or Quickie Hat class with "J.P." Check the [Knitting Class](#) page for details on all our classes.

If you'd like to make sure you get some knitting time in over the holiday season, join us for the [Mini Knitting Workshop Series](#). Enjoy four weeks of knitting fun and Carolyn's assistance between the weeks of November 13 and December 11 for only \$20! We know the season is getting busy, dark and cold, but that's all the more reason to keep on knitting with Skein Lane.

In January, Carolyn will lead her very popular [Beginning Knitting Series, Level 3](#). This series was developed closely with our customers and students to meet your needs as you progress as knitters. Building on your previous experience, you will learn more about stitch construction, stitch and pattern design and correcting mistakes. This series will also teach you about fiber, yarn labels, pattern selection and customizing patterns. You'll even start a project that is a wearable garment, such as a sweater, poncho or vest.

Starting on December 1, all classes will be held at Skein Lane's retail shop, at 7512 Fairmount Avenue.

YARN EVENTS

There is still some room for our afternoon of swatching and "tasting" yarn at the Skein Lane [Fiber Feast](#) on November 5. A delicious selection of new yarns and yarns you may not have tried before, served up in courses. Our very special guest will be Susan Druding, owner of Crystal Palace Yarns. The Fiber Feast will be held at the Skein Lane Studio, on Saturday, November 5th at 3-5 pm. There is a \$5 fee, redeemable toward your next Skein Lane purchase. Please reserve your seat by contacting the shop by email or phone 510.525.YARN (9276).

Skein Lane's crafty friends known as [Domino Barn](#) give us an opportunity to buy beautiful and unique handmade gift items at a special sale in the shop. You'll find beaded jewelry, domino jewelry, wire work, greeting cards, hand-sewn linens, all kinds of decouped items such as purses, jewelry boxes, plates and so much more. It's all happening Saturday, December 4, 10 am-6 pm and Sunday, December 5, noon-5 pm.

In case you are not on the mailing list for Stitches West, here's your heads up: registration for classes is open. Stitches is the big yarn and fiber convention held each year in Santa Clara, sponsored by the publishers of Knitter's magazine, XRX Publishing. Once again, it looks like there is an excellent line-up of classes and events, so sign up early. Of course, Skein Lane will have a booth at Stitches, and we look forward to seeing everyone there. Visit www.knittinguniverse.com



for all the details.

SKEIN LANE KNOW HOW

This month's tip comes to us from customer Annie - thanks for sharing this tip!

If you are always fumbling scissors or something to cut your yarn with, try dropping a nail trimmer into your knitting bag. It's a small thing you can just pop in your bag and find easily. Plus it won't poke you when you reach in, and you can give yourself a nail trim!

Do you have a knitting time saver? 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.

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