



Skein Laners,

Summer is here - do you have enough projects to keep you busy?

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New Yarns Arrive Daily...

Schaeffer Yarns' hand-dyed cotton "Laurel" is coming with 18 gorgeous new colors. This soft and beautiful yarn makes a dramatic color statement on any of your projects.

"Encore," by Plymouth Yarns, is in stock in fun, bright colors for easy-care garments, afghans and more.

Our biggest yarn news is that in August, Skein Lane will introduce a beautiful new yarn collection by UK designer, Louisa Harding. Inspired by the soft colors of roses, the collection is called [Gathering Roses](#). Visit our website for more information about this luxurious and affordable new yarn line.

In book news, *The Knit Stitch*, by Sally Melville is back in stock - come in for your copy today. We also have a fun new book, *At Knit's End: Meditations for Women who Knit Too Much*, by Stephanie Pearl-McPhee, a.k.a. The Yarn Harlot, a knitting blog.

Hot Projects

Have you noticed that crochet is everywhere these days? Crochet is in home decor, fashion and in the knitting magazines, but it is not just for granny squares and doilies. Designers are working to bring crochet to a wider audience with beautiful new designs.

Have you ever tried crochet? It is fun, portable and easy to learn. Most yarns can be used for knit or crochet, so give it a try. There are many types of crochet stitches to learn, and you can choose what you like. Just ask your Skein Lane staff to show you our selection of crochet resources: instruction books, patterns and crochet hooks.

Learning at the Studio

Coming up in June is our popular [Color Knitting](#) class. Seats are still available for this five-session class that will teach you all you need to know to get confident adding color to your knits. There are still a few seats in our two-session [Sockology](#) class, which has a new start date: June 11, noon-2:30. Sockology will teach you the basics of making your first socks.



Our annual Knitter's Retreat is now full, but our guest instructor for the retreat, Christine Bylsma, will do a special class at the Studio called [Stashology](#) on Wednesday, September 21. Chris is a national instructor and designer best known for her "Crayon Box" Jacket design. She'll teach us how to make use of that great stash of yarn we all have. Join us in welcoming Chris to our studio.

We add new classes almost every week - visit our [Class Schedule](#) for a complete list of all our classes and check back often for updates.

Girl or Boy Scout troops leaders - do you have scouts that would like to learn to knit, crochet or stitch. Or does your group wish to be involved in a community project? Contact the shop - we can help.

Yarn Events

Announcing a special summer yarn and fiber treat for our customers: [The Sixty Second Shopping Spree](#). One lucky winner will be treated to a shopping spree for yarn and fibers at the shop. To register, simply spend \$25 or more at Skein Lane between Friday, June 17 and Friday, June 30. Provide us your name and phone number or email address, so we can contact you. We will conduct a drawing on Independence Day weekend and notify our winner. Then we'll have our Sixty Second Shopping Spree during the first two weeks of July. Visit our website for [contest rules](#). Good luck to everyone!

We have your coupon off admission to the [Summer Fiber Arts Market](#), to be held July 22-24, at Oakland Convention Center at the Marriott Hotel downtown. This fun summer fiber event is co-sponsored by the [Knitting Guild of America](#) and the [Crochet Guild of America](#). There is still room in many classes with some top national instructors - don't miss out. Be sure to stop in to see Skein Lane at booths 116-118,

The summer sale season is here. Stop in often for special sale items throughout the summer. Right now, we are featuring a 40% discount on Great Adirondack Yarn's "Fluff," regularly \$35 per skein, it is \$25.95. There is a great selection of this silky, fluffy yarn available for you now. This is one of those rare yarns that you can make a whole scarf out of one skein. Check the [What's on Sale](#) page on our website.

Skein Lane Know How

Do you have a knitting timesaver? 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 helpful hint for knit, crochet, needlepoint, cross-stitch, embroidery, weaving or any fiber art. If our staff chooses it for the newsletter, we'll mention your name with gratitude, and even give you a prize for sharing. Submit your Know How to info@skeinlane.com. And now for this month's Know How:

Most of us have, at one time or another, had difficulty getting the right tension on a knitted



bind off. Many books recommend using larger needles for the cast on and bind off rows, but here's a bind off that might help. The "Purl 2 Together" bind off is a neat, elastic bind off whose stitches lie on the edge. It works especially well with a lengthwise scarf. Give it a try:

- Purl 2 together
- Place resulting stitch back on the left-hand needle
- Purl 2 together (the stitch return to the left-hand needle, along with the one directly next to it.)
- Continue until you have only 1 stitch left; draw yarn through as with traditional bind off.

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