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What's New

New yarns

ZARA (8 ply), by Filatura di Crosa. \$10.50 per 50gms. This is a very soft yarn that is also hard wearing and machine washable. It comes in about 40 shades that cover the entire colour spectrum. See our website for more details.

ROWAN: Regia 4 ply Sock Wool, designed by Kaffe Fassett. \$12.50 per 50gm ball. 2 balls required for a pair of adult socks, 1 ball for a pair of children's socks. It comes in 12 different colourways. (We will have a colour chart on our website in a couple of weeks).

SIRDAR/SUBLIME: Baby Cashmere Merino Silk 4 ply. \$12.95 per 50gm. This is a new 4 ply yarn, in the luxurious cashmere/silk mix. There is a new pattern book – no. 616, that contains designs for the yarn. It comes in 6 shades – Off-white, Cream, Light pink, light blue, light beige and lemon. (We are hoping to have a colour chart on our website in a couple of weeks).

NORO: A new 10 ply yarn – Taiyo, which is a wool/silk/cotton/nylon mix. \$25.50 for 100 gms (200 metres). It comes in 9 beautiful colourways and knits to the same tension as Silk Garden, Kureyon and Cash Iroha. Therefore, you can use patterns for these yarns, or there are several patterns in the Noro Joy book (\$35).

Pure Cashmere yarn. \$29.95 per 50gm skein. This is a 4 ply pure cashmere yarn, which is extremely soft and warm. We have limited supplies in Off-white, cream, soft pink, soft blue, bright pink, red and denim blue. Knits to a standard 28 st x 36 row tension, but is also brilliant for luxurious scarves and baby garments.

New colours

Since our last newsletter, we have received new colours in four of the **Sirdar/Sublime** yarns -

Baby Cashmere Merino Silk DK, Cashmere Merino Silk DK, Cashmere Merino Silk Aran and Extra Fine Merino DK.

We have also received new colours in some of Rowan and RYC summer yarns – RYC Bamboo Soft and Cotton Jeans in particular. See our website for more details.

Knitting Kits

Jo Sharp has brought out kits for most of the designs in her newest knitting/crochet book – Knit Issue 7. Each kit contains a single pattern and all yarns required to make the design. We have several in store, but can also order them in and have them within a week, if necessary.

Books and Magazines

ROWAN: Rowan Magazine 45 (the new summer magazine). This contains a wide variety of designs, ranging from 4 ply to 10 ply. We now have copies - \$35.95.

Also, we are still trying to source the Kim Hargreaves books. I am hoping to have copies of Heartfelt, Amber, Nectar, Thrown Together and Breeze within 4 weeks.

SIRDAR/SUBLIME: There are several new books, they are \$32 each.

Book 616 containing patterns for the new 4 ply yarn;

Book 617 – containing baby patterns for the Baby Cashmere Merino Silk DK yarn;

Book 619 – The second Cashmere Merino Silk Book, containing adult designs for Cashmere Merino Silk DK,

Book 620 – Adult designs for the Cashmere Silk Aran yarn;

Book 621 – Adult designs for the Pure Wool Extra Fine merino DK yarn.

DEBBI BLISS: Debbie Bliss Magazine (Summer/Spring) \$10.95. We still have a few copies left.

Discontinued Yarns

We have been informed by our Rowan supplier that the following Rowan yarns have been discontinued. We will not be getting any further stock of these yarns. At the moment, we have stock of some colours in each, so get in quickly before they disappear.

Rowan 4 ply Soft

Rowan Country

Rowan Little Big Wool

Rowan Scottish Tweed Aran & Chunky (we did not stock Chunky)

Rowan Damask

Rowan Bamboo Tape

RYC Luxury Cotton DK

Customer Loyalty Program

Sunspun's Customer Loyalty program has been a great success with close to 400 people joining since it started. Annual Membership costs \$35.00 (or \$65 for two years).

Members receive 10% discount on all full price goods – and an extra discount voucher at Christmas.

Please contact the shop for information on how to join.

Classes

We will be continuing with Thursday night Clinics during 2009. These are held in the shop every second Thursday night from 6:30 – 8:30pm and cost \$20.00. They can help you learn to knit or crochet, or just provide you with assistance specific to a project you are doing. Call the shop for more details or to book in – they are only held if we have 3 or more people booked in. The next one is scheduled for the **28th May** followed by the **11th June**.

Hope to see or hear from you soon. Take care.

Sue Lindton and the Sunspun Team