

“Thank you so much for all of your products – they truly make knitting even more relaxing & fulfilling than it is with any other yarn!”

Sock Yarns ~ Exclusive Luxury Superwash Blends

Whiskers ~ Indulge ~ lovely fingering, 80% Superfine Merino wool/10% Cashmere/10% Nylon. \$28
Baby Bunny ~ Amazing softness~fine, 60% Superwash Merino wool/20% Angora/20% Nylon. \$28
Peruvian Sock ~ Fine, super soft, 60% Superwash Merino wool/20% Silk/10% Alpaca/10% Nylon \$28
Twinkle Toes ~ Silky, super soft, 60% Superwash Merino wool/20% Silk/20% Nylon. \$28
 All can be used in place of SuperSock & Baby or Silk & Ivory. Approx 100 gm & 440 yds Hand-wash. Socks ~ 1 sk Baby Sweater: 1-2 sk Tank Top ~ 2 sk Sweater ~ 2-3 sk Needles: 1 to 5

Super Socks & Baby Yarn

Fine machine wash & dry yarn- great for socks, shawls & baby! This yarn is 80% Merino wool & 20% Nylon. It combines the softness & elasticity of Merino wool with the durability of nylon for socks made to be worn!

Approx 100 gm/450 yd Socks/shawl/baby sweater: 1 sk Needles: 1-4 \$22(50g~\$12.50)

Patterns ~ available@ website. Our patterns can be shipped for \$7.50 or can be downloaded from website for \$6 each. Links are listed for others' patterns we've used.

“Your yarn has always been the best... Looking forward to ordering via the net since I can't always go to the shows.”

* FINE PRINT *

Please order sufficient amounts. Dye lots can be difficult to match. Please call for advice on amount needed if you're unsure. I have several patterns I would be happy to recommend. Custom orders/colors are fine, very welcome even, but take longer. Please be patient! Hand dyed yarns are more time consuming to produce.

Our vibrant colors are part of what make our yarns unique. With such rich and intense colors, there may rarely be some color transfer. You can wash before using to prevent this. We don't recommend bamboo needles~ love Addis. I prefer washing with a mild detergent in a net bag in the washing machine. Fill with cool water, soak, spin out. Repeat. Do **NOT** agitate. Add a little fabric softener to rinse cycle. Wash colors separately. Lay flat to dry. Store yarns & garments away from direct sunlight.

You may return any unused skeins of yarn any time for credit only(not refunds), with the exception of custom orders & certain sale yarns which may not be returned. This is to encourage you to buy enough yarn initially to complete your project.

We appreciate your considering our yarns. Please let us know any ideas that would help improve our service and/or products. Please call with any questions you may have!

“I have several projects going with your beautiful yarn. It's such a treat to work with!”



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 Artistry and Value

Tess' DESIGNER YARNS began with beautiful Romney sheep with long lustrous fleeces on our ocean-front farm. With the arrival of Tess in 1986, there wasn't enough time & energy for everyone so I traded my ewes for fleeces & the rams went on an extended working vacation.

Now we have a retail shop in Portland in the Old Port, the historical downtown shopping district. It is a family business. Tess is taking more responsibility, especially at shows, so I can concentrate on dyeing. And, as always, she keeps us advised of current fashion & color trends!

After 30 years, there are now many more who dye but the clarity of our colors & the lovely soft handle of our yarns continue to stand out. We offer kits & yarns in exceptional colors at reasonable prices. We are fortunate to have top designers as well as exciting new designers sharing their creativity!

The quality of our yarns lets you enjoy every aspect of creative playing - from the winding of the balls of soft luxurious yarn all the way through to the final pleasure of wearing your creations! We want you to be pleased with our yarns and will help you in any way we can to help insure your success. Enjoy!

Melinda Bickford (Tess' mom)

* COLORS *

All yarns are dyed by one person ~ each batch unique. I like to think this is an art ~ not suitable for mass production. If you need help choosing colors, please call ~ I'd be glad to help! A few colors are below ~ there are many more. Sometimes I have an idea what color way I want to create ~ sometimes I just let the colors take me where they will. Inspiration comes from many sources ~ internal & external. I have old favorites & new colors that keep it fun & interesting. I experiment, I play & hope you are inspired to do the same!

RAINFOREST- Soft/deep purple, blues, green
 VIOLET- purple, solid or with blue tinges
 BLUE/VIOLLET - Deep cobalt blue/turq/purple
 COBALT- Royal to deep blue, solid or / violet tinges
 LIME SPLASH - Lime to soft green to cobalt to violet
 MAINE WOODS & WATERS- Deep blue & evergreen
 CARIBBEAN WATERS- turq. blue with violet &/or teal
 FLORIDA KEYS- Purple, cobalt, turquoise
 BAHAMA BAY- Soft cobalt/turquoise
 MERMAID LAGOON- Teal with blue &/or violet touches
 BLUE HERON- silver gray to turq to violet NEW!
 DESERT JEWEL- silver gray to turq to violet
 PERIWINKLE- Soft lavender / blue
 FAIRY WINGS- Soft blue or pink with lav. & cream
 PETAL PINK- Soft pink
 DUSTY ROSE- Muted, Victorian rose, pink
 ROSE BLUSH- soft medium rosy pink
 ITALIAN BRICK- rust, cinnamon
 PLUM DANDY- soft to deep variegated plum
 POODLE SKIRT ~ pink shading into gray
 PEACHY KEEN~ seashell pink shading into gray
 CORNFLOWER BLUE- Soft blue with violet cast
 TWILIGHT- silver, violet into indigo/navy blue
 NIGHT SHADES- Smoky shades of violet to indigo/navy
 SILVER- Pale silver to light gray
 BLUE STEEL - Deep bluish gray
 BLACK- Soft charcoal to deep black
 ENGLISH SHEEPDOG - black to gray to white

FROG KISSES- Yellow green with blue green "kisses"
 HIBISCUS- soft -med warm rosy/pink, melon
 SPRING GARDEN-Soft.pink.lav.blue.green.yellow.peach
 CONFETTI-brights.fuchsia.purple.blue.green.yellow.orange
 PAPAYA- Warm, buttery rosy peach
 PEACH MELBA- Peach/ fuchsia/raspberry /violet
 LEMON or LIME SOUFFLE- pale yellow or lime green
 RED- Warm, earthy or cool, bright
 OCEAN STORM- Deep, dark eucalyptus green
 MIDNIGHT BLUE- Deep indigo, navy
 EGGPLANT- Deep, dark purple
 EUCALYPTUS- Pale, cool, light sage green
 SEA BREEZE- Soft silvery green /soft silvery blue
 LILAC- Soft lavender, violet
 SEASHELL PINK- Soft peach, coral
 MUSHROOM SOUFFLE- Soft hues—gray, taupe
 COCOA BROWN - Soft to med cool brown
 COFFEE BEAN - Rich, deep warm multi-hued brown
 COPPER KETTLE-copper with dk brown touches
 ZINFANDEL-Rich deep brownish red
 REDWOOD- Rich, reddish brown
 BIRCH BARK - Soft grays & browns & cream
 BUTTER PECAN - Oatmeal/warm amber tone
 TAUPE- Soft beige, champagne

Limited Edition Colors...Chocolate Series, Ocean Blues, Slate Forest, Mendocino Vineyard, Night at the Museum, Enchanted Forest, Night Bloom, Lemongrass, Orange Sunshine,, Mahi--Mahi, Cobblestone, Soho, Metallurgy, Night Bloom, Parrot Bay, Dirty Martini and more!



* Fine Hand Dyed Yarns *

Angora & Merino

My favorite. Light, airy, buttery soft—a lovely woolen-spun yarn—versatile gauge. Approx 50 g & 185 yards. 50% angora/50% wool Sweater: 3-6 Needles: 5 - 9 \$40

Baby Alpaca & Silk

Baby alpaca & silk~ so soft! A light wrst wt yarn - 70% Alpaca,30% Silk Needles: 5 to 7 Sweater: 3~4 sk Approx 150g & 410 yards. \$45 50g/135 yd sk ~ \$18

Bella ~ Super soft, a lofty bulky wt smooth plied yarn that has a soft subtle sheen. Instant gratification! A wonderful blend of 70% Superwash Merino wool/20% Silk/10% Alpaca. Sk are approx 150 gm 2-ply~165 yd Sweater: 3~5 Needles: 10 ~ 13 \$40

Braided Silk & Merino

One of our nicest yarns. A bulky wt blend of 50% Silk and 50% Merino wool. The soft twist ply improves wear while still feeling soft. Approx. 100 gm & 125 yd Scarf or Cowl: 1-2 sk Needles: 9 to 10.5 \$38

Cascade Silk

Premium silk in sport wt & worsted wt plied yarns offer you a choice. Avail in brilliant colors with incredible luster and softness. Approx. 100-150(150)g Silk

Fine (Wrst)~ 444,666 (333)yd Sweater: 2-3(4) Needles: 4 to 6 (7 to 9)\$60(100g)-\$75(150g)

Cultivated Silk & Wool

Though this yarn looks like pure silk (it glows!), it's a 50/50 blend of silk & merino - a lustrous soft, silky single ply wstd wt. A good choice to make something special!

Approx. 100 gm & 200 yds Sweater: 5-7 sk Needles: 7 to 9 \$38

Fine Cashmere

Incredible softness & wearability – looks good for years! Skeins are approx. 50 gm and 245 yards. 100% cashmere. Sweater: 4-6 skeins Scarf: 1 skein Needles: 4 - 7 \$50

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Luxurious silk & kid mohair & iridescent blend. Lt Bulky Skeins:approx. 100g/330 yd 63% Silk,23% Kid Mohair,11% Nylon,3% Polyester Shawl: 1-2 sk Needles: 6 - 10 \$45

Grand Manan

Aran wt Mohair & Merino, lustrous, wears well ~55% Mohair & 45% Merino wool. Skein approx. 8 oz & 325 yd Sweater: 4~5 sk Needles: 8 to 11 \$38

Kid Mohair

An especially soft, fine mohair- nice alone or in combination with other yarns. knits quickly on big needles! Approx. 3.5 oz/ 450 yds (8 oz/ 1000 yards) 78% Mohair, 13% Wool, 9% Nylon Sweater:1-2(2-3)sk Needles: 3 to 7 \$30/\$50

Kitten

Cashmere & silk~ like a soft, silky kitten! The best. A sport wt yarn - 65% Cashmere, 35% Silk Approx 100 gm & 325 yards. Sweater: 3 sk Needles: 5 to 8 \$88

Linguini

Luxuriously soft, smooth 100% silk ribbon Sk approx. 50 gm & 150 yards. 100% Tussah Silk Sweater: 5-8 skein Scarf: 1-2 skein Needles: 6 to 8 \$20

Microfiber Ribbon

The yarn has the look & feel of silk with the elasticity & machine washability of 100% nylon and a very flexible gauge - a great combination! Lots of yardage—skeins are approx. 75g/165 yd & 150g/333 yd. Sweater: 3 - 5 sk Needles: 4 - 7 \$18 & \$28

Mohair & Merino

A very versatile yarn! Mohair gives this yarn a nice luster and helps it to wear well with great stitch definition. A smooth wrst wt yarn, it is a blend of 55% Mohair & 45% Merino wool. Skein approx. 8 oz & 490 yd Sweater: 2-3 sk Needles: 5 to 9 \$38

Pebbles (Oruga)

A textured yarn that's so soft because it's mostly alpaca. A bulky wt yarn - a blend of 65% Alpaca, 32% Wool, 3% Nylon! Skeins are approx 8 oz & 140 yards. Sweater: 4 - 5 sk Needles: 9 to 11 \$40

Peruvian Dream ~ Super soft—a worsted wt smooth yarn that has a soft subtle sheen.

A wonderful blend of 70% Superwash Merino wool/20% Silk/10% Alpaca. Approx 150 gm & 410 yds Sweater: 3~5 sk Needles: 6 to 8 \$38

Petit Manan

1 ply Mohair & Merino~55% Mohair & 45% Merino wool. Skein approx. 4 oz & 490 yd Shawl: 1-2 sk Sweater: 4~5 sk Needles: 6 to 8 \$25

Petite Silk

Premium silk in a plied lace wt—very fine & super soft. Can be used singly or plied with other yarns. Approx 450 yd & 40 gm Needles: wide range depending on use \$20

Prime Alpaca

This is a smooth yarn made from 100% prime alpaca. This very soft sport wt yarn feels like a cashmere cousin. Skeins are approx. 8 oz and 665 yards.

Sweater: 2 sk Needles: 4 - 6 Natural Shades \$30 Dyed \$38

Raw Silk

Raw silk looks & feels a lot like cotton. A sport wt yarn - warm in the winter & cool in the summer. Sk approx. 7-8 oz /800-900 yards Sweater: 2 sk Needles: 3 to 5 \$40

Silk & Ivory

A light lovely yarn- 50% silk and 50% wool -it offers the light, silky softness of pure silk with the loft & elasticity of wool. A sport wt yarn suitable for all climates.

Approx. 150 gm & 665 yd Sweater: 2 sk Needles: 3 - 6 \$60

Silk & Merino

One of our nicest yarns. A worsted wt blend of 50% Silk and 50% Merino wool. The soft twist ply improves wear while still feeling soft. Approx. 100 gm & 250 yd Sweater: 5-6 sk Needles: 7 to 9 \$38

Silk Chenille

A chenille so soft & sensual that it should carry a warning label - wear with care! It feels so good on your skin that you may want to sleep with it! A joy to knit! 100% silk. Skeins 100 gm & 333 yd. Sweater: 4-5 sk Needles: 4 - 5 \$75

Silky Locks ~ 4 oz sk ~ \$30 ~ limited colors in smaller skeins

A soft, silky boucle yarn -great by itself or mixed for texture & glow with other yarns. Light bulky wt yarn -54% Mohair, 23% Silk, 18% Wool, 5% Nylon! Approx 8 oz & 390 yard skein. Sweater: 2-3 sk Needles: 9 - 11 \$55

Superwash Merino Lace

Very fine & super soft—can be used in multiples or in combination with other yarns for fun with color. Mach Wash & Dry! 100% Merino wool Approx 50 gm & 500 yds \$12

Superwash Merino Petite

Fine super soft—can be used in place of Silk & Ivory. Machine Wash & Dry! 3-ply—100% Merino wool Appx 100 gm & 445 yds Sweater: 3-4 sk Needles: 3 to 5 \$25

Superwash Merino 25g sk ~ \$5 ~ limited colors in smaller skeins

This worsted wt. yarn feels *so* good, you know it's Merino. The surprise is that it's also machine wash & dry! In a review in *Knitters'* magazine, the writer picked this yarn as her favorite among more than a dozen Superwash yarns. Approx. 65 yd & 25g / 8 oz, 560 yd skeins. Sweater: 5-6/2-3 sk Needles: 7 to 9 \$5/\$38

Superwash Merino Bulky

Super soft bulky—4 ply. Mach Wash & Dry! 100% wool Approx 8 oz & 210 yds \$38

Thick n Thin

Bulky wt and lots of texture! Fun to knit with by itself or combined with other yarns. 100% wool Approx 8 Oz & 125 yd Needles: 11 to 15 \$30