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SPECIAL OFFERS

Simply book online at Di's shop and save when you order 2 or more classes this season.

A warm welcome to our spring newsletters, it's been a busy start to the year and we have lots of exciting news to share with you. Remember you can also keep up to date with all that's happening at The Bothy by visiting our blog at di.gilpin.com.

London Calling



Freshly knitted socks, washed and drying on the Aga!

We started the New Year with a wonderful collaboration with fashion designers Meadham Kirchhoff from London for their Autumn/Winter 2011 collection to be showcased at London Fashion Week earlier this spring. We created fantastic designs inspired by traditional Gansey stitch patterns with a modern twist using a selection of Scottish yarns from JC Rennie and Jamieson's of Shetland. The collection of hand knitted jumpers, skirts, socks and tights were revealed during LFW in February along with the rest of the designers collection at Old Billingsgate Market, a former fish market, on the banks of the river Thames. The spectacular show received a huge amount of publicity due to the unconventional styling of the show and the rather brisk, military march of the models in all their glory.

Di was delighted to be invited to the show as a VIP along with Rona Stephen who had

been helping Di co-ordinate all the knitting and Miriam Tegels who had managed a massive amount of knitting in a very short time.

If you want to see some wonderful photos of the models then have a look at the London Fashion Week website and do a search for the designers where you'll find the whole collection.



Black Witch Jumper hand knit by Sheila.

Insiders Tip: Red, black and white are to be key colours next season.

From Di with love



To celebrate the Royal Wedding, Di has made a very special limited edition hooded shrug using our exclusive Scottish grown Wensleydale yarn from The Humble Knitting Company.

Knitted in a beautiful shade of blue to complement Kate's engagement ring Di parcelled up the original and posted it to Kate as a wedding present from St Andrews to say a big thank you for modelling her knitwear at the fashion show where she also modelled *that dress*. **Pattern available soon.**

The Big Apple



New York Summer Kimono

After returning from a family wedding in New Zealand Di's feet barely touched down when she was off again this time to 'Dressed to Kilt' a Scottish fashion show held annually in New York supported by the Scottish Executive to promote Scottish textiles and fashion designers to the American market. Di was delighted to be invited to attend and have the opportu-

nity to showcase her knitwear designs along with other very talented Scottish designers including Vivien Westwood with her Scottish Tweed Collection, Johnson's of Elgin, Strumpet & Pink and many young talented designers.

They all had a fantastic time with a lovely cocktail reception with music from Paolo Nutini who is now sporting a

pair of Di's Stags Horn Wrist Warmers! You can make your own pair by downloading the pattern for free from Ravelry.com.

The pattern for the Summer Kimono is available in a printed format at £6.00 and will shortly be available to purchase online as a download.

Heavenly Yarn Hunt!

100% British BFL & Single Flock Romney coming soon!

We all know how much you love beautiful yarns and yearn for something new and a little special so we have been hunting down new and exciting yarns to get your creativity flowing.

As with most of our yarns, it is important for us to know where they come from and support British producers but this time we're taking it a step further. We have been sourcing the very best in British breeds, looking at single flock yarns and UK artisan dyers.

We are delighted to tell you that we have found a truly beautiful yarn that is from a single flock of Romney sheep in England that produces a gorgeous single ply aran weight yarn available in a wonderful range of colours all inspired by the surrounding countryside. We are currently developing new patterns for this range including some lovely homeware items which we hope to be able to make available to purchase online with our autumn/winter collection.

We are also developing a hand dyed selection of yarns made from 100% British Bluefaced Leicester which will carry the Wool Marketing Boards Platinum Crook mark. Not only does this guarantee

100% British wool it also certifies the yarn at every stage of production to guarantee complete traceability.

Organically hand dyed in Hereford by Anne Shoring from Artisan Yarns we are sure that these single ply aran and sock weight yarns will be a well loved addition to any discerning stash.

For spring and summer we will shortly be stocking a range of linen/ cotton boucle from County Kildare in Ireland, perfect for summer tops and wraps in a great range of sunshine shades and neutrals.

And last but by no means least we also have our wonderful range of pure

Wensleydale yarns from the Humble Knitting Company in the Borders. This yarn has proved a great hit at the Knitting Club and we should have more stock available soon to start selling it online but for the moment we have a limited range of colours available from the Bothy.

To get you started and give you an idea of how this yarn knits we've included a free pattern below for a lovely lacy shawl using a range of different colours combined together to create a subtly changing effect. **You can buy the yarn needed as a kit for £19.75 online or way not make a trip to the studio and choose your own colour combination.**

Free Shawl Pattern

This pattern will give you a shawl approx 10 inches wide, if you want to make it wider the pattern repeat is 18 + 2.

You will use 2 yarns throughout with the colour changing at intervals.

For the cast on and off we used Colinette Giotto ribbon

but you could use anything you have.

Using 6mm needles cast on 38 stitches using the cable cast on method. Then knit 1 row. Changing to any 2 colours of your choice repeat pattern as follows changing 1 colour randomly every 8-20 rows

Stitch Pattern

Row 1: (RS) Knit.

Row 2: Purl

Row 3: K1, *(k2tog.) 3times, (yfwd, k1) 6 times, (k2tog) 3 times. Repeat from * to last stitch, K1.

Row 4: Knit.



Lacy Shawl HKC

Repeat these 4 rows until you have your finished length. Changing back to your ribbon, knit 1 row then cast off loosely.