



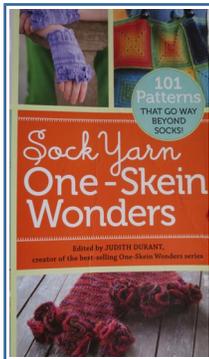
Yarn of the Month



My favourite yarn for June was a bit of a surprise for me. Sadly, I am allergic to wool so I avoid yarns that contain a high percentage of real wool. However, I recently purchased a couple of balls of Patons Classic Wool Worsted Yarn and it was a joy to knit with. I completed the above hat and wrist warmer set using the Dark Grey Marl & the Bright Red and am thrilled with results! This is a very affordable yarn, only \$7.49 for a 100gm skein from YarnCanada.ca, with extremely good yardage, 210 yard / 192 m. It is much softer than many 100% wool yarns and has a consistent, even texture. I will definitely be adding more of this yarn to my next order, I just wish that I could wear some of the items I plan to knit with this lovely wool:(!

Book of the Month

My favourite book this month is one I recently took out of my local library, "Sock Yarn, One-Skein Wonders" edited by Judith Durant, creator of the best-selling One-Skein Wonders series. Many of the books in this series are available from Amazon, so I think my knitting library will soon be growing a little larger! I love the variety of colours and textures



available in sock yarns, but I am not personally a big fan of hand-knit socks. There are some wonderful patterns in this book using sock yarns; hats, mittens, children's items, tea cozies, bags, toys, and yes, even socks!! It serves as an excellent reminder not to tie yourself to the typical idea of a yarn's usage, but to explore and experiment. My next project is designing an intricate fair isle mitten pattern using two of my favourite sock yarns and I have a multitude of other future projects planned thanks to this publication! Can't wait to try some of the other books in this series too!!

Project of the Month



My favourite project in June was designed as a gift for the son of a friend. The poor little guy broke his leg while playing in the play ground and I thought he would enjoy to have a little stuffed friend that could relate to what he was going through! He can take off the cast when it is time for his own cast to be removed and hopefully they can help one another through the experience!

Did you Know?

Not only does knitting help improve your motor function and mood, it also stimulates your brain to keep it healthy. The more you use your brain, the healthier it becomes, and the longer it lasts. Studies have shown that seniors who engage in crafts (including knitting) are about 30-50% less likely to have a "mild cognitive impairment" than those who don't. Awesome!!!

Art of the Month



Thank you Painted Atlas for my art piece for this month! These little beavers are Atlas's version of my Busy Beavers knitting pattern! Willow, Termite and Nibbles wish you a Happy 150th Birthday, Canada!!!

What's New

Although this stitch is a little fiddly due to the constant cabling across every right side row, it is definitely worth the work!

WOVEN CABLE STITCH: (Multiple of 4 sts)

- *C4F, rep from * to end.
- 2 & 4. Purl.
- K2, *C4B, rep from * to end.

C4F – slip next 2 sts onto cable needle and hold at front of work. K next 2 sts, K 2 sts from cable needle.

C4B – slip next 2 sts onto cable needle and hold at back of work. K next 2 sts, K 2 sts from cable needle.



Inspiration!

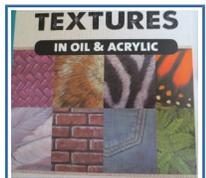
My inspiration for my newest creation in June was Canada's upcoming 150th birthday!! When Etsy announced their Canada 150+ campaign, the beaver came to mind as the perfect representation of Canada. As a vegan, I am not into the official historical reasoning for choosing the beaver as an official symbol, the whole fur trade thing, but they are a hard working, humble little animal and I am happy to have them representing my country! They are also really cute which is why it was so much fun to come up with a pattern depicting the little critters! The pattern covers 3 sizes from 11cm to 15cm in height, and each beaver is carrying its favourite log!



Random Thought

Do you ever feel completely uninspired when it comes to starting your next knitting project? When I hit one of those unpleasant times, I usually grab one of my favourite knitting books, or scroll endlessly on Pinterest. Sometimes it helps to find inspiration from a more indirect source. Try looking through a totally unrelated book, such as an art book for creative ideas with colour and texture.

"101 Textures in Oil & Acrylic" by Mia Tavonatti, is an excellent example. Everything from the introductory colour wheel to the painted textures of waves, leaves, satin, pinecones, etc, has inspired me with ideas for projects for months to come!



Knitting Tip

I have always found it extremely difficult to purl 2 together through the back loop (p2togtbl)! K2togtbl is fine, but purling, not so much! While knitting my Frost Flower scarf which uses this combination frequently, I discovered a solution! When you get to the 2 stitches to be purled together, slip both stitches, one at a time, onto the right needle, twist the stitches as you slide then back on to the left needle and then purl them together through the front of the stitches as normal. Granted, there is an extra step involved, but I find it much easier and less irritating!!

Quote of the Month

"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new"

Albert Einstein