



InterKnit July 2006 Newsletter

July is Brown Bag Month!

Now that we've all had a chance to go through our "SABLE" yarns after Carol Scotts informative "What the numbers mean" tutorial we have a summer challenge. This is a "bring one take one home project". To partake please bring in a brown bag with a minimum of ½ pound of yarn. Pick out a bag and knit as is or combine with something else you have but knit what ever suits your muse! Show and Tell will be in September due to our Field Trip in August.

For July our Program Committee also asks for members to "Brown Bag" samples of embellishments with a short "How you did it" that can be passed around. Rebecca Stewart will be giving a Spinning demo and time permitting we may also have a video. We meet at 10:00 a.m. at the College of DuPage McAninch Arts Center, Room 250 in Glen Ellyn.

For convenience here is a republishing of the yarn identification info:

Even after learning what the numbers mean I'm sure some of us will still have *mystery yarn* so here is some fiber info (below) courtesy of the WMKG and an Internet source.

Bleach Test for Unknown Yarn Content

To tell if the yarn is of animal, plant or synthetic origin simply pour a small amount of bleach into a bowl and place a length of the mystery yarn into the bleach. Then wait a few minutes:

A. If the bleach bubbles around the fiber it is an animal fiber (including silk) and will dissolve in less than an hour.

B. If the yarn starts to lose its color you've got a plant fiber. It will become white but not dissolve.

C. If the yarn floats and remains unaffected it's an acrylic yarn and will not be changed.

If the yarn starts to bubble but does not disappear it may be a wool-acrylic blend.

A link to "Fabric University" for an **extensive** burn test to identify fibers:
<http://www.fabriclink.com/Burntest.html#Identifying>

August Field Trip:

Lorna's Laces 4229 N Honore St. Chicago IL

<http://www.lornaslaces.net/>

Lorna will be expecting visitors by 10 AM when numbers will be given out for entering the shop. Due to limited space at this location she can only allow 20 individuals inside at one time. **Carpooling is HIGHLY suggested!**

Please contact Carol Scott scottc@cdnet.cod.edu or 630-469-0699 if you will be attending the field trip. Lorna requested advance notice on the number of attendees. This is a unique opportunity to purchase much coveted fibers at a *wholesale price*. Lorna ordinarily sells only wholesale and not retail. For those planning to drive on their own **Google** directions suggest taking Interstate I-90 E, exiting at the Keeler Ave exit 44A to Irving Park Rd (IL-19). Proceed Left on W Irving Park Rd then Left on N Wolcott Ave Right at W. Berteau Av. Then turn Left at North Honore St. Perhaps a copy and past of the following will get you a map or paste the above address to customize a route for yourself. Some members that know the area say travel time from COD would be a minimum of 1+hr.

Google Map link, directions from COD to Lorna's Laces

[http://www.google.com/maps?saddr=Glen+Ellyn&daddr=4229+N+Honore+St,+Chicago,+IL+60613+\(Lorna%27s+Laces\)+%4041.958466,-87.675395&f=d&hl=en&dq=lorna%27s+laces+loc:+Chicago,+IL&ie=UTF8&sll=41.931165,-87.871025&sspn=0.360644,0.773163&om=1&ll=41.931912,-87.871399&spn=0.360638,0.773163](http://www.google.com/maps?saddr=Glen+Ellyn&daddr=4229+N+Honore+St,+Chicago,+IL+60613+(Lorna%27s+Laces)+%4041.958466,-87.675395&f=d&hl=en&dq=lorna%27s+laces+loc:+Chicago,+IL&ie=UTF8&sll=41.931165,-87.871025&sspn=0.360644,0.773163&om=1&ll=41.931912,-87.871399&spn=0.360638,0.773163)

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