



# News & Events



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## More organization in GPY –Pattern Database & Yarn Info Cards

We have two new custom databases running at GPY – the first is a searchable pattern database and the second generates GPY Yarn Info Cards.

GPY staff now have the ability to search our database for GPY pattern specifics. A customer may be looking for patterns for leg warmers or a beginner project using cables or a child's poncho or a particular designer or a dk weight men's pullover, or whatever. The possible searches are practically endless. Let a GPY staffer know what you are looking for and she will search in our database for matches. The search results include pattern location and other relevant details including whether there is a GPY model garment, gauge, plus sizes, skill level, and more. Our single patterns in our color-coded binders are all entered into the database and the patterns in our stocked books are currently being entered.

You may have noticed the GPY Yarn Info Cards hanging near our yarn. The front of these Yarn Info Cards provide general information about fiber, weight and yarn qualities while the other side has skein requirements based on the gauge and yardage of the particular yarn. These cards are generated from a database that automatically calculates yardage required for a general list of projects. The reference for the yardage requirements is "The knitter's handy guide to Yarn Requirement" by Ann Budd. This popular guide is available in GPY for both Knit and Crochet. Some of the Yarn Info cards have the price of the yarn as well for quick reference.

We hope you agree that these two additions will enhance your GPY experience.

## Featured Needles

We put a great deal of effort promoting the yarns we stock since they are truly the foundation and often the inspiration of our projects. Our tools, especially needles, are so important to complete our projects. GPY features Brittany needles made right here in Northern California and German made Addi Needles. And because we feature these needles and have lots of back-stock, you will appreciate our competitive pricing.

## Design Your Own Sweater

If you have wanted to design your own sweater that fits perfectly – this is the class you have been looking for. Using an "Unpattern" and sizing based on your favorite shells, tanks, or sweaters you will be guided by the instructor to make your own custom fit shell. You can even be creative with the stitch pattern and embellishments – the sky's the limit. This five session class is for intermediate knitters who have made garments and want to expand their skill set to custom design and sizing. While there are many classes that go over the steps of designing a sweater, the goal of this class is for participants to actually have a completed shell at the end of class. Except for the first class, about half of the class time is spent working on your project. The instructor will share some tricks and things she learned that makes knitting garments a bit easier. The class meets five Sundays from 11:30 to 1:00 PM, July 11<sup>th</sup> through August 8<sup>th</sup>. The instruction fee for five sessions is \$120.00.



The picture at left is a shell which the instructor made to fit her perfectly based on the sizing of four of her favorite tops. Including selecting a favorite pattern and custom shaping, she also embellished her custom shell with beads. After completing the shell, you will have the knowledge base to complete a custom sweater.

## New Arrivals, Farewells and Arriving Soon

New arrivals: A collection of Fair Trade West African baskets – close to Beth's heart since she lived in West Africa; Schulana Sojabama, a soy/bamboo blend from France; Ultra Pima from Cascade; and Fibra Natura Sea Song, a worsted pima cotton/seacell (kelp) blend.

Farewells: Noro Vintage and SWTC Yin. Be sure to stock up on discontinued yarns in the 35% off area before the quantities are depleted.

Arriving Soon: We are expecting more yummy Malabrigo sock; Schaefer yarns including Audrey in the new memorable writers colorways; Skacel In-Silk, a silk/wool blend with a slightly felted texture; Trekking Pro Natura, a sock yarn with real bamboo fibers; Nashua plant-dyed dk organic cotton yarn; and Ella Rae Lace Merino, squishy soft, tightly twisted with solids and multi-colors.

If you would like to be one of the first to know when new yarns, books and supplies arrive or when discontinued items are put in the 35% off area, follow GPY on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/GreenPlanetYarn> or view the Twitter feed on [www.greenplanetaryarn.com](http://www.greenplanetaryarn.com) news page.

Dry Cleaning & Your Handmade Items – Did you know that the traditional dry cleaning process often breaks the cuticle of animal hair which results in an itchy-scratchy garment and it can get worse with each visit to a traditional dry cleaner. We are fortunate to have a Green Dry Cleaning service right here in the west valley. French Cleaners located in Westgate West, next-door to PW Market is located at 5205 Prospect Road #150. Their phone number is 408-777-8400. Their process is non-petroleum based and much gentler on garments and friendly to the environment. We have a few coupons at the front counter so ask a staffer for a coupon to give them a try with your handmade items.

HOURS: Monday through Thursday – 11:00 AM to 7:00PM \* Friday – 11:00AM to 9:00 PM \* Saturday & Sunday 11:00AM to 5:00PM

Planned Store Closures: July 4th

Complimentary Walk-in Clinic Schedule: Tue 2:00 to 6:00PM; Fr 3:00 to 7:00PM; Sat & Sun Noon to 4:00PM (NOTE: Knit Only on Saturdays)

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**GPY CLUBS & MEET-UPS** (♠ = new; ♦ = schedule change) Note that there is not an instructor charge for knit-/crochet-alongs (i.e., Beth's Pick) however we do ask that you support the shop with your patronage so we may continue to pay for the knit-along leaders and our complimentary walk-in clinic service. Additional details about the below regular events may be found on the Green Planet Yarn web page calendar at [www.greenplanetaryarn.com](http://www.greenplanetaryarn.com). Please call 408-871-9196 or email [info@greenplanetaryarn.com](mailto:info@greenplanetaryarn.com) if you would like additional information or sign-up to participate. New participants are invited to join at any time.

**FRIDAY OPEN KNIT & CROCHET NIGHT** - Fridays 6:00 – 9:00 PM – While our center table is available anytime for customers to work on their projects and browse our books and patterns, Friday evenings are special in downtown Campbell whereby a visitor may enjoy live entertainment (sometimes right outside GPY), join the popular art walks and take advantage of other downtown Campbell promotions. Don't forget we have lots of great restaurants and boutiques as well.

**GPY EZ CLUB** - Friday evenings from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM in June and July, participants will make the "EZ Green Mystery Sweater". Our shop sample is made with our popular recycled cashmere. Be sure to check out the sample and try to find the multiple steeks when you are next in GPY. This knit-along is wait-listed. Participants are asked to sign-up in advance, purchase your pattern and select your yarn before the first meeting in June. You can learn more about this found treasure at: <http://twistcollective.com/collection/index.php/component/content/article/35-features/369-channeling-elizabeth-recreating-a-family-heirloom>

**SKILL BUILDING with Sandy** – Every Sunday 3:30 to 5:00 PM – Participants will make a sweater using a Knitting Pure & Simple pattern. Everyone will have their choice of a baby, child or women's size of the same sweater pattern with a couple of bulky choices as well. We have a shop sample of the child size using worsted weight yarn so take a look at it the next time you are in GPY. Participants may join at any time. Sandy will assist you with selecting a pattern and yarn during your first session. This skill building series will follow the patterns as written. If you want to make the sweater with adjustments to the pattern, we recommend that you meet with our Knit Doctor for assistance.

♠ **CRITTERS, MONSTERS, VEGETABLES & MORE** – Next gathering will be with Debbie on two Sundays, June 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM to make the Eggplant from the Amigurumi Knits book. The Ysolda Teague Elephant gathering will be Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 8:00 PM on July 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up for either critter knit-along at the front counter. Next time you're in take a look at the knitted and crocheted menagerie at the front counter. Rumor has it that an Octopus is in the queue.



♠ **GPY SHOW & TELL** – Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM – Call or email us to let us know you're coming and what light finger-food snack you will bring and GPY will provide beverages, napkins, plates, etc. You are invited to share any items recently knitted or crocheted by you with the group, and you will receive one raffle ticket for each garment made with GPY yarn, and of course not previously shared. There is no charge to participate, however we encourage you to sign-up since space is limited by our classroom size. If you are interested in participating, email [info@greenplanetaryarn.com](mailto:info@greenplanetaryarn.com) or call 871-9196.

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**\* CLASSES \***

Knitter's pre-requisites for Knit-Alongs (above) and Classes (other than Knit 101 and Crochet 101) require that you are able to cast-on, cast-off/bind-off, knit and purl. Class descriptions, skill levels, homework and supplies are posted on the GPY web site - Calendar and Classes tabs – [www.greenplanetaryarn.com](http://www.greenplanetaryarn.com). New classes are added between monthly newsletters so be sure to visit <http://greenplanetaryarn.com/classes.html> regularly. Private lessons are also available. Class refund policy is posted on our web site. Green Planet Yarn strives to ensure the comfort and safety of everyone and by encouraging a fragrance free environment which is especially important in classes and workshops.

- 🍷 Crochet 101 with Melissa – Two Saturdays, June 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> – 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM – \$50
- 🍷 Crochet 101 with Melissa – Two Saturdays, July 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> – 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM – \$50
- 🍷 Crochet 101 with Melissa – Two Saturdays, August 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> – 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM – \$50
- 🍷 Crochet Hat with Melissa – Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> – 1:30 – 3:00 PM – \$30
- 🍷 Crochet Hat with Melissa – Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup> – 1:30 – 3:00 PM – \$30
- 🍷 Crochet Hat with Melissa – Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> – 1:30 – 3:00 PM – \$30
- 🍷 Beginning Amigurumi with Melissa – Two Saturdays, June 26<sup>th</sup> & July 10<sup>th</sup> – 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM - \$40
- 🍷 Knit 101 with Cris – Two Sundays, June 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> – 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM – \$50
- 🍷 Knit 101 with Cris – Two Wednesdays, July 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 – 8:00 PM – \$50
- 🍷 Knit 101 with Julie – Two Sundays, August 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> – 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM – \$50
- 🍷 Knit 101 with Julie – Two Thursdays, August 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 – 8:00 PM – \$50
- 🍷 Knit 102 with Julie - Three Thursdays, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 – 8:00 PM - \$75
- 🍷 Knit 102 with Julie - Three Sundays, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> - 1:30 – 3:00 PM - \$75
- 🍷 Knit 102 with Cris - Three Tuesdays, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 – 8:00 PM - \$75
- 🍷 Knit 102 with Julie - Three Mondays, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> - 6:30 – 8:00 PM - \$75
- 🍷 Knit 102 with Cris – Three Sundays, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & September 5<sup>th</sup> – 1:30 – 3:00 PM - \$75
- 🍷 Socks 101 - Child Size with Chris J. - Two Thursdays, July 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> - 6:00 – 7:30 PM - \$50
- 🍷 Socks 101 - Child Size with Chris J. - Two Sundays – August 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> - 1300 – 3:00 PM - \$50
- 🍷 Socks 101 - Adult Size with Chris J. - Four Mondays, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 14, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> - 6:00-7:30 PM - \$100
- 🍷 Socks 101 - Adult Size with Chris J. - Four Saturdays, July 31<sup>st</sup>, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> – 1:30pm – 3:00 PM - \$100
- 🍷 Design Your Own Sweater with Cris R. - Five Sundays, July 11<sup>th</sup> through August 8<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM - \$120
- 🍷 Seaming & Weaving in Ends with Cris – Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> – 1:30 to 3:30 PM - \$30
- 🍷 Seaming & Weaving in Ends with Cris – Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> – 11:30 am to 1:30 PM - \$30

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