



*The children were nestled all snug in their beds  
while visions of sugarplums danced in their heads.*

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS  
2019

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# A Quick Note

One of my favorite pictures in our very old, very fragile *Night Before Christmas* book is the one that illuminates “visions of sugarplums.” The children’s heads nestle atop the marshmallow fluffiness of feather pillows while all sorts of sweets swirl overhead. I still don’t know what an actual sugarplum is, but I know the dance of those little pleasures that make life sweeter.

If I had a dollar (or let’s say, a skein of yarn) for every time I’ve heard a guest in our shop say “I feel like a kid in a candy store,” I’d be a wealthy woman. Which, in fact, I suppose I am—rich in inspiration, rich in satisfaction, and especially rich in good company every day.

I must confess, I too have that “candy store” feeling when I walk into the shop—or any yarn shop, for that matter. So many colors, so many flavors, so many possibilities. I love those loooong, slow, satisfying projects that are like hours of working on a jawbreaker to get to the tiny kernel of sweetness inside. And I love those quick, pop-it-in-your-mouth projects that offer immediate satisfaction, like the sprinkles on the frosting. And I love those challenging projects that have a little sour zing.

As little girls in Quebec, my big sister Deb and I enjoyed few things more than making candy in the kitchen with our mum. Stirring the gleefully bubbling

butter and brown sugar. Dropping boiled syrup into cold water ‘til it was just the right stage. Buttering our hands to pull taffy. Smooshing marshmallows into gooey fudge. Somehow the eating was never quite as satisfying as the making. The sweetness was in the time we spent together.



These days, my sweet and clever doctor has me watching my sugar so I’m treating myself with yarn: the long, slow ‘chew’ of a big wrap in licorice-black bouclé, the fling of a loopy wreath in cheery cherry red, the instant gratification of ultra-chunky scarves on jumbo needles... All in all, my yarn tooth is well satisfied!

We’ve gone a little crazy with pompoms—again!—this year. They’re the marshmallow in the cocoa of craft! I hope you’ll join me and Pam for quick demos of tips and tricks on Saturday, December 7th and 14th, 10am to 12pm—practice ingredients provided.

This holiday season, I wish you sweetness of every kind.

*Kit*

Kit Hutchin

P.S. We offer special thanks to our neighbors around the corner at Bon Bon (the best little candy shop I know) for their inspiration and kindness. Especially on those days when yarn is just not enough!

# Sweet Dreams



As knitters, we enter yarn shops with all the awe and anticipation of a kid in a candy store. Our making mojo kicks in. Our gifting instincts start to simmer. Wool, cashmere, alpaca, in all

kinds of colors and cozy combinations, call our names. We'll take some of everything, *tout de suite!* And when it's really, really, really the last minute, we'll find thoughtful little



treats that hit the sweet spot of fun,

fast, and ready to give. Playful and practical,

tiny pincushions and be-tasseled mini-scissors are meticulously made by the Japanese artisans of *Cohana*.

Sweetly old-fashioned, tangy shells of *Sour Fruit Hard Candies* hide mouth-puckering centers! Quick-to-make

pompom garlands will tinsel up a tree, mantel, or gifts—cute clipped puffs of *Rowan Big Wool* join

juicy, bright *Felt Balls* on twinkling braided ribbon from *Studio Carta*. How sweet it is!





# Marshmallow Magic

The plip of a marshmallow into a mug of cocoa (or perhaps the flump of several) sends us floating through a pink wonderland of all things sweet and fluffy. Our daydreams are brought to life with yarns that are as airy as whipped cream, as pillowy as a sugar puff, as warm as a toasted marshmallow—and thankfully do not result in sticky fingers.

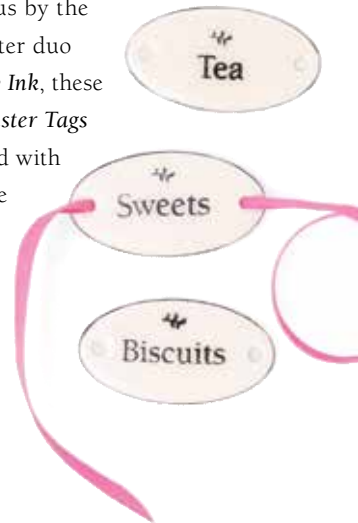
**TOASTY:** The ribbing and stockinette of the ‘*Super Quick Hat*’ (page 4, top left) plump right up with *Wool and the Gang Crazy Sexy Wool*. It’s warm, quick, and utterly charming—especially topped with a poofy *Rowan Faux Fur Pompom!* Tucking a hot water bottle at the foot of the bed all but promises pleasant dreams. Adorned with duplicate stitch (a new free chart), the ‘*Hot Water Bottle Cozy*’ (page 4, right) in *Rowan Kid Classic* is a heartfelt hug and a thoughtful gift. The ‘*Easy Three-Yarn Striped Triangle Scarf*’, (page 4, bottom) a new free pattern, is made magical in three magnificent yarns—one sparkly (*Sesia Lola*), one fuzzy (*Blue Sky Fibers Brushed Suri*), one fluffy (*Rowan Brushed Fleece*).

**MORE-ISH:** The airy *Handmade Flavored Marshmallows* from *Butter Baked Goods* of Vancouver, BC, are so delicious, you might pluck them from your cocoa before they’re fully melted—well worth the sticky fingers. And the cubes provide more surface area for toasting (mathematically proven)! *Cloud Cookies* from *Bunches & Bunches, Ltd.* are a beautiful blend of

sweet meringue and coconut macaroon. Light as air, they perfectly balance crisp and chewy.

**FRIENDLY FACES:** This year’s *Felted Mice Ornaments* stole our hearts—we have such a soft spot for mice! These wee felted fellows will frolick through your home, scurry up your Christmas tree, and play peek-a-boo on packages. Each hand-crafted, wool felt mouse is an adorably unique individual. How many new friends can you spot scampering through these pages?

**EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE:** Made by hand just for us by the mother/daughter duo that is *Brass & Ink*, these enameled *Canister Tags* are embellished with our tea leaf. Tie them around the candy jar, biscuit tin, and tea caddy so you can find your treats in an instant!





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# Peppermint Twist

It's said that the scent of mint keeps mice away. It has quite the opposite effect on us Churchmice, though! Nothing refreshes us quite like peppery peppermint—we perk up as soon as the candy wrapper crinkles. The cool, sharp, sweetness sparks us to new heights of merry making. We even find ourselves reaching for yarn in peppermint-y colors!

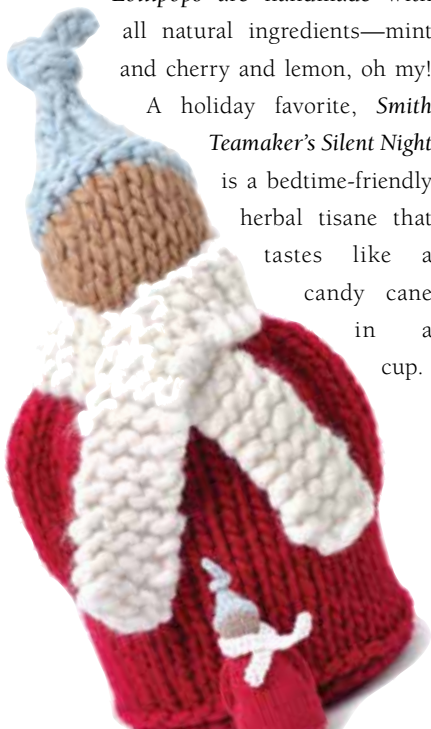
**MINT TO BE:** Mint and chocolate form a practically perfect partnership—never more delicious than in the *Marianne Chocolate-Filled Mint Candies*. A delectable dark chocolate filling is encased in a peppermint shell. The *Chocolate Rings with Sprinkles* from *Hermann the German* blend smooth, dark chocolate with the sweet crunch of sprinkles—easy to munch through an entire packet! And of course, the *'Twas the Night Chocolate Mouse* (tucked in its peaked red box) is nearly too cute to eat.

**C'MON, GET JOLLY:** Back in their festive apparel and packaged in a new gift tin, our *Jolly Wee Elf Kits* have gained a 'Jolly Great' friend with a free pattern adaptation! Just the right size for a hug, this big buddy, knit in *Crazy Sexy Wool*, is so fun to make—and easily scaled up with big yarns and big needles.

**BEDECKED:** The easy, cleverly textured 'Quick Mistake Rib Beanie' (page 6, center) is a new free pattern and a pleasure to knit in *Rowan Big Wool*. For fun, we've added not one, not two, but three pompoms to the top. Three times the merri-mint!

**PEP IT UP:** This season, stuff stockings with good old-fashioned minty treats. The swirling red-and-white stripes of *Swedish Peppermints* are classically delightful. Stir in a cup of cocoa (may we suggest *Chocolat Vitale*?) for a mint-chocolate treat—or enjoy on its own for pure peppermint pleasure. The *Wilhelmina Mints* white tablets offer a classic, biting taste that has remained unchanged for over 120 years! *Hammond's Organic Lollipops* are handmade with all natural ingredients—mint and cherry and lemon, oh my!

A holiday favorite, *Smith Teamaker's Silent Night* is a bedtime-friendly herbal tisane that tastes like a candy cane in a cup.



# All Sorts

Did you know? Licorice allsorts were invented when a hapless salesman dropped a tray of licorice samples, scrambling them all together. Seeing the colorful assortment of candies, the client promptly ordered a batch. We're inspired to let a similar serendipity pick the colors for our next project!



We've gathered a batch of chunky-weight yarns for the 'Reversible Knitting Mitts' on page 9. Left to right: *Blue Sky Fibers Techno* (mitts shown in cream), *Brooklyn Tweed Quarry*, *Berroco Ultra Alpaca Chunky*, *Rowan Brushed Fleece*, and *Rowan Cocoon*. We're thinking a pair in each!



## REVERSIBLE KNITTING MITTS

*These cozy, chunky mitts (shown in Blue Sky Techno) knit up in a jiffy—perfect for last-minute giving! A reversible rib pattern gives two different looks. Knit to any length you like.*

**Finished Sizes:** Child (Adult S/M, Adult M/L): Fits up to 7 (8, 9)"/18 (20, 23)cm palm; 9 (10½, 10½)"/23 (26.5, 26.5)cm long.

*Details given for child size; larger sizes in parentheses ( ). When only one set of details given, it applies to all sizes.*

**Yarn:** Approx. 75 (120, 140) yds/69 (110, 128)m of soft, chunky-weight yarn. Add or subtract approx. 5–6 yds/m yarn per knitted 1½/2.5cm per pair.

**Needles & Notions:** US 8 (5mm) set of 4 double-point needles, or size to obtain gauge. 1 locking marker. Darning needle to finish.

**Gauge:** Approx. 20 sts = 4" in K2/P1 ribbing, not stretched.

**Glossary:** **K** = knit; **P** = purl; **St(s)** = stitch(es).

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**Cast on:** Using cable cast-on method and working quite loosely, cast on 24 (30, 36) sts onto one needle. **Set-up row:** \*K2, P1\*; repeat between \* \* around, dividing sts onto two more needles. [12/6/6 (12/9/9, 12/12/12)].

**Ribbing:** Join in round, being careful not to twist. Clip locking marker into first st to designate beginning of round; move up as necessary. **Round 1:** \*K2, P1\*; repeat between \* \* around. Repeat Round 1 until work measures 7 (8, 8)"/18 (20, 20)cm, or desired length to thumb hole.

**Thumb hole:** **Round 1:** K2, P1; keeping yarn in front, slip next st purlwise, bring yarn to back; \*slip 1 st purlwise, pass second st on right needle over first to bind off\*; repeat between \* \* until 5 (5, 8) sts are bound off. Slip last st remaining from bind-off back to left needle. Turn. Using cable cast-on method and working quite loosely, cast on 6 (6, 9) sts. Turn. With yarn in back, slip first st on left needle to right needle purlwise and pass last cast-on st on right needle over. Complete round in pattern as established. [24 (30, 36) sts]

Continue in K2/P1 ribbing for 1¾ (2¼, 2¼)"/4.5 (6, 6)cm, or desired length.

**Bind off:** Working a little loosely (a little tighter if your hands are very small), bind off in pattern. Cut yarn; fasten off. Weave in ends as invisibly as possible.

Repeat for second glove.

**Finishing:** Soak for 20 min. in tepid water with a little no-rinse wool soap. Gently squeeze out as much water as possible. Roll in towel; gently squeeze out more moisture. Lay flat on blocking board (don't stretch out ribbing). Let dry thoroughly.



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# Sugar & Spice

Caramel, toffee, and butterscotch are the golden, gooey, velvety neutrals of the candy world—they can go with anything! Encased in chocolate, twirled through cookie dough, drizzled over ice cream, sprinkled with salt and nuts—we’ve even heard tell of caramel candies melted in a cup of black tea. Egads, you can do almost as much with caramelized sugar as you can with wool!

**SNUG DOWN:** Stay toasty in the ‘*Super Quick Hat*’, a new free pattern (page 10, top). Super-chunky-weight *Crazy Sexy Wool* promises to keep out any chill! ‘*Woolly Loop Mittens*’ (page 10, bottom) beg to be taken outside to play. Knit in *Berroco Ultra Alpaca Chunky*, these mittens have frothy, spun-sugar cuffs in *Loopy Mango Mohair So Soft*.

**AGLOW:** The *Hornvarefabrikken Ornaments* are handmade in Bølingbjerg, Denmark. Each piece is one-of-a-kind because of natural variations in horn—its color can change in different lights, from creamy ivory to amber! You’ll want to keep the *Pomander Candle* (custom blended just for us by *Wax & Wool, Etc.*) alight all season long. The warm, sweet scents of bergamot and orange zest, clove and cedar, fill the air as soon as you strike a match.

**SWEET & SALTY:** The indulgent, creamy *Butter Toffee Caramels*

from *Everton Toffee* hail from a centuries-long tradition—tasted and trusted by the likes of Charles Dickens and Queen Victoria! The mellow sweetness of *Honey Hard Candies* is a treat whether you drop them in tea or let them melt on your tongue. Salted caramel and milk chocolate are a delectable duo—blended in *Chocolat Chaud’s Salted Caramel* cocoa, they’re heavenly! (And the pretty, reusable tin makes a great gift.)

**FRESH BAKED:** *Lars Swedish Ginger Snaps* are baked to thin, crispy, melt-in-the-mouth perfection. The *Van Den Berg Dutch Cookies* are sugar-encrusted celebrations in cinnamon and caramel. *Helen Beard’s* illustrations of everyday life (encircling mugs and vases) charmed us at first sight. Delightful ice skaters (bundled in hand-knit hats and scarves), market goers, and cake makers are whimsically familiar. We can almost smell the bakery!



# Sweet Shimmer

In baking or knitting, the fun is in the frosting! Twinkling sugar crystals, pearly dragées, oodles of sprinkles—an iced cookie can look too good to eat, but tastes so delicious when you do. Bring sparkle to your needles with glittering yarns, beads, buttons, ribbons. . . the sweet possibilities are endless!

**FROSTY FLURRIES:** A decorative treat, lustrous *Chocolate Peppermint Snowflakes* from *Dolcetta Artisan Sweets* melt in your mouth like only snowflakes can.

**A COOKIE & A CUPPA:** To complement the sweetness of a sugar cookie (or the crumbly toothsome-ness of *Heritage Shortbread*), we recommend a bright, refreshing tea like *Harney & Sons Winter White Earl Grey*—a white tea twist on the citrusy classic. Keep the pot warm with a ‘*Seed-Stitch Tea Cozy*’ (page 13, top right). A new free pattern knit in *Rowan*

*Kid Classic*, we’ve frosted this cozy with a snowy pompom.

**ALL THE TRIMMINGS:** The *Silver Crocheted Necklace Kit* (page 13, lower right) is a great way to add sterling shine to your finery—and an easy, thoughtful gift! For your ribbon trimming needs, *Studio Carta’s Ribbon Scissors* are up to the task.

**GLISTEN:** The crystalline *Rose Geo Ornaments* are frosty, pink, and glitter-dusted. The *Glass Sheep Ornament* is crafted with coated glass for a crackled, antiqued appearance. *Baaah-ril-liant!*

## ROYAL ICING

Use this go-to recipe for piping, dipping, or spreading—adjust the thickness at your whim!

2 egg whites

2 cups powdered sugar

¼ tsp lemon juice

Combine ingredients in stand mixer; beat on low speed ‘til combined. Beat 4–5 minutes on medium-high. When decorating, check consistency: if it’s too thin for piping, stir in a little more powdered sugar; if it’s too thick for dipping or spreading, stir in a few drops

of water (a little goes a long way). If adding sparkle sugar to cookies, sprinkle onto icing immediately. Allow to dry overnight. Refrigerate excess icing up to two days in airtight container with cling wrap directly on surface of icing; stir again before using. *P.S. Store-bought sugar cookies or ginger snaps are fair game!*





PREPARED SUGAR

FRESH FRUIT

WINTER WOODS BAY CROWN

HERITAGE SHOTBREAD



# Events

## THANKSGIVING WEEKEND SPECIALS

**11/28 Thanksgiving Day:** Island store CLOSED—elves at work! Online open.

**11/29 Holiday Kickoff:** 10% OFF Rowan Big Wool. One day only.

**11/30 Small Business Saturday:** FREE Churchmouse pattern with purchase (choose from our 'Holiday Happiness' collection), online and in shop (one per customer please).

**12/1 Double Points Sunday:** Earn twice the Mouse Points all day long!

**12/2 Cyber Monday:** FREE U.S. shipping on any order. Free international shipping on orders over \$120.

## HOLIDAY TIPS & TECHNIQUES

**Saturdays, 12/7 & 12/14, 10am–12pm**  
Free mini lessons! Kit Hutchin and Pam White share tips for making pompoms, loopy decorations, and more. Drop in!

**OPEN TABLE (FREE!)** A secret place to finish holiday projects, gifts, or just unwind. All welcome!

**TUESDAY MORNINGS 10am–12pm**

**THURSDAY AFTERNOONS 4–6pm**  
except Thanksgiving Day.

**SUNDAY MORNINGS 10am–12pm**

**'DROP-IN' CIRCLES** Finish up gift projects, get unstuck, or catch your breath with a staff teacher at your side.

Maximum 6 students. \$16 for two hours, \$8 for one hour (second hour only, space permitting). \$64 for a 10-hour pre-paid Circle Card (2 hours free!).

**MONDAY MORNINGS 10am–12pm**

**TUESDAY AFTERNOONS 2–4pm**

**THURSDAY MORNINGS 10am–12pm**  
except Thanksgiving Day.

**FRIDAY MORNINGS 10am–12pm**

**SUNDAY AFTERNOONS 2–4pm**

## CELEBRATIONS

**November 30, Saturday—Downtown Bainbridge Holiday Open House**

1pm–3pm Cook Family Cider Booth: Madrone Lane. (That's our lane!)

6pm–7pm Tree Lighting, Santa & the Elves: Winslow Green.

7pm–8pm Argosy Christmas Ships, S'Mores & Carolers: Waterfront Park.

**December 26, Thursday—BOXING DAY SALE:** In store and online. **Save up to 75%.**

## SPRING RETREAT

Save the date! *Knitting With Company* returns to Bainbridge Island for another retreat with Churchmouse at IslandWood, April 2–5. Catherine Lowe and Julie Hoover will be joined by Andrea Rangel and Kate Atherley. Sign up on our website beginning Saturday, January 25 at 10am PST. Look for details early in the new year.



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FRIDAY, 11/29