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Happy New Year from Fleeces To Pieces! I hope that the holidays went well for all of you and that 2018 ushers in health, prosperity, and happiness to all of you! I want to thank all of you for helping me make Fleeces To Pieces YOUR Local Yarn Shop. For 2018, I hope to continue to create a LYS that meets your creative desires and keeps you coming back!

The fall season for the shop was full of fun and excitement. The Naughty or Nice Challenge ended in December. There were 34 participants with 23 earning gift certificates. A few have already been distributed to friends in need, but I have a stack of 21 chemo caps to take over to the Cancer Center at Lake Regional Hospital this weekend that were made by some VERY NICE elves!

Fleeces To Pieces also participated in the Camdenton Chamber of Commerce Shop Hop and I am

happy that some of the gift certificates earned through that event were also redeemed here.

The 2017 Mystery Knit Along completed in November. I really hope all of you who participated enjoyed the "Mystery" and are happy with your completed wraps. Can you believe we had 64 participants? I absolutely loved the variety of beautiful results.



If you haven't been to the shop lately, there has been quite a transformation. I did a little

restructuring of the shelving in the yarn room to accommodate a little more inventory, but the biggest transformation was in the Loom Room. I still have a little bit of work to do, but the "farm" has added a fun cozy atmosphere.



Make & Take parties and classes will start picking up in the next few months. Also, we will be starting a new Knit Along on January 18th. This one is not a "Mystery", but offers a lot of options to suite your preferences, price range and skill level. Read more below....

Space is Available!

There are still spaces available with side entrance access. Please let me know if you know of anyone who might be interested in studio space (without storefront).

2018 WINTER KNIT ALONG PONCHO

Activity is gearing up for the 2018 Winter Knit Along. This will not be a mystery because I wanted you to look at some of the options and choose a pattern that suits your design preferences, skill level & budget. [Details about the Knit Along are contained at this link.](#)

The entire pattern will be sent to you when you sign up. Assuming I can get this technology to work, I am going to try using Facebook Live on Thursdays at 5:00 pm to help with some of the new techniques that you might be using.

1/18: Intro, fringe options, & Painted Desert strand knitting

1/25: The Potawatomi cables & cable needle options

2/1: Painted Desert Fair Isle

2/22: Button Holes

3/1: Hem Stitch

3/15: Fringe Finishing Options

MAKE & TAKE PARTIES

We will be offering some repeat Make & Take parties and gearing up for a couple of new ones that will be introduced in the spring. So, if there is something on the docket that you missed last time around, here is your opportunity.

I am open to your ideas and would like to get several fun activities that we can repeat once or twice through the year. Check out the [Make & Take page on my website](#) for the current line-up of parties this winter.

WINTER CLASSES

Some of the classes this winter will be offered through Lake Career & Technical Center (LCTC), but will be occurring at the Fleeces To Pieces Shop. You can go to [my website](#) for a full line up of the classes being offered by Fleeces To Pieces and if the class you want is being offered through LCTC you will be redirected to their enrollment site.

Also this winter, if you are a member of the Newcomers and Longtimers organization here at the lake, special offerings of the Beginning Crochet, Beginning Rigid Heddle, and Knitting Basics classes are being arranged. Please watch for communications from that organization for more details.

COMING UP

Registration for Fiber-U will open again in March for the event which will be July 21 – 22 this year. I work with Liz Mitchko on the organization of this event. Keep an eye out for more details coming from us. You can also request to join the Fiber-U group on Facebook.

Shearing day has not yet been scheduled, but will be in late April or early May. I will be looking for volunteer crew members again this year. It is a dirty job, but somebody's got to do it! Drop me an email at: FleecesToPieces@gmail.com if you are interested.

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