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## Third Coast Hat

Swirling, whirling snowflakes, the crunch of cold snow underfoot, cheeks that are icy to the touch...while no one's ready for that white stuff yet, we soon will be. And rather than fight the inevitable, let's do our best this year to be *prepared*. And actually *enjoy* the season of preparation by trying out a new technique--this week, it's in the form of colorwork. By carrying one color in each hand (yes, you probably will want to knit with *both*), you'll easily zip through this colorwork chart; it's hard to just stop after one round. (Because it's so darn *exciting* to see the pattern take shape!) The pièce de résistance is the rabbit fur pom pom on top.

We've included a link to our popular Michigan-made letterpress cards made by Grand Rapids artist, Emilie Ecklund; after a gorgeous summer in the sun, a handwritten note is a sweet little reminder for someone who's already feeling homesick.

*The Third Coast, of course, is the shoreline along all of our beloved Great Lakes...not the West Coast, not the East Coast, but the Third Coast. ("The Third Coast is the best coast," as they say.)*

**Each kit will make one hat (to fit an average adult head) and includes an easy-to-read pattern, two skeins of Malabrigo Worsted--one each in Natural and Bobby Blue--and one rabbit fur pom-pom.**

Order the Third Coast Hat Kit [HERE](#).

Interested in just the PDF pattern? Find it [HERE](#).

Find Lief Designs Michigan letterpress cards [HERE](#).

Click [here](#) for a helpful video tutorial from Knitting Daily on how to knit colorwork in several different styles.

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We know that Life--is about taking time to enjoy the everyday, as well as all the other obligations we have, day in, day out. It's not hard at *all* to get caught up in the shuffling and the planning and the just plain *busyness* of it all... and to gloss over the daily joys, forgetting about why it is that we do what we do and just like that, the moment is gone. While we were planning for the next season.

One of the greatest gifts we have as knitters is to spend a little time every day with our tools, our minds, our hands, some quiet and *make*. Making a tiny sweater for the first grandchild that's growing inside your daughter's belly. Making a pair of mittens to keep your best friend's hands warm out on the cross-country ski trail. Making a sweater for the guy who finally gave you that ring.

It doesn't have to be big. Or complicated. Or expensive. (We've found that a simple garter stitch dish cloth and a handmade soap tied with a ribbon makes a wonderful wedding/housewarming/thank-you-for-being-my-postmaster gift, time after time after *time*.)

What a gift should be, however, is heart felt. Which is why we're starting now with our celebrated **12 Knits of Christmas** (in its eighth year, if you can believe it!) We've written 12 patterns for the hands, home and heart that, if you start now, will give you plenty of time to create meaningful gifts while rejoicing in the everyday.

**Without question, our 12 Knits of Christmas is the best it's ever been.**

The focus is on gifts that you'll be ecstatic to give, whether it's because they're knit with

yarn you've never seen before (they are), they all require less than two weeks to complete (they do) or because they're fresh takes on classic knitted gifts (they will be).

**There's more.** (Of course.) We'll be giving away *six outrageous* prizes to six very lucky knitters.

**1.)** For each ambitious customer who purchases ALL 12 kits, you'll be entered into a drawing to win a **\$250 gift certificate to Wool & Honey**, either in-house or online.

**2.)** For each kit ordered, you'll be entered into a separate drawing for **three (3) \$25 gift certificates, two (2) \$50 gift certificates and one (1) \$100 gift certificate to Wool & Honey**, either in-house or online. (Ordering 3 of the same kit? That counts as 3 entries!)

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### **Knit One: Bee Cozy**



### **Knit Two: Breton Bebe**



Breton Bebe

**Knit Three: Third Coast Hat**



Third Coast Hat

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