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■ STEPHEN WEST VISITS: SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2016

Speckles, bold color, lines, stripes and zig-zags....we are thrilled to announce that we are welcoming designer Stephen West to Northern Michigan **on Tuesday, September 27th**. We're one of a select few stops on his brief upcoming U.S. tour for his brand new book, **Westknits Bestknits**, and we have an amazing day planned for our hive.



On **Tuesday, September 27th**
from 7 to 9 pm,

we're having a cocktail reception for Mr. West--and *everyone* is invited to join us. You'll have the chance to meet Stephen, try on his huge collection of knitted samples and perhaps listen to a short presentation about the Westknits story and Stephen's process as a knitter and designer. We'll be celebrating with both sparkling wine (L. Mawby, of course!) and a special cocktail, as well as some of our favorite local cheeses, fruits and treats. The evening is free...and even better?

We're giving away a HUGE gift basket filled with Stephen's (and our!) favorite yarns (Madelinetosh, HedgehogFibres and the Plucky Knitter) to one extremely lucky partygoer, worth over \$250.

Join us at the party and you'll be entered to win.

In the afternoon on September 27th, Stephen will also be teaching a 3-hour workshop called **Two-Color Brioche for Beginners**. Learn the intriguing brioche technique in this colorful workshop taught by the King of Brioche himself, Stephen



West! After declaring brioche the stitch of the year for 2015, the technique has gained massive popularity and a cult following. This class will guide you through the two-color cast on and I-cord cast on, brioche knit/purl stitches,

and directional increases and decreases. If you have some experience with brioche already, you will be provided with some intermediate stitch patterns and colorwork techniques to explore.

Lottery signups for the class will open on Friday, September 9th, from 10 am to 2 pm EST. To enter the lottery drawing, you must "purchase" a spot by adding this item to your cart. We will use a random number generator to assign each customer a number and chose our winners. **There are 14 available tickets and ONE lucky customer will win a spot in the class--FREE.**

Read more about Stephen's Two-Color Brioche Class for Beginners **HERE.** (**Bookmark this page** so that you won't miss your chance to be entered into the lottery!)



Pre-order your copy of **Westknits Bestknits** **HERE.**

We will have many more details to come over the next month (and maybe even a teaser picture or two); we guarantee you won't want to miss this day with the King of Brioche!

photos courtesy of Stephen West

THE 12 KNITS OF CHRISTMAS: **SINTERKLAAS STOCKING**



It wouldn't quite be Christmas without a proper stocking, would it? Ample in size (especially in the heel and toe!), this worsted-weight version would be a wonderful way to attempt colorwork for the first time. Using just two colors per row and fairly simple 6-row chart, we designed this stocking using a few traditional, ethnic motifs. The colors-your choice of either a handsome forest green or a cranberry red- give it a woodsy, Northern Michigan twist. Get the most mileage out of this Christmas sock by finishing it in time for St. Nicholas Day on December 6, a holiday tradition for many European families in which shoes (or stockings) are set by the front door to be filled with special treats. Even as an adult woman, I set my slippers out every year-and hope for a bit of chocolate-covered marzipan!

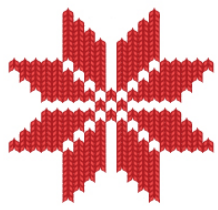
Sinterklaas is Dutch for Saint Nicholas, where he is celebrated throughout the cultural and folkloric traditions across western and eastern Europe.



Each kit will make one 17" long stocking and includes an easy-to-read pattern and two full skeins of the Fibre Co. Cumbria, a worsted weight blend of Merino wool, Masham wool and mohair. Choose your color--red or green--from the menu at checkout.

Order the Sinterklaas Stocking Kit [**HERE.**](#)

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



12 KNITS OF *Christmas*

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-dogsitter 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 ninth 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.

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 three outrageous prizes to three *very* lucky knitters.



1.) For each ambitious knitter who purchases ALL 12 kits, you'll be entered into a drawing to win a Brooklyn Tweed Oshima Sweater kit, in the color of your choice. (A \$200 value!)

The sweater was designed by Jared Flood, who we'll be welcoming into the shop in late October, as well as introducing the Brooklyn Tweed collection to the shop!

2.) For each kit ordered, you'll be entered into a separate drawing for two (2) \$50 gift certificates 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: French Vanilla Shawl



Knit Two: Sinterklaas Stocking



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