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INBOX ALERT:
8 AM FRIDAY MORNING

Watch your inbox tomorrow morning,
Friday, August 10th at 8 am
for TWO over-the-top surprises.

THE 12 KNITS OF CHRISTMAS 2018



One of the greatest gifts we have as knitters is to spend a bit of every day (or week) with our tools, our minds, our hands, some quiet and *create*. Passing this on to those we love, spending our valuable time, our hard-earned money, diving into our precious stashes--in essence, *ourselves*--is the very definition of gift-giving. Your handmade gift should be an extension of you.

However. That doesn't mean it has 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.) It just needs to come from a place of authenticity. Don't knit for someone because you think you should--do it because you *can't not*. We know that there are some gifts you buy out of obligation....and that's what Target is for. Save the gift knitting for those who will cherish it most.

Insert our celebrated **12 Knits of Christmas**. Just as we've done for the past 11 years, we've created 12 beautiful patterns for the hands, home and heart. This year, we've re-tooled some of our most popular patterns, giving them a fresh face with new colors, new yarns and new and improved details. The thought behind it is this: if you start now, you'll have plenty of time to create meaningful gifts--while rejoicing in the everyday. We're rolling out these patterns gradually, as we always do, in the weeks and months leading up to the holiday season--part of the excitement is in the anticipation of what's to come.

The focus is on gifts that you'll be ecstatic to give, whether it's because they're made 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 some of our favorite things to some of our favorite knitters. (Yes, you!)

1.) Each ambitious customer who purchases ALL 12 kits will be entered into a drawing to win a pampering gift basket (a \$300 value!):

- a **Lykke mini interchangeable needle set**
- a copy of **Knitting Comfortably**
- one **Cocoknits Maker's Keep**
- one **Cocoknits row counter**
- one tin of **Cocoknits precious metal stitch markers**
- 4 skeins of Quince & Co. Ibis and Jadis, a gorgeous lace shawl pattern
- one of our **signature bee tea mugs**
- one tin of **Bzzz caffeine-free tea**

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

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Knit One: Wintergreen Slipper Socks



What seems cozier than padding around the house together on Christmas morning than a hot cup of coffee (or tea!) in one hand, a croissant in another, a wool sweater slipped over your nightgown and a thick, cushy pair of handknit socks on your feet? This isn't the first time we've designed worsted weight socks, but rather an updated version of our Fireside Slipper Socks-although we think it's even better. We've taken suggestions under advisement and here's what we've come up with: a much longer cuff and a reverse-stockinette top-of-foot for both comfort and ease of execution.

These socks will fly off your needles, which means knitting a pair for everyone in your house-and starting a new family tradition-might not be a far-flung idea after all. The speckles make a fun addition to this version-sweet, bright and happy, like blinking Christmas lights or peppermint stick ice cream.



This kit includes one skein of **Nice & Knit Worsted**--a superwash Merino wool--and one easy-to-read pattern. (Liz knit our sample in 'Mint Chip'.)

Find the **Wintergreen Slipper Socks Kit** **HERE**.

Find the **Wintergreen Slipper Socks Pattern** **HERE**.

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Knit Two: Sugarplum Fairy Mitts



While we're nowhere near ready for cooler weather, there's just something about those delicate first flakes of the season, isn't there? Feathery and light, we have a special fondness for those picture-perfect crystalline shards that stick to your woolies for a nanosecond before melting into oblivion. These

fingerless mitts

mimic the lightness of those flakes, both in their silky, diminutive size and the simple embroidered snowflakes scattered across the top of the hand. **These mitts** are an ode to our Purple Mascari Mitts; the high twist of the **Little Fox Vixen** combined with the sheen of the yarn's silk content gives the pair an entirely different texture. Tiny stitches make for perfect take-along projects, and because there's enough yardage in each skein to make at least two sets of mitts, we think you'll have a hard time knitting just one pair.



This kit includes one skein of Little Fox Vixen, a skein of white embroidery floss and one easy-to-read pattern. Please choose your color from the drop-down menu. (Melissa knit our sample in 'Pixie Dust'.)

Find the **Sugarplum Fairy Mitts Kit** [HERE](#).

Find the **Sugarplum Fairy Mitts Pattern** [HERE](#).



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