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THE 12 KNITS OF CHRISTMAS 2016

Hello, friends!

I know, I know what you're thinking--we're in the height of summer,
so....*Christmas?*

Already?!?

You know how it is. The earlier you start, the easier it is during crunch time.

(Even *I'm* further behind than I meant to be by this point in the year.)

This is our ninth (!) year of bringing you the **12 Knits of Christmas**--it's one of our favorite things to do here at Wool & Honey. We'll be sending you emails every other Friday with a new pattern and you'll have the choice to purchase one kit, kits in every color, or just the PDF pattern.

***Read more about the 12 Knits of Christmas (and how to win FREE yarn!)
below....***

THE 12 KNITS OF CHRISTMAS: FRENCH VANILLA SHAWL



What is it about the French? So simple....and yet, très chic. French women have mastered the Art of the Shawl and no wonder-with so many ways to tie, pin and wrap, you can accessorize any outfit-from knock-around jeans to the ubiquitous little black dress-with a shawl. At Wool & Honey, it's one of our favorite accessories to make and wear, season after season, and just like in life, sometimes less is more. This version, simply put, is plain vanilla. It's a basic, top-down triangular shawl that's easy enough to modify in size, fiber content and color, no matter the weather. Love to spend your summer evenings on the front porch with your friends and a bottle of wine? All you need to remember is whether you're on the right or wrong side. Need something not-too-distracting to knit while poolside at your daughter's swimming lesson? You can glance up and down repeatedly without losing your place. We've knit our version in an ethereal mohair blend, which is pleasantly lightweight enough to carry throughout the humid summer months and once the weather turns cool, this knit fabric creates a floaty statement piece that would pass as authentic French any day.



Each kit will make one 60" x 25" shawl and includes an easy-to-read pattern and two skeins of Quince & Co. Piper, a fingering weight 50/50 blend of Merino and mohair, 100% grown in Texas. Choose your color (all named after Texas towns!) from one of the colors pictured above.

Order the French Vanilla Shawl Kit [**HERE.**](#)

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

A SUMMER KNIT-A-LONG:
THE LEIGH TEE



Introducing the 4th in our series we've knit from Carrie Bostick Hoge's gorgeous book, *Madder II--the Leigh Tee*. (Hint: this one is a quick little number!)

15% Discount: the book, the needles AND the yarn. We'll be knitting ours with Malabrigo Mecha, a bulky weight superwash Merino wool yarn available in beautiful, saturated colors. Enter coupon code **leighkal** at checkout.

Order the book **HERE**.

Order the yarn **HERE**.

July 16th through July 31st: Order the yarn, needles and a copy of the book now through July 30h. Everything will arrive in the store (or straight to your

doorstep!) with plenty of time for you to cast on by August 15th. When you're done, we'll expect to see finished shots of you and your sweater! Email us at thebuzz@woolandhoney.com or post on our [Facebook page](#).

Help every Thursday: We'll be devoting our Thursday evening Open Knitting to the Liv KAL throughout the second half of August-we'll be here to help you if you get in a rut or need help navigating the pattern, but primarily it'll be a chance for us to motivate each other.



Prizes: Every single participant who completes their sweater by 11:59 p.m. on September 5th will receive an Embossed Leaves Kit pictured above (the pattern and one skein of Malabrigo Sock) AND every single participant who completes their sweater will be entered in a drawing to win a \$25 gift certificate to Wool & Honey, to use in-house or online.

Read all about the Leigh KAL and sign up [HERE](#).



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



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