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In Issue 9 of [By Hand Serial](#), we travel the length and breadth of Nova Scotia, exploring the great variety that it offers. We begin our travels in the urban center of Halifax, then travel to the wineries and family farms of the Annapolis Valley, hike the wild trails of Cape Breton Island, and marvel at the stunningly beautiful seascapes and historic villages of the South Shore. Along the way, we explore Nova Scotia's history and tradition of rug hooking, meet quilters who blend traditional techniques with modern variations to create art and pictorial quilts, and talk with an artist who fashions delicate jewelry from sea glass found on Nova Scotia's many beaches, We wander through a maritime yarn store and a fabric store rich

with color and texture. We chat with yarn dyers who create unique, one-of-a-kind fibers and hues. One of our most fascinating days is spent with TapRoot Fibre, learning about how flax is grown, harvested, processed, spun, and woven to create linen fabric. We learn about the lost history of linen production in Nova Scotia, and how TapRoot Fibre is experimenting and innovating to bring the crop back in a modern, sustainable way. Nova Scotia is a province of great variety, overwhelming beauty, friendly locals, and monumental adventure. Join us in exploring its artisan roots, its fiber and fabric history, and its innovative shops and makers!



This is a pre-order and will ship the last week of May.

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The Zodiac Collection
from Ritual Dyes



From front to back: Aquarius, Pisces, Capricorn, Aries, Taurus + Gemini (coming soon!), shown here on Fae, a laceweight mohair/silk blend.

Are you a fiery Aries? A disciplined Capricorn? These two, along with Taurus, Aquarius, Pisces and Gemini (coming soon!), are part of the slow-release [Zodiac collection](#) from Ritual Dyes. As the only Ritual Dyes flagship store in the Midwest, we'll always have these colors as soon as they launch. They're pictured here Fae, a laceweight mohair/silk blend, and are also available on the Priestess, a DK-weight superwash Merino wool. Click [HERE](#) to see the full Zodiac collection so far—we can't wait to have them all.



...and also from Ritual Dyes, the newest in the [Knitter's Backpack collection](#), just in time for Spring: [Terracotta](#). Constructed from 18 oz. water-repellent canvas, thick cotton webbing straps and a leather hang loop. This innovative and versatile bag can be set on the ground and knit from like a yarn bowl, carried on your forearm, pull the straps through and wear it like a sling bag or split the straps and carry it like a true backpack, knitting all the while. It has a modern and sophisticated shape you won't tire of. Take this bag *anywhere*.

This is a pre-order. Bags are arriving in Michigan mid-June.

ORDER THE ZODIAC COLLECTION

PRE-ORDER THE TERRACOTTA
BACKPACK

**24 Hours Left to Order
Concert on the Dunes**



Dyed exclusively for the [Sleeping Bear Yarn Club](#) by Charlotte and Jerlyn of Roberta Rae Fibers in East Jordan, Michigan, [Concert on the Dunes](#) is named after one of our favorite summer events: the [Manitou Music Festival outdoor concert](#) on the Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes. The color is predominantly pinky-beige with splashes and speckles of blue, green and purple, and the skein itself is perhaps the most sumptuous we've ever offered--cashmere *and* silk, oh my!

[* * * order by May 19th * * *](#)



Owen, our newest nephew (our sister Becca's second son) was born on Monday. Naturally, he wore a handknit hat home from the hospital. Liz knit him 'Sparkle the Christmas Elf' in Concert on the Dunes.

June's delightful little package will include a skein of BFL Cashmere Silk fingering (70% Bluefaced Leicester wool, 20% cashmere, 10% silk--438 yds, 100 g), a Peacock Pearl stitch marker and your choice of Sparkle the Christmas Elf, Sweet Pie Socks or the Woodland Dreamer Mitts pattern, as well as the free gifts for NEW 12-month members, Thank You gifts for Year Two members and Leelanau Lifetime Members.*

**Read over our policies [HERE](#).*

Club members will notice we did not send out our monthly members-only newsletter (so very sorry, friends!), but extra skeins, patterns and stitch marker sets can be found [HERE](#).

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A reminder that next [Saturday, May 25th](#), we're hosting our [annual anniversary party](#). Our doors—and our arms!—will be open from 9 am to 4 pm, our coffee cups will be piping hot and our shelves will be full to bursting.

We've got a free gift for everyone (including those who place orders online) and we're giving away the biggest gift EVER—a year's subscription to the [Sleeping Bear Yarn Club](#), a value of \$525. *(And YES, all online orders throughout Memorial Day weekend will also be entered to win.)*

And just as we did on [LYS Day](#), we'll have ways for our far-flung customers to celebrate with us throughout the weekend. Stay tuned for more info next week and read all about it [HERE](#).

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