

# Inish Knits

## March 2009

Check out our blog to see what's happening throughout the week!

[The Land of Wool and Honey](#)

### March Madness 2009 Let The Games Begin!



For the month of March (and into April), we'll be hosting a Knit-A-Long very similar to our '12 Knits of Christmas'--**March Madness**.

Between restlessness, winter doldrums and overall cabin fever, things can get stale pretty quickly--why not spice up your knitting life?

Every Thursday afternoon, you'll receive an email newsletter that will include a link to a free pattern or one we've written expressly for this purpose. These projects are meant to be fairly straightforward; you need to be able to knit during those Cinderella moments! The yarns used to complete the project will be available to you at **20% off for the entire week.**

### Friends, Romans, knitters....

As the calendar pages come flying off the wall, I'm shocked to find the winter is almost over. It's March, which means that although we may still get another arctic blast (I hear there's one scheduled for next week!), we're practically in the clear. Warm breezes, peek-a-boo toenails and yes, summer knitting!

While most of us think about our gardens, a steady stream of summer company and overall beachy behavior, this is the season where the small project is King. Baby sweaters replace sweaters for ourselves, wedding shawls bump woolly vests to the bottom of the queue and really portable projects (mittens, hats and of course, socks!) take permanent residence in our tote bags. Simple, no-nonsense projects are those we reach for before heading out to an evening concert at the Dunes, a few drinks with friends at the Bird or while roasting Polish dogs around the campfire.

I've got so many summer plans for **Inish Knits**, I can hardly wait to share. Those of you early birds might want to think about starting your holiday gifts. To help, we have something special planned this summer; we'll have a "Christmas in July" section of the shop designed specifically for gifts that span the range from crazy affordable to fabulously luxurious. **(Don't forget--these "little knits" aren't just meant for the holidays. Small projects like spa cloths, lacy shawls and wine bottle cozies are perfect gifts for summer weddings, bridal showers and backyard barbecues, too!)**

Okay, okay. So maybe we're getting a little ahead of ourselves here. Before summer, there's spring. Which means there's still plenty of time for cool-weather knitting. Or, better yet, plenty of time to start a summer sweater for yourself. Think of a lightweight cardigan for the air-conditioned office, a simple knitted t-shirt to wear with a jeans skirt or even a cute tank top to wear on a special date. We've stocked our spring/summer lines *much* earlier this year than ever before so that you can get started on your summer knits right now. Stop by to peruse the ever-growing yarn and pattern selection--we know you'll find something special. Maybe by thinking about (and planning for and talking about) summer, it'll get here that much faster.

## New at Inish Knits

There's more! For those of you who've got a competitive streak and would like to knit along, bring in your finished project at some point throughout each week to get a stamp on your March Madness card. Fill up your entire card and we'll enter it into a drawing to win a **\$100.00 gift certificate** to Inish Knits. Can't get here? Send me a picture via email ([inishknits@charter.net](mailto:inishknits@charter.net)) and we'll set you up. Drawing will take place during the championship game.

This week's pattern is one I've knit several times this winter. I still can't get how handy fingerless mitts are. They also happen to be the perfect transitional accessory as we bridge the gap between winter and spring.

**Pattern: [Toast & Toasty](#)  
[Fingerless Mitts](#)**

*by a Friend to knit with*

**Yarn: Debbie Bliss Donegal  
Luxury Tweed**

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Debbie Bliss:

- Eco Fair Trade Cotton (dyed with low-impact dyes)
- Pure Cotton (tons of new colors!)
- Prima (restocking of new colors coming soon!)
- Rialto DK (super soft machine-washable merino)

Elsebeth Lavold:

- Hemptathy (new colors)
- Silky Wool (new colors--perfect for spring!)

Louisa Harding:

- Albero (cotton/viscose blend)
- Grace Hand-Dyed (luscious 50 wool/50 silk singles)
- Jasmine (my newest favorite--full of sparkles!)
- Merletto (linen/viscose/polyamide blend)
- Mulberry (100% Mulberry silk)

Online:

- Supersocke 6-ply (a new sport-weight sock yarn in fun, faux Fair Isle patterning)

....plus new patterns galore!



# Spring Yarn Tasting

Friday, May 8th 2009

7:00-9:00 p.m.

You ask and we deliver: get ready for another yarn tasting at Inish Knits! If you missed our first yarn tasting (which was a smashing success!), then you won't want to miss this one.

## The Event Will Feature:

- eight sample skeins of yarn to knit
- a travel-size portion of Soak
- local wine
- fresh samples knit with the newest spring yarns
- **and new this year:** enjoy nibbling local Grocer's Daughter decadent chocolates while you knit!  
(Check out Mimi's website at:  
<http://www.grocersdaughter.com/> )

**Meet more fiber enthusiasts (like you!),  
peruse new patterns for fresh ideas and experience what a  
true knitting community can be.**

**Tickets \$20.**

**Call (231) 228.2800  
to reserve your space.**

Hope you're enjoying this last little bit of cold weather. It does almost create a sense of urgency to finish up the last of those woolly-wool knits. But just between us, I'm quite ready for spring, finished projects or not.

**Best,**

# Melissa

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## Product of the Week: **Soak Wool Wash**

Soak™ the stuff you care about most. Keep the fibers you love looking great with Soak. This rinse-free formulation is perfect for washing your laciest lingerie, your softest sweaters, hand-made quilts and even baby clothes. Soak is gentle and deliciously scented with fabric-friendly ingredients that revitalize fibers so they look great and last longer.

**(I always set the twist of my handspun yarn in a Soak-filled bath!)**

Choose from the 14 oz. size of single scents (Flora, Aquae or Citrus), the 3-pk (includes one 4-oz. bottle

of all three) or the individual small packets in three original scents, plus Scentless and A Scent for Celebration, a limited edition fragrance.

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