

A Twisted Yarn

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1. a spun thread,
2. a story often having
incredible elements

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Merry Christmas

We'd like to wish all our customers a peaceful and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your continued support during the last, rather difficult year - here's hoping that 2022 will prove to be happier and healthier for everyone. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to see those you love this Christmas - and that Santa is kind to everyone!

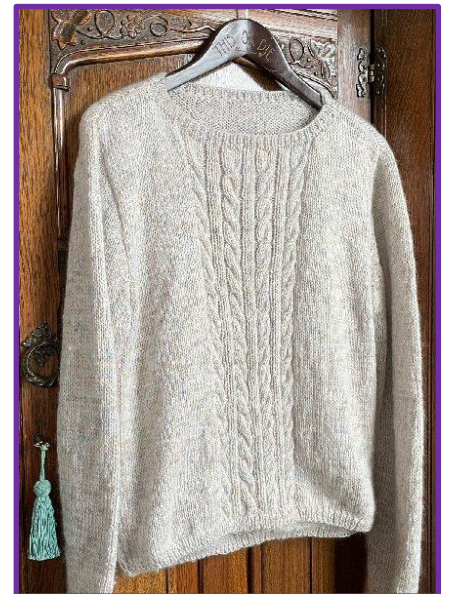
The Office will close at lunchtime on Friday, 24 December and reopen on Tuesday, 4 January 2022. We will check orders between Christmas and New Year and post whenever possible.

New Line - Silk Scarves

Julie has turned her painting skills to creating a new range of pure silk scarves, using some of her favourite botanical and landscape colour combinations from our yarn range. Ideal to wear with a favourite sweater or blouse, they also make perfect gifts. They are individually hand painted onto a very fine 100% Silk Habotai fabric and hemmed by hand, so each one is unique. Each scarf is approximately 30cm (12 inches) wide and 150cm (60 inches) long and will be packaged in a smart black gift box. The introductory price is £20 each plus shipping. The first batch are now available on the website here and more will follow in the New Year.

Customer Project

Lucy from Wellingborough used our Tussah Silk Lace (sadly now in the End of Line section on the website) in the Precious Metals colourway, alongside Bigwigs Angora/Merino, to make this beautiful cable jumper - the Soft Cable Sweater designed by Nicki Trench. Lucy told us, "It feels so luxuriously soft and warm, I'm delighted with it!" She's now working on another sweater using our Mulberry Silk along with an angora yarn, so we look forward to seeing that in due course!



Yarn Advent Calendars

Our "Silent Night" and "Rudolph's Revenge" Advent Boxes seem to have gone down very well - the feedback we've received so far has been extremely positive. Pictures of the colourways will be included in the January newsletter. We'll also be putting the knit and crochet accessory patterns which were included with the Advents on more general release via Ravelry and our website in early January. We're considering whether to repeat the exercise next year or to offer something a little different - we'll let you know in due course so, if you'd like to add any comments or suggestions, please drop us an email at julie@watercoloursandlace.co.uk.

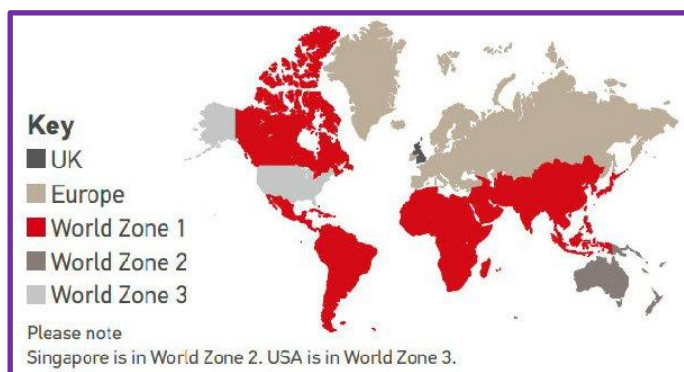
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New Yarn Club - Winter Sunsets

The first club for 2022 will feature colourways based around Winter Sunsets. We've found some stunning inspirational photographs with deep blues, purples, reds, pinks, golds and oranges, and Julie is itching to get started with her dyes. The yarn choice will be standard 4-plys or laceweights in a Merino Silk Blend, Falklands Merino Wool and the Alpaca Silk Cashmere blend. One skein will be despatched towards the end of each month during January, February and March. Subscriptions are now available on the website here and will be open until the end of January, or earlier if all places are sold.

You'll receive a 100g skein of each yarn, all in new colourways designed especially for this Club and not available elsewhere until after the end of March. The cost will be £60 per subscription plus shipping of three separate packages to your location (prices listed all include shipping).



This is a yarn-only club, so no patterns are included.

UK	£71.85
Europe*	£78.45
World Zone 1	£85.50
World Zone 2	£90.30
World Zone 3	£93.45

*Please note - we are happy to accept orders from customers in Europe but our website is unable to charge the VAT which is now payable under rules which came into force during 2021. Orders will be accepted on the understanding that the relevant VAT, along with any handling fees, will be payable by the recipient in their own country before receipt.

(We had been offering sales to Europe via our Etsy shop but unfortunately the very high level of fees charged by Etsy for such transactions renders this uneconomical, unless we add a large surcharge in addition to the price charged on our own website. This is likely to work out more expensive in total than for customers paying the handling fees in their own countries, so we have decided not to continue with this.)

On the Road Again ... 2022

We are really looking forward to a "proper" yarn show being held here in Norfolk for the first time. This will be the inaugural *"East Anglian Yarn Festival"* in Norwich on the last weekend of March next year. There will be 60 exhibitors and tickets go on sale from 22 January. Details are available on their website here: <https://www.eastangliayarnfestival.com/>.

We will also be attending two of our usual shows the following month – *"Spring into Wool"* in Leeds on 9-10 April and then *Wonderwool Wales* in Builth Wells on 23-24 April - - we hope to see lots of our regulars.

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