

CRAYONBOX DESIGNS

URBAN ETHNIC ACCESSORIES AND YARNS FROM ECO-FRIENDLY SOURCES



... A new box of crayons...I can't think of a more pleasant memory... row after row of rich and varied colors. CRAYONBOX DESIGNS carries that colorful message with whimsical warm hats, bags, and other items that are fabulously functional. My products are all about beautiful yarns, complex colors and infinite patterns.

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HELMET



TRIANGLE



CLOCHE



TOQUE



PITTYPAN



SQUARE



CLOCHE



POMPOM

Quirky and colorful, warm and snuggly...CRAYONBOX HATS are handknitted using handspun blends of Alpaca, wool, mohair and angora and cashmere. After knitting they are fulled, or gently shrunken by hand to create a fiber product that retains its shape yet provides a warm and flexible covering. Size adjustment of a slightly larger or smaller diameter is possible. The hats on display are both past and present, most have already been purchased, but can be duplicated with slight variations. Please Email with any questions.



Some large, others small, CRAYONBOX BAGS are individually designed. Knitted in sections and later pieced together, the bags are finally felled to compact and tighten the fibers. Sizes, shapes and colors are unique to each piece, although there are four basic styles.. Handles can be knitted, or leather, and the closures are zippers, hex-snap frames or buttons. The bag linings are a final surprise... interior patchworks of sturdy upholstery material. Email for current stock.



BUTTON CLOSURE



TRIANGLES



PATCHWORK



KNITTED HANDLE



SQUARES



TRIANGLES

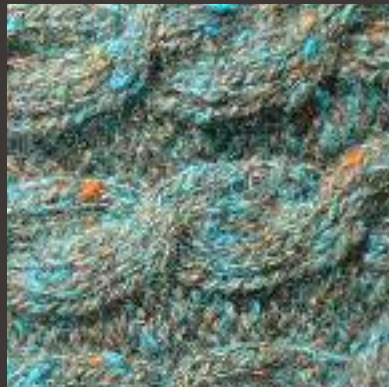


PATCHWORK



KNITTED HANDLE





CRAYONBOX YARNS are available by the skein. The fiber is purchased as raw fleece, carefully sorted, washed, dyed, and carded. Sometimes I purchase already prepared carded fiber from eco-friendly sources. Most of my fleece comes from local farms, where the priority is in the quality of the fleece and animals have names.... The colors and sizes always vary, dependent on the nature of the final roving. As dyeing is done in small batches larger quantities of one specific yarn need to be special ordered. Current yarn samples, available yardage and price are available upon request.



Sweaters, socks, mittens, gauntlets, and scarves are also part of the Crayonbox line. Below are unique items and prototypes. Special orders are always welcome. Please feel free to contact Carol for specific details and availability at crayonbox@frontiernet.net



CHAYCE CLASSIC SWEATER



FAIR ISLE MITTS



GAUNTLET
PATTERN AVAILABLE



TERRY TUNIC
PATTERN AVAILABLE





TRIANGLE BERET



PRISMA BERET



PITTYPAN



PRISMA COSSACK



COSSACK SQUARES



NATURAL COSSACK

CRAYONBOX KITS AND PATTERNS represent past and current collections. Each kit contains enough yarn and instructions to complete one item. Kits may be custom ordered for a specific color range. Currently, patterns include 6 hats, 3 bags, and 1 sweater. They may be downloaded as PDF's or mailed.



CURRENT BAG PATTERNS



BUTTON BAG



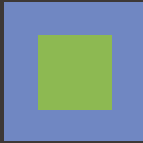
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ZIPPER BAG

CRAYONBOX originally began as a designer company with the intent of selling high-end knitted products. After market research, we decided to include some of our designs in a kit form, providing both instructions and yarn. The CRAYONBOX concept is to explore design and color while keeping the knitting quite simple. Easy to follow instructions and generous amounts of colored yarns make up our kits. The patterns may be repeated with any variety of your own yarns, or additional CRAYONBOX yarns may be purchased individually. Each year we carefully select and purchase fleece and alpaca from the finest herdsman and farms. This fiber is the basis for all of our products, natural or dyed, and is handspun into beautiful, limited amounts of very special yarn. The kits are designed to be “fulled” after knitting, a process that shrinks and felts the finished item. If you desire only a knitted item, I suggest to drop down several needle sizes to adapt pattern.





AND FINALLY.....WHAT IS CRAYONBOX ALL ABOUT?

The concept behind CRAYONBOX is that of the limited edition. Since each item is hand-knitted using yarns that are prepared, handspun, and dyed in small batches they will always vary slightly in color and pattern, making each product unique. Each season a new collection emerges, very often a particular color, design concept, or amazing fiber is responsible for the direction it takes. To create our yarn we begin by carefully sorting and handwashing the fibers in gentle cleansing agents. After air-drying, we leave some fiber natural and dye the rest. Next the washed fleece is teased (pulled apart and opened with fingers) and then carded, a process that aligns the fibers and creates a small fluffy batt. Carding allows us to blend a variety of fibers and colors to create the basis for our final products. The actual act of spinning dictates the final appearance and handling quality of the yarn. The yarn is skeined and then washed to set the twist. CRAYONBOX yarns are available as single or double ply.

CARE AND STORAGE SUGGESTIONS

My yarns are not chemically mothproofed, but all have a final rinse in essential oils of lavender, cedar and eucalyptus. These natural agents act as moth deterrents. Since moths are attracted to oil and dirt, be sure to clean your garments before storing and consider storing in cedar or with aromatic sachets. Woolen goods should always be clean when stored for long periods of time. CRAYONBOX products can be drycleaned or handwashed as with any other fine woolen item.

Finally, your knitted garments ARE NOT machine washable. You can dry clean, but I prefer to wash by hand in warm water using a gentle liquid such as ivory detergent, woolite, or any of the new wool washes. Soak, gently agitate, squeeze, rinse and knead in a terry towel. Layout upon a clean towel, block into shape and allow to air dry.

SIZING

Fulled hats will allow for slight size change (larger or smaller). Specific how-to easily adapt instructions will be included with each hat. Because each hat is handknit some are larger or smaller as final pieces. Check the hat page for current style availability.

