

Aimee Abernathy is a knitter, spinner and new weaver. Aimee has been knitting for 8 years, learning from a book shortly after being diagnosed with Lupus and credits knitting for keeping her sane in doctors' offices, lines at the post office and long conference calls. Aimee is located in Charlotte, NC, where she enjoys teaching and meeting new people. She has been lucky enough to take classes from such fantastic knitters as Wendy Johnson, Cookie A., Anne Hanson and Charlene Schurch. Aimee can also be found at fairieknits.com and on Ravelry as [funfairiegirl](#).

Babs Ausherman is an indie dyer and the owner of Miss Babs Hand-Dyed Yarns and Fibers. She has been dyeing full-time since 2005. She is a knitter and a spinner, along with having done weaving and felting. She has been knitting since she was 6 or 7 years old, but began spinning in 2001. She considers spinning the hobby portion of her fiber life. Babs comes from a family of artists and entrepreneurs who have made a living through the development of their creative ideas. Color has been important to Babs since she was small and couldn't find just the right colors to wear, and was often consumed by how colors either didn't go together or match. Her website is www.missbabs.com

Antje Gillingham grew up in Germany and learned to knit at the age of eight. In 1982 she relocated to the central coast of California, where she lived for the next 17 years.

When her husband's job relocated the family to Tennessee, Antje rediscovered her infatuation with knitting. She soon opened The Knitting Nest - a knitter's haven in the heart of Maryville, Tennessee: www.theknittingnest.com. You can also find Antje on Ravelry: [2NdleTweedle](#).

Antje is the author of two bestselling knitting books, *Knitting Circles around Socks* and *Knitting More Circles around Socks*. She has published patterns in knitting magazines and is currently finishing up work on her third book.

Lisa Shroyer is a magazine editor and book author. After receiving a BA in English from the University of Mary Washington in 2004, she embarked on a career in publishing. Her expertise in knitting has driven her success in how-to publishing, while her eye for design is exercised on the pages of *Knitscene*, the magazine she currently edits for Interweave Press. She lives in North Carolina. Her new book, *Knitting Plus*, will be released March 1, 2011.

Nancy Shroyer has been knitting for over 50 years. She has been teaching all levels of knitting for over 30 years. Learning to spin and dye has added to her knowledge of yarn and its construction. She has written patterns and books incorporating her unique ideas. Nancy's philosophy is to make working with fiber easier for everyone. She has found many shortcuts, techniques and formulas that can save time and anxiety. This has led to her to develop Nancy's *Knit Knacks*, a company that makes innovative tools for fiber artists. These products are currently being sold worldwide in over 1,000 shops and all major catalogs. www.nancysknitknacks.com

Mercedes Tarasovich-Clark is an indie yarn dyer and knitwear designer. Her designs have

appeared in Interweave Knits, Knitscene, Twist Collective, and Knitty; collections from Malabrigo, Classic Elite, and Polarknit; as well as the books Mason-Dixon Knitting Outside the Lines and Lace Style. She loves finding new ways to use color and texture in her pieces. Mercedes dyes and designs at her home studio in Bessemer, AL. Visit her online at <http://kitchensinkdyeworks.com> and <http://piebirddesign.com>.