# KNITS GIFTS 2011

We're planning for 2011 already! Send us your fun, fresh gift ideas ahead of the curve.

## BLING BLING

Break out your beads and baubles - we're looking for modern beaded and otherwise embellished knitting. A Fair Isle X and O motif rendered in colored seed beads? An elaborate collar? A tiny Victorian purse? A quickie rosette? A scarf with pailette embellishments? Keep it feminine but not fussy; artfully designed (how do beads add swing, drape, movement to knitting?)

Think: Accessories, items for entertaining, home decor.

Look: Eclectic, artsy, vintage-inspired but modern in feel and execution - think accents, punctuation for an all-black outfit. Festive, fun, unexpected.

## TOYLAND

Give us your cleverest, cutest ideas for toys for modern kids and grown-ups - 3-D knitted and felted puzzle toys? Kinetic stress toys? Stuffed polyhedrons? Puppets, dolls, amigurumi, felted board games - we want it all, as long as it's smart and stylish.

Think: Toys, coffee table objects

Look: Sophisticated brights, crunchy-cool, whimsical flavor.

## MIX AND MATCH

Give us one knitted base and three simple ways to customize it - one felted bangle with three different felted flowers? A coin purse with embellishment options? A knitted picture frame in three different stitches?

Think: Simple accessories, home items, bags, toys.

Look: Organic, clean, functional and beautiful. Rustic fibers, easy knitting.

## FANCY FIBER

Take a look at yarns that are just a little bit unusual - boucles, yarns that transition from one color to another, funky blended tweeds, subtle metallics, brushed mohair. What can you do with them in a way that shows off the yarn *and* finishes with a beautiful knit? Open-gauge cables in stainless steel yarn? Fair Isle in boucle for Chanel-inspired fabric? Stay elegant and understated.

Think: Accessories, garments, home decor.

Look: Sophisticated, elegant, polished. Use a little flair with a restrained hand for old-school glamour.