



cowgirlblues

CRAFTING COLOURFUL LIVES

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PUSH IT
AS FAR AS IT
WILL GO



“If you take any activity, any art, any discipline, any skill, take it and push it beyond where it has ever been before, push it as far as it will go, push it to the wildest edge of edges, then you will force it into the realm of magic.”

— TOM ROBBINS

EVEN COWGIRLS GET THE BLUES



A close-up photograph of a hand reaching out to touch a skein of multi-colored yarn. The yarn is composed of many thin strands in shades of purple, blue, yellow, and white. The background is filled with other skeins of similar yarn, creating a sense of a large inventory or workshop. The lighting is soft and natural, highlighting the texture of the wool.

CRAFTING COLOURFUL LIVES

The business started in 2012 as a crafting and dyeing experiment in owner Bridget Henderson's kitchen. It grew organically from there and today we are a team of 15 women who produce high quality yarns for knitting, crochet and crafting.

Our yarns are locally spun from free-range South African wool and mohair, all mulesing free. And the team dyes everything by hand in our studio, using harvested rain water.

We aim to infuse every skein with our abundant South African sunshine, and to bring this lightness and joy to our knit kits and patterns.

GREEN ISN'T JUST A COLOUR





At Cowgirlblues it's a way of living and being in the world, trying to be more conscious of the impact we have, and doing our best to tread lightly.

Being sustainable is important to us. Our commercial dyes come from reputable manufacturers compliant with European safety standards.

Water is used sparingly and repeatedly where possible. We reduce, re-use, and recycle wherever we can. And we collaborate and get creative to make the best use of the resources available to us.

It's a very African approach.



SEMI-SOLID COLOURS



Charcoal



Silver Fox



Sable



Natural



Champagne



Karoo Gold



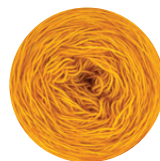
Mustard



Cacao



Camel



Saffron



Faded Rose



Dusty Rose



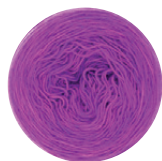
Chilli Pepper



Terracotta



Ruby Grapefruit



African Violet



Hot Pink



Chatterbox



Girls Night



Orchid Blush



Cobalt



Celadon



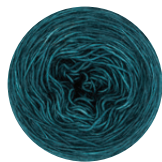
Cape Storm



Airforce



Indigo



High Tide



Low Tide



Sage



Olive



Rainforest

SOUTH AFRICA is the world's largest producer of mohair

Merino sheep first arrived in South Africa in 1789. While our wool industry is small by global standards, we produce almost half of the world's Responsible Wool Standard certified wool.

Angora goats have been farmed and bred in South Africa since 1838. Today we are the world leader in production and sustainability, having developed the Responsible Mohair Standard in partnership with Textile Exchange.

At Cowgirlblues, we source all our wool and mohair from mills that are mulesing-free, Responsible Mohair Standard, Responsible Wool Standard, and OEKO-TEX 100 certified.



MULTI COLOURS

HAPPY DAYS

"The skies above are clear again. So let's sing a song of cheer again. Happy Days are here again." This 1929 song is still going strong, just like this colour.



Pairs With

-  Hot Pink
-  Orchid Blush
-  Chilli Pepper
-  Sage

R.E.S.P.E.C.T.

"All I'm asking is for a little respect". Aretha said it, and we think everyone deserves more than just a little!



Pairs With

-  Hot Pink
-  Chatterbox
-  African Violet
-  Saffron

FROM A DISTANCE

Bette Midler sang hits like "The Rose", "Wind Beneath My Wings" and "From A Distance". May this colourway give you wings and inspire many gorgeous projects.



Pairs With

-  Olive
-  Sage
-  Dusty Rose
-  Faded Rose

SOMEONE LIKE YOU

Think "Chasing Pavements", and Adele's smooth vocals, sometimes sad lyrics, and incredibly strong feminine energy.



Pairs With

-  Chatterbox
-  Faded Rose
-  Mustard
-  Rainforest

ALL THE SINGLE LADIES

Bold, confident, and unapologetic. Channel Beyoncé's feminine power, because this deep purple colourway is ready to "put a ring on it".



Pairs With

-  Orchid Blush
-  African Violet
-  Cacao
-  Champagne

STOP! IN THE NAME OF LOVE

Diana Ross had dreamy songs like "Do You Know Where You're Going To" and "Endless Love". But she could start a "Chain Reaction" and make it zing too!



Pairs With

-  Hot Pink
-  Sable
-  Faded Rose
-  Celadon

COMING AROUND AGAIN

"You're So Vain" was one of Carly Simon's biggest hits, but this soft, subtle colourway isn't an attention seeker. It's more in tune with "Let the River Run".



Pairs With

- Indigo
- Cobalt
- Mustard
- Natural

SIMPLY THE BEST

Tina Turner sang "We Don't Need Another Hero" but this colourway might change your mind. It oozes hero potential, alone or as a colourwork contrast.



Pairs With

- Indigo
- Cobalt
- Saffron
- Girl's Night

SHOOP SHOOP

Singer, actress and television personality Cher is the only artist (to-date) to have a Billboard number 1 single in six consecutive decades. Six!



Pairs With

- Celadon
- Airforce
- Saffron
- Chilli Pepper

SAY A LITTLE PRAYER

Aretha Franklin's music reminds us that sometimes we all need to "Say a Little Prayer".



Pairs With

- Karoo Gold
- Orchid Blush
- Airforce
- Cobalt

9 TO 5

Dolly Parton wrote and recorded "Working 9 to 5". We aim to work hard without feeling like it's a grind. Because it is "enough to drive you crazy if you let it!"



Pairs With

- Airforce
- High Tide
- Low Tide
- Saffron

QUEEN OF POP

Like a Virgin, Material Girl, Crazy For You, Into the Groove, Live To Tell, True Blue. Celebrate Madonna's evergreen music with some rebellious Hot Pink streaks.



Pairs With

- Hot Pink
- High Tide
- Faded Rose
- Karoo Gold

FAR FROM THE SHALLOW

The depth and intensity of Lady Gaga's performance in A Star Is Born resonates with these ocean-deep blues. Is this the "something else you're searchin' for?"



Pairs With

-  Airforce
-  Silver Fox
-  Orchid Blush
-  Saffron

SINCE YOU BEEN GONE

Kelly Clarkson's powerful voice inspires new beginnings, like your next project! "Get what you want" with these deep greens and flashes of Low Tide.



Pairs With





-  Olive
-  Champagne
-  Cacao
-  Low Tide

FAST CAR

Fast Car was the lead single on Tracey Chapman's 1988 debut studio album. Fans might see the "Fast and Furious" car lights, and city streets at night.



Pairs With

-  Cobalt
-  High Tide
-  Rainforest
-  Mustard

MY HEART WILL GO ON

Celine Dion gave us "The Power of Love", "Because You Loved Me" and "My Heart Will Go On", leaving us thinking of the sad, watery end of Kate and Leo's Titanic romance.



Pairs With

-  Rainforest
-  Girl's Night
-  Olive
-  Champagne

TAMBOURINE MAN

"Hey Mr Tambourine Man play a song for me;
I'm not sleepy and there is no place I'm going to."
Thank you Bob Dylan.



Pairs With

-  Dusty Rose
-  Rainforest
-  Mustard
-  Natural

ISN'T IT IRONIC?

Red and Green are opposites on the colour wheel - it's "Ironic" they combine so beautifully, maybe "a little too ironic", like the lyrics from Alanis Morissette's famous song.



Pairs With

-  Rainforest
-  Chilli Pepper
-  Sage
-  Natural

NATURAL WOMAN

For any season this interesting colour combination speaks to everything nature has to offer, a truly "Natural Woman" and another Aretha inspiration.



Pairs With

-  African Violet
-  Orchid Blush
-  Saffron
-  Mustard

I'M LIKE A BIRD

Nelly Furtado inspired this free-spirited colourway that's full of movement. It's sunlit, soft and dreaming of far away.



Pairs With

-  Cacao
-  Low Tide
-  High Tide
-  Saffron

CALL ME MAYBE

"Before you came into my life, I missed you so bad." Soft neutrals, flirty pink hints, charming and catchy, like Carly Rae Jepsen's hit.



Pairs With

-  Faded Rose
-  Cacao
-  Sable
-  Camel

WRITING IN THE SAND

This colourway has been around for quite some time, unlike writing in the sand. Waves and wind slowly erase it, and you're left with a fresh, clean slate.



Pairs With

-  Cacao
-  Camel
-  Charcoal
-  Champagne

MEMORY

Barbara Streisand was the first woman to write, produce, direct, and star in a major studio film. Her songs (and these colours) are dreamy and romantic.



Pairs With

-  Champagne
-  Cacao
-  Terracotta
-  Chilli Pepper

PATA PATA

Miriam Makeba was a South African singer, songwriter, actress and civil rights activist. She saw worldwide recognition, but never forgot her African roots.



Pairs With

-  Sable
-  Saffron
-  Camel
-  Cacao

Our colours are uplifting. They have a lightness and brightness, inspired by the beautiful Cape landscape, our unique floral kingdom and life near Africa's southern tip.





MERINO LINEN PROJECTS



Salty Air Tee

by **Samantha Guerin**



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Merino Linen
Colour: Terracotta
Needle: US4/3.5mm
Quantity: 250g
Size: 5



Stripe Overload

by **Spektakelstrik**



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Merino Linen
Colour: Hot Pink, Ruby Grapefruit
Needle: US2.5/3mm
Quantity: 150g Hot Pink,
150g Ruby Grapefruit
Size: XL



Robinia Tee

by **Anne Ventzel**



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Merino Linen
Colour: Memory, Hot Pink
Needle: US2.5/3mm
Quantity: 300g Memory,
100g Hot Pink
Size: 3

MERINO LINEN PROJECTS



Ochre Cardigan by *Ambah O'Brien*



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Merino Linen
Colour: Chilli Pepper
Needle: US2.5/3mm, US3/3.25mm
Quantity: 300g
Size: 7



Actinotus Shawl by *Ambah O'Brien*



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Merino Linen
Colour: African Violet, Orchid Blush,
Mustard
Needle: US5/3.75mm
Quantity: 100g per colour
Size: One size



Half and Half Bandana Scarf



by *Bridget Henderson*

Yarn: Cowgirlblues Merino Linen
Colour: Girl's Night, Hot Pink
Needle: US4/3.5mm
Quantity: 50g Girl's Night,
50g Hot Pink
Size: One size

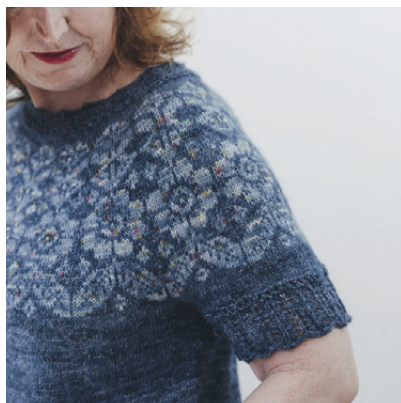
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Heimathafen by *Isabell Kraemer*



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Merino Linen
Colour: Airforce, Indigo
Needle: US3/3.25mm
Quantity: 300g Airforce, 100g Indigo
Size: 4



Alpine Bloom by *Caitlin Hunter*



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Merino Linen
Colour: Cape Storm, Shoop Shoop
Needle: US4/3.5mm
Quantity: 250g Cape Storm,
100g Shoop Shoop
Size: 4



Hey Sailor by *Andrea Mowry*



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Merino Linen
Colour: Celadon, Chilli Pepper
Needle: US1/2.5mm, US3/3.25mm
Quantity: 250g Celadon,
100g Chilli Pepper
Size: 5

MERINO LINEN PROJECTS



Bao Bao Shawl by *Isabell Kraemer*



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Merino Linen
Colour: Low Tide, Saffron, Cacao
Needle: US4/3.5mm
Quantity: 100g Low Tide,
100g Saffron,
50g Cacao
Size: One size



Drops of Jupiter Shawl

by *Olga Putano Designs*



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Merino Linen
Colour: Cacao, Call Me Maybe
Needle: US3/3.25mm
Quantity: 150g Cacao,
200g Call Me Maybe
Size: One Size



Bolan

by *Leila Raven*



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Merino Linen
Colour: Karoo Gold
Needle: US4/3.5mm
Quantity: 250g
Size: 6

COMBINING KIDSILK PROJECTS



Rosie Sweater by *Le Knit*



- Yarn:** Cowgirlblues Merino Linen and Kidsilk
Colour: RESPECT, Natural, African Violet
Needle: US2.5/3mm, US3/3.25mm, US5/3.75mm
Quantity: 150g RESPECT Kidsilk, 300g Natural Linen, 100g African Violet Linen
Size: 3 M/L



Seoul Blouse by *Aegyoknit*



- Yarn:** Cowgirlblues Merino Linen and Kidsilk
Colour: Faded Rose, Olive
Needle: US6/4mm
Quantity: 300g Faded Rose Linen, 50g Olive Linen, 150g Faded Rose Kidsilk
Size: 3



Sunday Sweater by *PetiteKnit*



- Yarn:** Cowgirlblues Merino Lace and Kidsilk
Colour: Stop! In the Name of Love, Girls Night
Needle: US6/4mm, US8/5mm
Quantity: 200g Girls Night Lace, 150g Stop! In the Name of Love Kidsilk
Size: Large

COMBINING KIDSILK PROJECTS



Lykke Tee

by *Spektakelstrik*



- Yarn:** Cowgirlblues Merino Lace and Kidsilk
Colour: High Tide and I'm Like A Bird
Needle: US2.5/3mm, US6/4mm
Quantity: 100g Lace High Tide, 100g Kidsilk I'm Like A Bird
Size: Large



Ranunculus

by *Midori Hirose*



- Yarn:** Cowgirlblues Merino Lace and Kidsilk
Colour: Cobalt Lace, Simply the Best Kidsilk
Needle: US4/3.5mm
Quantity: 150g Cobalt Lace, 100g Simply the Best Kidsilk
Size: 6



Mud Season

by *Elizabeth Smith*



- Yarn:** Cowgirlblues Merino Lace and Kidsilk
Colour: African Violet Lace, Natural Woman Kidsilk
Needle: US7/4.5mm
Quantity: 100g African Violet Merino Lace, 100g Natural Woman Kidsilk
Size: XL

COMBINING KIDSILK PROJECTS



Reagan Cardigan

by *Isabell Kraemer*



- Yarn:** Cowgirlblues Merino Lace and Kidsilk
Colour: Shoop Shoop Kidsilk, Cape Storm Merino Lace
Needle: US4/3.5mm, US5/3.75mm
Quantity: 150g Shoop Shoop Kidsilk, 200g Cape Storm Merino Lace
Size: Large



Erinome

by *Lily Kate France*



- Yarn:** Cowgirlblues Merino Lace and Kidsilk
Colour: Camps Bay Lace, 9 to 5 Kidsilk
Needle: US3/3.25mm, US5/3.75mm
Quantity: 200g Lace Camps Bay, 150g Kidsilk 9 to 5
Size: 4



Jeol Sweater

by *Aegyo Knit*



- Yarn:** Cowgirlblues Merino Lace and Kidsilk
Colour: Celadon, Indigo
Needle: US4/3.5mm, US8/5mm
Quantity: 200g Merino Twist Celadon, 100g Kidsilk Celadon, 150g Merino Twist Indigo, 75g Kidsilk Indigo
Size: 1

COMBINING KIDSILK PROJECTS



Edgar Slipover *by Kolibri by Johanna*



- Yarn:** Cowgirlblues Kidsilk and Merino Twist
Colour: I'm Like a Bird Kidsilk, Champagne Twist
Needle: US7/4.5mm, US10/6mm
Quantity: 150g I'm Like a Bird Kidsilk
200g Champagne Twist
Size: Large



Moonlight Cardigan *by Minimi Knit Design*



- Yarn:** Cowgirlblues Merino Twist and Kidsilk
Colour: Far From the Shallow, Silver Fox
Needle: US7/4.5mm
Quantity: 400g Far From the Shallow Twist
125g Silver Fox Kidsilk
Size: 4



Spun Flora *by Wool & Pine*



- Yarn:** Cowgirlblues Merino Twist and Kidsilk
Colour: Silver Fox, Rainforest
Needle: US4/3.5mm, US6/4mm
Quantity: 250g Silver Fox Twist
125g Silver Fox Kidsilk
100g Rainforest Twist
Size: 4

MERINO TWIST PROJECTS



Lykke Tee

by *Spektakelstriik*



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Merino Twist
Colour: Since You Been Gone
Needle: US2.5/3mm, US6/4mm
Quantity: 300g
Size: XL



Haruno Cardigan

by *Eri Shimizu*



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Merino Twist
Colour: Celadon
Needle: US7/4.5mm, US6/4mm
Quantity: 400g
Size: 4



Autumn Alpine

by *Caitlin Hunter*



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Merino Twist
Colour: Indigo, Coming Around Again
Needle: US3/3.25mm, US4/3.5mm
Quantity: 350g Indigo,
100g Coming Around Again
Size: 4

MERINO TWIST PROJECTS



Lacey Loop Tee by *Other Loops_*



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Merino Twist
Colour: Dusty Rose
Needle: US7/4.5mm, US6/4mm
Quantity: 300g
Size: Large



Laulu V-Neck Tee by *Sari Nordlund*



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Merino Twist
Colour: Sable
Needle: US2.5/3mm, US3/3.25mm
Quantity: 300g
Size: 4



Pressed Flowers Cowl by *Amy Christoffers*



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Merino Twist
Colour: Hot Pink, From a Distance
Needle: US6/4mm
Quantity: 100g per colour
Size: Medium

MERINO LACE PROJECTS



Fern Sweater

by Irene Lin



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Merino Lace
Colour: High Tide
Needle: US6/4mm, US4/3.5mm
Quantity: 150g
Size: 3



Sideways Shawl Solids

by Bridget Henderson



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Merino Lace
Colour: Indigo, Airforce, Cape Storm, Celadon
Needle: US2.5/3mm
Quantity: 50g per colour
Size: One size



Sideways Shawl Multi

by Bridget Henderson



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Merino Lace
Colour: Dusty Rose, Terracotta, From a Distance
Needle: US2.5/3mm
Quantity: 50g Dusty Rose and Terracotta
100g From a Distance,
Size: One size

MERINO DK PROJECTS



Cocoon Chokki by *Noriko Ichikawa*



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Merino DK
Colour: Low Tide
Needle: US6/4mm, US8/5mm
Quantity: 500g
Size: 4, Long



Hana Cardigan by *Aegyoknit*



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Merino DK
Colour: Cobalt
Needle: US9/5.5mm, US6/4mm
Quantity: 500g
Size: 4



Loom Sweater by *Ruthemann Design*



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Merino DK
Colour: Olive
Needle: US4/3.5mm, US7/4.5mm
US9/5.5mm, US10.5/6.5mm
Quantity: 600g
Size: 4

FLUFFY MOHAIR PROJECTS



Solo Triple Time by Elizabeth Smith



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Fluffy Mohair
(one strand)
Colour: Saffron
Needle: US11/8mm
Quantity: 300g
Size: 4



Ruke Fluffy Cardigan by Ruke Knit



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Fluffy Mohair
Colour: Mustard
Needle: US11/8mm
Quantity: 300g
Size: 3



New Canaan Cowl by Elizabeth Smith



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Fluffy Mohair
Colour: Fast Car
Needle: US10/6mm
Quantity: 100g
Size: One size

FLUFFY MOHAIR PROJECTS



Big Brioche Scarf by *Bridget Henderson*



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Fluffy Mohair
Colour: Rainforest, Isn't it Ironic?
Needle: US 11/8mm
Quantity: 100g Rainforest,
100g Isn't it Ironic?
Size: One size



Sunday Sweater by *PetiteKnit*



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Fluffy Mohair
Colour: Cape Storm
Needle: US5/3.75mm, US6/4mm
Quantity: 400g
Size: Large



Marble Sweater by *PetiteKnit*



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Fluffy Mohair
Colour: Cobalt
Needle: US15/10mm
Quantity: 200g
Size: Large

FLUFFY MOHAIR PROJECTS



Veer Sweater

by *Eri Shimizu*



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Fluffy Mohair
Colour: African Violet, Natural Woman
Needle: US8/5mm, US10/6mm
Quantity: 200g African Violet,
100g Natural Woman
Size: Medium-Large (2)



Easy Fluffy Poncho

by *Bridget Henderson*



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Fluffy Mohair
Colour: Ruby Grapefruit, Orchid Blush
Needle: US10.5/6.5mm
Quantity: 100g per colour
Size: XL



Gillian Version B

by *Julie Weisenberger*



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Fluffy Mohair
Colour: Girls Night
Needle: US 11/8mm
Quantity: 500g
Size: 4

FLUFFY MOHAIR PROJECTS



Marble Sweater by *PetiteKnit*



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Fluffy Mohair
Colour: Memory
Needle: US15/10mm
Quantity: 300g
Size: Large



Scrap Vest by *Trine Eger Nielsen*



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Fluffy Mohair and Proper Sock
Colour: Natural Proper Sock, Sable Mohair, various colour stripes
Needle: US10/6mm, US10.5/6.5mm, US11/8mm
Quantity: 200g Sock, 200g Sable Fluffy, 8 x 20g Fluffy Mohair Mini Balls
Size: One size



Knitty Committee by *Lily Kate France*



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Proper Sock
Colour: Faded Rose
Needle: US2.5/3mm
Quantity: 300g
Size: 4

PROPER SOCK PROJECTS



Grumpy Sunshine

by Lauren Rad



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Proper Sock
Colour: Memory,
Ruby Grapefruit
Needle: US1.5/2.5mm
Quantity: 100g Memory,
20g Ruby Grapefruit



Helms Deep

by Megan Gonzalez



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Proper Sock
Colour: Shoop Shoop, Lipstick
Needle: US1.5/2.5mm
Quantity: 100g Shoop Shoop,
20g Lipstick



Starry Night

by Karolina Adamczyk



Yarn: Cowgirlblues Proper Sock
Colour: African Violet, Karoo Gold
Needle: US1.5/2.5mm, US2/2.75mm
Quantity: 100g African Violet,
20g Karoo Gold



OUR TEAM

Our team is at the heart of the business, and many of them say that working here feels like being part of a family. We take that as a huge compliment.

These women (and one man) are proud to work at Cowgirlblues. They are a competent, capable group of strong people whom we hugely admire and respect.

One of our ongoing priorities is to offer opportunities for continuous improvement. Each person is skilled in more than one aspect of the production process. Some techniques are specific to dyeing yarns. But by learning to use a sewing machine or a computer, everyone builds skills that could also be useful in a different work environment.

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