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### GO GREEN!!!



By now I'm sure you have heard that the color of the year is "Emerald".....Of course I have a lot of green yarn - but my YOD Meadows colorway is really fitting in nicely with everything I've seen.

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Dear Moya,

Hope your new year is off to a great start!

### **ALPACA fiber...things you might want to know!**

Alpaca fiber is considered a luxury fiber because it is very fine, & lightweight but also very warm - roughly 5 times warmer than wool. Each fiber is hollow (lightweight insulation) and the 'scales' lie flat giving it a smooth, non-itchy surface. Alpaca doesn't pill and it doesn't contain lanolin which makes it hypoallergenic. It is available in 22 natural colors plus many blended colors. Alpaca has a beautiful luster - even the dyed yarns.



Alpaca Yarns

100% Alpaca yarns work up beautifully in many things such as shawls, scarfs, & blankets. Because it has no elasticity, care needs to be taken when knitting a sweater so it retains its shape. Customers have told me that by knitting tightly the yarns can't slide around - and the sweater will retain it's shape. Handwashing and laying flat to dry are recommended.

Alpaca is also blended with other fibers like wool or silk to pick up some of the properties of those other yarns.

But however you use it - you'll love it's softness. The Weavers Loft carries a variety of alpaca and alpaca blend yarns. If you need any help, let me know.

### **FRINGE TWISTER**

These tools make quick work of twisting the fringe on your scarf, shawl, blanket or rugs. Once you've tried one you'll be hooked! I especially like that I can count the number of turns and come out with even lengths of my fringe



As always, I appreciate your continued support. Let me know if I can be of help.

Sincerely,

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