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**April Artist Newsletter • Becka Rahn, artist**

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*An Artist Newsletter*  
by Becka Rahn



My April newsletter got delayed by a couple of days because we were off in St Louis at a family wedding and there were just too many things to get done. This is the beginning of a busy couple of months for me. I am finally starting to do some in-person events after a couple of years of doing nearly everything virtually. Don't worry though, I am continuing to teach as many online classes as I can because I love teaching in that format!

I've been on a real knitting hiatus for a couple of years now, but you can see I started a new project (above) to work on while I was traveling. It's the [Russel Street scarf](#), made with yarn I dyed myself. I have knit this pattern before and I loved it, but I managed to ruin the scarf in a washing incident and

so I decided to make another. **I'm curious: are you a remaker?** Will you make the same pattern twice? How about rereading books? Or rewatching tv shows? I do all of those. There is something about the familiarity I enjoy and knowing that it's going to meet my expectations. I know I am not going to be disappointed. I watch When Harry Met Sally and Singing in the Rain at least once a year. Tell me: what's your favorite re-do?

## what's new?



### Shepherd's Harvest Festival

Washington County Fairgrounds  
Saturday May 13th 9 - 5  
Sunday May 14th 10 - 4  
Admission \$5, Free for Kids 8 & under, Free Parking

I'll be here in Barn C with my friend Doreen as [Two Fish Fibers](#). Tons of vendors, sheep shearing, food trucks. It's a fun weekend!



### ART A WHIRL

Over 1,000 NEMAA member artists, galleries, and businesses participate across all of Northeast Minneapolis at over 60 locations. Art-A-Whirl is free and open to the public.

I'll be a guest artist in studio **401b Northrup King Building**.

**May 19 - 21**  
Friday: 5pm – 10pm  
Saturday: Noon – 8pm  
Sunday: Noon – 5pm

## classes

### Coming up at Dakota County Libraries • Online/Zoom

#### Classes

- May 16 Native Plants Notecards

- June 6 Opening an Etsy Shop
- June 13 Waterlily Box
- July 18 Loon Embroidered Art
- August 15 Tie Dye Toucan
- September 19 Bead Edge Basket



Check the [Dakota County Libraries calendar](#) for details.

## on the studio table



We spent the past weekend in St Louis at a family wedding, so my studio table was travel themed this month.

**Notions:** Shameless plug for [my zipper bags](#). Many of them are knitting or craft themed, but I use them for all kinds of things when I travel. I packed all of my meds and sunscreen in this one.

**Notions:** I also love these little pyramid bags for packing chargers and cords. [Here's a great free tutorial for these.](#)

**Games:** We always take a couple of games with us when we travel. [That's Pretty Clever](#) is a dice game that's like a more complex (and fun) version of Yahtzee. It's quick to learn.

## shop around the corner



Shout out to Etsy shop [erinbowe](#) from Madison WI. They specialize in jewelry from reclaimed metal. I bought these small hammered hoops and I have hardly taken them off since I got them. They are the perfect size and I love the way they clasp. A new favorite.

links you'll love



We didn't dye easter eggs this year but were given a dozen multicolored eggs from a friend's chickens! [This is a fun article about the science behind colored eggs.](#)

I love this [tiny cute origami picture frame](#). I would have made so many of these as a kid.

I wrote a review of Spoonflower's new Polartec fleece compared to their classic Fleece. [Read all about it on my blog.](#) Spoiler: They are nearly identical.

This is so cool! A Knitters Alphabet [typeface for knitting by Kay Gardiner](#).

Since it's finally starting to look a little bit like spring here, you might need a new sunhat. I have [made a bunch from this pattern by Betz White](#) and I think it's a great one. (Bonus is that it's made from just 2 fat quarters, so you can pick out some fun fabric on Spoonflower to make one.) She's doing a sew along in May, so the pattern is half price.

I would love to see this: For years, an incredibly rare Tudor treasure lay tucked away in a church in the rural hamlet of Bacton. [New research points directly to the wardrobe of Elizabeth I, making it the only known surviving example of Elizabeth's clothing.](#)

I loved all of the hidden [details in this article about the Coronation Invitation of King Charles III](#). The illustrations are just lovely.

Etsy released its top 2023 decor trends, which includes "mermaidcore". [Read all about what that means here.](#)

American Craft Council's [next online pop-up marketplace starts next week: May 8-21, 2023!](#)

Buy unique handcrafted work from me and from other selected artists directly from ACC's American Craft Made Online Artists Directory.

I have brand new embroidered felt owl kits in my [Etsy shop](#). I've also restocked dogs, sheep and toucans.

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