



FIBRE ART PHOTO OP

The Craft Yarn Council of America is working with a luxury Dallas hotel to launch a fibre art Instagram popup.

Intangible is a large-scale experiential art installation at the Sweet Tooth Hotel in Dallas, Texas, in which a number of leading fibre artists will each have a space where they can build elaborate environments that visitors can see and feel.

The all-female exhibitor line-up includes crochet yarn bomber London Kaye, crochet designer Twinkie Chan and installation fibre artist Hannah Busekrus.

As well as providing lots of photo

opportunities, the installation will offer workshop opportunities for aspiring fibre artists, and there will be an “education wall” in the hotel lobby introducing visitors to the history and basics of various fibre techniques, as well as information about the exhibiting artists and the brands whose products they use.

“We are so excited to partner with Sweet Tooth Hotel to open a fibre-exclusive popup in Dallas,” says CYC executive director Jenny Bessonette. “We’ve found some of the best fibre artists in the industry and we can’t wait to see what they create.”

Yarns in the installation, which will open for six months from spring 2020, will be supplied by members of the Craft Yarn Council. Sweet Tooth will also donate US\$1 per ticket sold to the CYC’s charity Warm Up America.

HAND-DYED HITS A BIGGER MARKET

Rico’s new Luxury Hand-Dyed Happiness yarn is a 100% Merino wool that aims to bring hand-dyed effects to a wider market.

The yarn is now available from retailers such as laughinghens.com and gilliangladrag.co.uk, as well as local yarn shops, and Rico has released six designs featuring it: a cardigan, poncho, hat, headband, scarf and wrist warmers.

Luxury Hand-Dyed Happiness is made in Peru, where each skein of the single-ply wool is hand-dyed so that no two are exactly the same.

A Rico spokeswoman said: “The yarns’ artisan look comes from the dyeing process, which is individually crafted by hand. This creates a very individual print which gives a modern pixel look when knitted. Every strand is unique in colour.”

The yarn knits up on 4mm needles to a tension of 23 stitches and 30 rows to 10cm and comes in 100g hanks of 400m. It retails for around £20-22 per skein.



PAINTBOX RELEASES RECYCLED RANGE

LoveCrafts has launched four recycled yarns in its Paintbox Yarns range.

The four are designed to be perfect for knitting, crochet and macramé, including cabled cushions, baskets, rugs and more.

Recycled T-Shirt is made from waste fabric gathered into colour groups and re-cut for yarn, so shades may differ slightly within a range. This super-chunky yarn comes in 18 shades in 800g cakes that retail for £8 each.

Recycled Big Cotton is another super-chunky yarn made from pure cotton, sourced from the shredded leftovers of cotton jersey fabric with a bit of polyester added to make the yarn strong and durable – perfect for homeware such as bags, baskets and rugs. It comes in 15 shades in 250g skeins priced at £10.

Recycled Ribbon and Recycled Metallic Ribbon are made from leftover cotton jersey fabric from European Mills, which is shredded and blended with polyester, then re-spun. Metallic Ribbon has a shot of lurex thread and comes in 11 shades including Rose Gold, Pewter and Aged Copper, while Recycled Ribbon comes in 18 solid colours. Both come in 150g skeins, with Recycled Ribbon priced at £8 while Recycled Metallic Ribbon retails for £11.

LoveCrafts has released a crochet homeware collection called *Be Botanical* to support the launch.

“Our new fab four will fill your home with fashionable fun,” LoveCrafts says.

