# **Chic Sheep Yarn with Marly Bird** with CBTV Live

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Chic Sheep yarn
(uplifting music) (uplifting music continues) - Hi everybody, it's Faith from Creativebug coming at you live like we do every Tuesday and Thursday. And today I have a special guest, Marly Bird. - Like do you want me to say it? I'm Marly Bird. - She's Marly Bird. - I'm sorry. - That was perfect. - That's hilarious. - We're both very excited. - I am beyond thrilled to be here. - Tell us why. - All right, well you know... - I'll tell you why I'm excited. - Okay, tell me why you're excited. - Because of your yarn line. You tell me what you're excited. - I'm excited 'cause I have my own yarn line! - Okay. (Marly laughing) - You know, we've been in this business for a while together and it's such an honor and a treat to have a company say, "We love what you do and we like your design aesthetic and what you just put together and bring to the industry. We wanna do a yarn line with you." And Red Heart came to me and said, "We wanna do this." And so my brand new yarn is called Chic Sheep by Marly Bird and it's produced by Red Heart. - And we are giving away one of every color. - [Marly] All 24. - [Faith] Today, all 24. - [Marly] 24 colors. - One person gets 24 balls of yarn. To win this yarn, Liana will be posting a link to our Rafflecopter so you're gonna have to enter there, also, like, share and comment. - Smash that like button. - Yeah, and this is why you want to win this yarn. - Yeah. - Because it's so special. Tell us everything about it. - Well, so one of the cool things is when I came here to show you this yarn, instantly you were like, that looks like this amazing quilt that I've seen. And so, I don't know if you put this together, but when I left here, I put my best friend Anne Berk on the job to design an intarsia quilt knit, that represents that quilt- - Oh, okay. - So every single color of yarn is in this brand new blanket. - [Faith] Amazing. - [Marly] Isn't that cool? - [Faith] Yeah. - [Marly] So I called it the Chic Sheep Dream Blanket, isn't it great? - [Faith] And this uses- - [Marly] Every single color. - [Faith] And it's big. - It is very big, each row has... Do you wanna hold it up? I mean, I don't know what you wanna do. Yeah, each row has every color of yarn. Look at this, it's massive, it's intense but she did 'em all together. Look how beautiful her color work is, even on the back. - It's so pretty. - But you could make this if you win this prize package also. But this is inspired by you, Anne put it together- - I didn't know that. - I know! - You saved this for on camera 'cause you know it would make me blush. - Well it's cool, right? Cause you said you should do this and Liana said you should do this. And so I asked Anne and she came up with it. - She said, "We have to make it happen." - Yeah she wrote this book, "Annetarsia Knit" she's like the queen of intarsia so I knew she was the one to do it. It's a free pattern on my website. - [Faith] Awesome. - [Marly] On Saturday. So people can get it and make whatever they want with it. - [Faith] Okay. - [Marly] Pretty cool. - [Faith] And what I love, okay my number one favorite thing with this yarn is the colors. - [Marly] Yes. - [Faith] Cause the colors are so beautiful. - [Marly] Thank you. - [Faith] And you won't learn until you see the ball bands themselves but even the names of the colors are hilarious. - They're fun you know, I spend a lot of time with yarn. You know, in my daily life that's what I do, I'm a professional knitter and crochet. And when I go to the yarn in my own stash, I gravitate towards really bright colors. And at the same time I have this... These shades of neutrals that just call to me, right? So if you're gonna come out with your own yarn line, you wanna make sure you have yarn that comes in all the colors that speak to you, they put you in your happy place. So I have 24 awesome colors, eight of them are these gorgeous shades of neutral. All the other ones are big pop colors that you could literally pick and choose one pop color and put it with a neutral and you get

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something amazing. For example, this piece right here, these are all the neutrals. So you have stiletto is the black color, and linen, and lace, and sterling, and platinum. But then you have lipstick as this, you know, really great- - [Faith] So pretty. - [Marly] Wow. So it's a lot of fun when you're putting all the colors together in doing that. - And then my number two favorite thing about this yarn is it is a hundred percent wool. - It is. - From Red Heart. - Yes! I know, can you believe it? It's so great, they were on top of it. They were just like, "We wanna do a natural fiber, we wanna do a merino, we want it washable." And they were a hundred percent gung-ho for it and so supportive, just wonderful company to work with. And yeah, it's a hundred percent washable merino wool, which means it's squishy. So not only like these beautiful colors but it's... And affordable, so good, it's so good. - [Faith] And you have a project you're going to show us today. - I do, I do. - So it the project, it's the picture on the ball bands. - Yes. - The project is not on the ball band, the pattern. - [Marly] No, yes. - [Faith] How do they get the pattern? - [Marly] So if you go to redheart.com/chicsheep - [Faith] Chic Sheep. - You can get the roulette chic cowl, it's on the ball band and it's the one I actually just showed you with the neutral shades in the pop of color and you can use any pop of color you want. But what's cool about this particular piece, it's a knit piece and it resembles like a honeycomb slip stitch pattern. But I actually learned this from a book called like "Pop Knitting" or something, where these are pulled up, these stitches are pulled up and they sort of pucker. - [Faith] Okay. - [Marly] So you get a cowl that's reversible. You can see it's really three dimensional. Look how cool that looks, right? So I thought it would be neat to show you how simple this actual piece is because it's just garter stitch, stockinette. and this really simple sort of pucker stitch. - [Faith] Oh and before we dive into that, I will say, while this is marvelous for knitting, you also have a bunch of crochet samples. - [Marly] I do, yeah. - [Faith] They're so dreamy, - [Marly] So awesome so this one isn't available yet. So this is a sneak peek. This will come out very soon. - [Faith] Okay. - [Marly] But I wanted to show the colors and how great the stitch definition is for crochet. - [Faith] It's so crisp too like look at the edging. - [Marly] Isn't it great? I know it's gorgeous. And not only for like crocheted lace, but crochet cables look amazing in this. So this piece- - [Faith] It's really pretty. - [Marly] Designer Jennifer Pionk designed this for me from A Crochet Simplicity and she is killer when it comes to crochet garments and cables, and she just put this together, oh my gosh. - [Faith] This high-low hem. - [Marly] Right? And this awesome cowl neck? And look at how pretty these cables are. So I said, I told her, I'm like, "I want something where somebody can do the cables, but is not gonna be so intimidated by a sweater." - [Faith] Yes. - [Marly] So she made a hat. - [Faith] Oh, she did this too! - [Marly] It's the same cable pattern. - [Faith] I kinda like these clothes together. - [Marly] Right it's so good. - [Faith] Of course. - [Marly] It's 'cause it's a neutral and a pop, right? - [Faith] Right. - [Marly] But it's a great little hat, it uses the same cable pattern so you don't have to commit to a full sweater but you can still do really great crocheted cables. - [Faith] And where are these patterns available? - [Marly] Redheart.com. - [Faith] Of course. - [Marly] All of them are free patterns on redheart.com. - [Faith] Of course. - [Marly] I know, right? - The best. - Great, great patterns. I worked with fantastic designers, I designed some pieces, it's just, it was a great collaboration. - What a dream come true. - Oh my gosh, it really is. I'm just, I'm in the middle of a big dream right now. You're part of it, how's it feel? - Do you need me to pinch you? - Do I need to like one of those? (Marly warbling) Right? - [Liana] So Marly, the comments are flying in so fast that I can't even keep up. - Oh gosh. - [Liana] I did see one question. So we wanna know when the yarn will be available in stores or how they can get it. - So right now, it is available online only until, I've been told late January when it will be available at JOANN's but only a select few JOANN stores. So the best bet for you to get this yarn is to order online. And just trust me when I

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tell you it is soft, it is squishy, it is vibrant, it is fantastic so don't hesitate and be like, I gotta feel my yarn first. Just take the plunge, get one skein. You can make a full slouchy knit hat with one skein. You know, it's a lot of fun to work with, right? It's a lot of fun. - I think some people hear a hundred percent wool and they think, "Oh well that's not next to skin softness." - Yeah, no this is. - This definitely is. - Yeah that's how I chose it. I put all of the different yarns I had to choose from in a bag and my first criteria- - Really? - I swear I pulled them out. And if my first thought was, "Oh that's kind of scratchy..." Or "Oh that feels like something else like I really wanna work with." It was out but if I felt it and I was like, "Oh that's squishy, tell me more about this." That was my, okay, this one will move on, kind of pile. - Right. - So that's how I chose 'em. Isn't that nuts? - It's perfect. What a good way to choose yarn. - You know it's smart when you're a knitter and crocheter, you think about those things. - Right. - It's not just, "Oh this is a wool, I'm gonna put it out there." It's how does this feel? - Right. - How does this, when this is on the shelf- - Am I gonna wanna knit with it. - Yeah is JOANN's, they were gonna have it on the shelf. You walk in, you grab it, the first thing you're do it gonna squish it, right? And then you're gonna put it against your skin. You just put it there. I put it on my face. Like I'm like all over my face. And then I'm just like, okay, well tell me more about it. So I read and I'm like, look at these color names. They're so fantastic, you know? So it's like, it's all about that experience that we all love through knitting and crochet 'cause we're very tactile. So it started literally from the very beginning of me choosing this yarn. - I love it. - I know it's fun. And if you aren't sure about buying it, well enter our giveaway. - Yeah. - And then you can win one of every single color. - [Marly] Yeah. - [Faith] To enter the giveaway, please go to the link that Liana shared and then like share and comment. You know the drill. - Yes. - [Liana] And one other thing because everybody can be a winner and get two months of Creativebug for free. Would you tell them how? - And everyone can be a winner and get two months of Creativebug for free, Liana reminds me, two months for free. So zero money down if you go to creativebug.com/joann. So if you've been enjoying these live shoots and you haven't tried out Creativebug yet, or if you wanna see some of Marly's classes. - Yes. - We have some awesome Marly classes on the site. - Knitting and crochet. - Knit and crochet, and entrelac, which is like will blow your mind. So creativebug.com/joann for two months free. - That's a great deal. That's a great deal. - Now onto our project. - All right so you wanna learn how to just like the- - Yes. - This is so simple. If you can knit and you can purl, you can do this really great little cowl. Let me show you the piÃ¨ce de rÃ©sistance to it. I'm gonna pick up my little swatch here. There's no rhyme or reason to this swatch other than I'm using just the same stitches. I've done a basic garter stitch and then my six rows of stockinette. And I'm going to act as if it's time for me to do this kind of pucker stitch. So you'll see I'm gonna put a pucker stitch into this one right here. If I follow this column of knits all the way to that purl bump right there from that garter stitch row, and take my left hand needle, come down and pick up that purl bump. Now that purl bump is on my left hand needle and it's resting inappropriately, right? It's resting incorrectly, the back leg is in front of the front leg. That's all right, we don't care 'cause we're gonna knit this orange stitch together with that sort of ice blue stitch. It's actually called sunset and creme de mint. And I knit them together through the back leg and it's that easy. Then I do it again, I follow this one down. I'm gonna pick up that purl bump, put it on my needle, knit it together through the back leg, and you do it one more time. So total of three times through the back leg and then you carry on just knitting seven stitches. And then you would repeat because it's a 10 stitch repeat. And it's just that easy, I need to count now. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, and then I would repeat so I'd follow this down, pick up that purl bump, put it on my needle, hit it through the back leg. - [Faith] What is the stitch called? - [Marly] I called it the pucker stitch. - [Faith] Okay. - [Marly] I didn't have a full

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name for it. And I was like, I love how you get this kind of pucker look. - [Faith] Yeah. - [Marly] On the backside. And it makes it reversible, it's a really pretty stitch. So once you do those three, you would carry on. So you would do this all the way around and obviously if you're working in the round and you're working in garter stitch, you'd have to switch to knit and purl. But for this one, this row here would be garter stitch. So if I turn, I'm just gonna knit all the way back, but you can see right here, I'm already starting to get those puckers, you see them? So if I were to carry on, I get this where you get those pucker stitches and they're staggered every other row to get that really cool sort of honeycomb look. And it's just fun, it makes it reversible. - [Faith] And just in terms too of like air being trapped, it would be super warm. - Oh it's very warm and it's comfortable. 'cause it's marina wool and it's soft and squishy and it feels good. And it's really pretty and everybody wants it. It's really great. - It's really lovely. - Right, you get to have fun. And these are like, these are the neutrals of like the grays and blacks. You could do the browns and cream, and maybe do like that sunset color, right? - I almost want it seen with like this being like a black or white, like this being the most neutral. And then the background colors being like an ombre or just like these really juicy ones. - [Marly] You know what else I did on one of these 'cause it's six rows of stockinette. I did like two black, two white, two black. - [Faith] Whoa! - [Marly] So I made it stripe. It was really funky, it's awesome. Seriously, it was so... I was like, oh, is this too much? - What did I do? - My husband was like, "I like it, I think." And I'm like, "Well you know, what does that mean?" So I thought it was cool. - That to me is always a sure sign that I'm on the right track. - Right, yeah. (Marly laughing) - Yeah. That's awesome. - So there you have it. And this one's designed by me. This was one of those where I was like, I wanna highlight the neutrals with the pop and something just fun that anybody can make. - [Faith] And when is... When will the rest of these patterns be available? - So all of these are available with the exception of that one crocheted scarf, all of those are available right now on redheart.com and redheart.com/chicsheep. And then the blanket, the Chic Sheep Dream Blanket will be available on Saturday on marlybird.com. And you can go there right now and sign up to know, you know, you can be the first to know when it comes out and all that good stuff, it's just great. - And we, I almost forgot to mention, we're also including in our giveaway of all these yarns, this wonderful book. - [Marly] Yes. - [Faith] By Anne Berk, who designed- - She did, so Anne Berk is the queen of intarsia. They call her Annetarsia. - [Faith] Perfect. - [Marly] She's absolutely amazing. She's got tips and tricks to really help you love intarsia because it's one of those techniques that you either love it or hate it. And when she showed me how to do this, I fell in love with it. And so when she made the blanket and I told her it was coming here, she said, "Let me give you a book so you can give it away." And I said, fantastic so thanks Anne. - Well and thank you. We really appreciate you coming on down. - Thanks, I love coming here. You know I every time here to do a class. You guys are just the best, I love it. - You're part of the family. - I'm part of the family. - You're like a cousin. - Aww, I'm the cousin. - I would give a hug but then our microphones would smash. - I know, that would be really odd. - But thank you so much for- - We could be like "Wayne's World", right? (both warbling) No all right, too much. (Marly laughs) - [Liana] Never enough. (Marly laughing) - Thank you so much, Marly, for joining us and thank you everybody at home for joining us. We're so happy to have you with us and we'll see you on Thursday. - Yeah, don't forget to smash that like button and enter for the yarn. (lively upbeat music)

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