

# cowgirlblues

CRAFTING COLOURFUL LIVES



*"If you take any activity, any art, any discipline, any skill, take it and push it as far as it will go, push it beyond where it has ever been before, 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

DESIGNERS & MAKERS OF FINE CRAFTED KNITS

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# 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 14 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.

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.

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 also.

***COWGIRLBLUES IS ALL ABOUT  
INSPIRING AND EMPOWERING WOMEN***

# 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.



## Solid Colour elements:

-  Hot Pink
-  Orchid Blush
-  Chilli Pepper
-  Evergreen

# 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!



## Solid Colour elements:

-  Hot Pink
-  Chatterbox
-  African Violet
-  Carrot Juice

# Bette Midler

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.



## Solid Colour elements:

-  Olive
-  Sage
-  Aubergine
-  Faded Rose

# Adele

Think “Chasing Pavements”, and Adele’s smooth vocals, sometimes sad lyrics, and incredibly strong feminine energy.



## Solid Colour elements:

-  Chatterbox
-  Faded Rose
-  Lemon
-  Rainforest

# PJ Powers

A South African singer, PJ was a household name in the 90s with her song “Jabulani” meaning “Rejoice” in Zulu. We hope this colourway makes you want to celebrate.



## Solid Colour elements:



Cobalt



Hot Pink



Lemon



Natural

# Diana Ross

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!



## Solid Colour elements:



Hot Pink



Sable



Faded Rose



Seagrass

# Carly Simon

“You’re So Vain” was one of her biggest hits, but this soft, subtle colourway isn’t an attention seeker. It’s more in tune with “Let the River Run” another Carly hit.



## Solid Colour elements:

-  Indigo
-  Cobalt
-  Mustard
-  Natural

# Tina Turner

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



## Solid Colour elements:

-  Indigo
-  Cobalt
-  Mustard
-  Aubergine

# Cher

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



## Solid Colour elements:

-  Celadon
-  Guinea Fowl
-  Mustard
-  Chilli Pepper

# Say a Little Prayer

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



## Solid Colour elements:

-  Cobalt
-  Camps Bay
-  Indigo
-  Cape Storm

# 9 to 5

Dolly Parton wrote and recorded the song “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!”



## Solid Colour elements:

-  Indigo
-  Guinea Fowl
-  Seagrass
-  Carrot Juice

# Madonna

Like a Virgin, Material Girl, Crazy For You, Into the Groove, Live To Tell, True Blue. This colourway celebrates her evergreen music, with some rebellious Hot Pink streaks.



## Solid Colour elements:

-  Hot Pink
-  Camps Bay
-  Faded Rose
-  Aubergine



# Tracy Chapman

Fast Car was the lead single on Tracy Chapman's 1988 debut studio album. Car (and movie) fans might see the "Fast and Furious" car lights, and city streets at night.



## Solid Colour elements:

-  Cobalt
-  Camps Bay
-  Evergreen
-  Mustard

# Celine Dion

From "The Power Of Love" to "Because You Loved Me" and "My Heart Will Go On" we are thinking of Kate and Leo's Titanic romance coming to a sad, cool, watery end.



## Solid Colour elements:

-  Rainforest
-  Sage
-  Olive
-  Natural

# Alanis Morissette

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 her famous song.



## Solid Colour elements:

-  Rainforest
-  Chilli Pepper
-  Sage
-  Natural

# Karma Chameleon

Boy George and Culture Club sang "Karma, karma, karma chameleon; You come and go, you come and go-o-o-oh; Loving would be easy if your colours were like my dreams; Red, gold and green; Red, gold and green."



## Solid Colour elements:

-  Rainforest
-  Camps Bay
-  Marsala
-  Aubergine

# Cape Carnival

Cape Carnival is an annual event on January 2nd where the city bursts into colour, music, singing, dancing and parades. It's a vibrant celebration in a riot of colours.



## Solid Colour elements:

-  Olive and Rainforest
-  Aubergine and Orchid Blush
-  Chilli Pepper, Dusty Rose and Hot Pink
-  Mustard and Lemon

# Tambourine Man

"Hey Mr Tambourine Man play a song for me; I'm not sleepy and there is no place I'm going to. Hey, Mr. Tambourine Man, play a song for me; In the jingle jangle morning I'll come following you." Thank you Bob Dylan.



## Solid Colour elements:

-  Dusty Rose
-  Rainforest
-  Mustard
-  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.



## Solid Colour elements:

-  African Violet
-  Orchid Blush
-  Carrot Juice
-  Mustard

# Joni Mitchell

17 albums of original songs like “Clouds” and “Both Sides Now” were hugely successful. But “Big Yellow Taxi” is probably most loved. Let’s hope we haven’t “paved paradise and put up a parking lot”.



## Solid Colour elements:

-  Mustard
-  Lemon
-  Sable
-  Camel

# Brenda Fassie

This South African singer, songwriter, dancer and anti-apartheid activist was best known for her song "Weekend Special". With these colours you'll be ready.



## Solid Colour elements:

-  Charcoal
-  Silver Fox
-  Chilli Pepper
-  Mustard

# 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 are left with a clean slate to start afresh.



## Solid Colour elements:

-  Coffee Bean
-  Camel
-  Mustard
-  Natural

# Barbra Streisand

With *Yentl*, released in 1983, she became the first woman to write, produce, direct, and star in a major studio film. Her songs “Memory”, “The Way We Were” and “It Had To Be You” are dreamy, romantic and gentle, just like these colours.



## Solid Colour elements:

-  Sable
-  Coffee Bean
-  Terracotta
-  Marsala

# Miriam Makeba

Miriam Makeba was a South African singer, songwriter, actress and civil rights activist. Harry Belafonte inspired her move to the US, and she became one of the first African musicians to be recognised worldwide. But she never forgot her African roots.



## Solid Colour elements:

-  Sable
-  Mustard
-  Camel
-  Coffee Bean

# Semi-Solid Colours



Evergreen



Celadon



Sage



Olive



Rainforest



Camps Bay



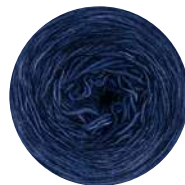
Seagrass



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Mustard



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Sable



Silver Fox



Charcoal



Natural



## WHEN YOU WORK WITH US YOU BECOME PART OF OUR FAMILY

We are deeply committed to our staff,  
our customers and our community.  
And we regularly hosts events to  
inspire, inform and connect.

*Life is short, let's knit and be happy!*

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