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The **DEW DROP SLING**, one of five Sweet Life Bags by Amy Butler, presents a stylish option for carrying your latest project. Available in five modern fabric combinations, the drop sling boasts an extra-long pocket and cell phone pocket on the outside and two large zippered pockets on the inside. This bag's large size—14 inches tall by 20¾ inches wide and 4 inches deep—accommodates even an afghan in progress. Distributed in the United States by Westminster Fibers (www.westminsterfibers.com). See products at www.amybutlerdesign.com



For the second year in a row, crocheters selected *Interweave Crochet* to receive the **BEST CROCHET MAGAZINE** Flamie Award. The Flamies are awarded by the Crochet Liberation Front for extraordinary work in crochet—sort of like the Oscars do for work in film. Crochet-lovers vote on their favorite crochet designs, designers, and media. In addition, two Flamie winning designs made their debut in *Interweave Crochet: The Moorish Mosaic Afghan* by Lisa Naskrent (Fall 2009) won Best Design Home Decor, and the Luna Sweater by Kim Guzman (Winter 2009) won Best Design Adults. Kim Werker, founder of CrochetMe.com and former editor of *Interweave Crochet*, won the award for Best Crochet Pattern Book for her book *Crocheted Gifts* (Interweave, 2009). And *Interweave* author Robyn Chachula (*Blueprint Crochet*) won a Flamie for Best Crochet Instructor. For a full list of winners, see www.crochetliberationfront.com/2010FlamieAwards.html

Soak introduces a new fragrance, **UNLEASH**, joining four other fresh fragrances and a scentless version. Soak products are gentle and perfect for crochet or knit items, lingerie, or swimwear. Simply immerse your garment in a bucket of water with Soak, then lift out and block to shape; no rinsing necessary. www.soakwash.com



The **YARN PLAY CAFÉ BAG** is a wonderful environmentally green option for holding or transporting unfinished projects, groceries, or your newest purchase for your yarn stash. These bags also show a bit of sassiness. Stamped with *crochet*, *hooked*, *yarn*, *crafty*, or *yarn snob*, these bags let you reflect your yarn mood. www.yarnplaycafe.etsy.com

Handmade from renewable birch native to North Carolina, **TWIN BIRCH CROCHET HOOKS** have wonderful flexibility. Lightweight and warm, the hooks are also affordable. Choose a crochet hook from sizes D–Q, a 14-inch Tunisian hook from sizes D–Q, or double-ended crochet hooks, 10 inch in sizes D–Q and 20 inch in sizes H–Q. www.twinbirchproducts.com



If you are looking for an elegant, lightweight **SHAWL PIN** for yourself or as a gift, Romi presents a variety of nickel pins, including geometric shapes as well as animal shapes such as a swan, a sheep, a cat, a rabbit, and more. www.designsbyromi.com