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Celebrate Spring and Keep Green

Take a look outside and it's hard to deny - Spring is here. Let's appreciate the great weather and stop to think about this precious planet. Earth Day is coming - it's a chance to reflect and appreciate the bounty around us. Earth Day is also an opportunity to be greener. There are lots of ways you can honor the Earth and be 'green' through your crafting - for example creating reusable items to replace disposable ones like bags and dishcloths. You can also recycle something that has outlived its purpose, such as an out-of-style sweater, and turn it into something new and useful. There's no time like the present to create. In honor of Spring, we've got an action-packed newsletter for you, with more fun patterns than you can shake a fair-trade, organic, hydroponic stick at.



When we talk about being green and respectful of the environment, [Bernat® Bamboo](#) is a great place to start. The fastest growing plant on earth, bamboo requires no pesticides or fertilizers and is very eco-friendly. Not only that, but [Bernat® Bamboo](#) is as soft as a dream and a delight to knit or crochet with. To compliment this natural, luxurious fiber, we're introducing [pattern book #530180 Natural Selection](#). This book includes a handful of beautiful, innovative tops - all featuring the natural [shades](#) of [Bernat® Bamboo](#).


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Free Pattern

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Greetings from Bernat®

Spring is all about going green!

The robins have been here, in downtown Toronto, for almost a month. I have seen my first dandelion, the tulips & daffodils are poking their heads through the soil and my skis have been put away for the year – it must be Spring!! Please, let it be Spring!

Now I am patiently waiting for my farmer's market at Dufferin Grove to turn green with leafy lettuces & greens – it can't be much longer. Supporting local farmers & taking public transit are some of the ways I lessen my impact on the environment. My collection of re-useable bags has been growing, but my go-to favorites are my expandable knit bags. Precious fruits & vegetables don't get squashed and they hold lots of goodies.

Be sure to take time on April 22nd to celebrate Earth Day, maybe by making your own market bag.

Tread lightly.

Sara

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Free downloads for our E-Newsletter Subscribers! Bags and more Bags!

Just in time for Spring, be the first one to download these ten free bag patterns. Whether you need a craft bag, grocery bag, something to keep around for emergencies, or just something to be proud to wear on your arm, we've got the perfect bag for you.





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Cheers,
The Bernat® Design Team