



# 2013 Bicycle Yarn Bombing Project

presented by *The Yarn Underground* and *Bike for Life Moscow*

## What is Yarn Bombing?

Yarn bombing is a type of “street art that employs colorful displays of knitted or crocheted yarn or fibre rather than paint or chalk.” ([en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yarn\\_bombing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yarn_bombing)).

## Why *Bicycle* Yarn Bombing?

**Bike for Life Moscow** ([www.bikeforlifemoscow.com](http://www.bikeforlifemoscow.com)) was looking for an artistic way to promote cycling and **The Yarn Underground** ([www.yarnunderground.com](http://www.yarnunderground.com)) was looking for ideas for participation in this year’s **Moscow artwalk** ([www.ci.moscow.id.us/arts/Pages/artwalk.aspx](http://www.ci.moscow.id.us/arts/Pages/artwalk.aspx)). A random sighting of a yarn bombed bike on the internet led Bike for Life to approach The Yarn Underground with the spark of an idea that burst into full-blown enthusiasm for a bicycle yarn bombing project.

## The Concept

The idea is that local knitters and crocheters will be inspired to “yarn bomb” bicycles, helmets, bike parts and other bicycle paraphernalia for outdoor display at **Bike Fest** on May 4<sup>th</sup> and at **Moscow artwalk** on June 14<sup>th</sup> and throughout the summer. We want to convey the idea that both biking and knitting are fun, so bright colors, variety and creativity are encouraged. For inspiration, visit: [yarn-bombing.com/tag/bike/](http://yarn-bombing.com/tag/bike/).

## Who Can Participate?

Knitters and crocheters of all ages and skill levels can participate. All that you need are some basic skills and your imagination! If you can knit a rectangle, you can yarn bomb the frame of a bike. If you can crochet a circle, you can yarn bomb a wheel. If the thought of doing a whole bike on your own is daunting, try doing a child-sized bike or trike. Or yarn bomb a bike with a group of friends. Make it into a fun social gathering!

*NOTE: There will be a bicycle in the window of (or chained to the bike rack next to) The Yarn Underground (409 S Washington Street, 208.882.7700) that anyone can add small pieces to (no application necessary).*

## Where Do I Get Materials?

You are welcome to use materials you already have but if you don’t have access to used bikes or yarn:

**Bicycles and bike parts** for yarn bombing are available from:

- *Paradise Creek Bicycles* – 513 S Main St, Moscow, 208.882.0703 (ask for T Jay or Nick)
- *Follett’s Mountain Sports* - 407 S Washington St, Moscow, 208.882.6735 (ask for Chester)
- *B & L Bicycles* – 219 E Main St, Pullman, 509.332.1703 (ask for Brice)
- NOTE: There will be a bicycle in the window of (or chained to the bike rack next to) The Yarn Underground that anyone can add small pieces to (no application necessary)

*Artists are responsible for contacting these businesses directly to find out what they have that can be used for yarn bombing. If you yarn bomb items from another source, please make sure that you have permission to do so! If you have trouble finding what you need, please contact Jen at [jen@pcei.org](mailto:jen@pcei.org).*

## Yarn

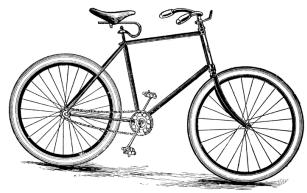
The Yarn Underground has a large collection of donated yarn that can be used for your project.

## Workshops

There will be a Yarn Bombing Workshop on Saturday, March 30, 1-2pm at The Yarn Underground (\$10). Like The Yarn Underground ([www.facebook.com/the yarn underground](http://www.facebook.com/the yarn underground)) and Bike for Life Moscow ([www.facebook.com/bikeforlifemoscow](http://www.facebook.com/bikeforlifemoscow)) on Facebook for all the latest “yarn bombing” updates.

## Important Deadlines

The Bicycle Yarn Bombing Project participation agreement is due no later than April 30, 2013. Completed pieces are due by May 1, 2013 for display at **Bike Fest** (May 4<sup>th</sup>) AND **Moscow artwalk** (June 14<sup>th</sup> through August). Pieces are due by June 11, 2013 for display at **Moscow artwalk** (June 14<sup>th</sup> through August).



# 2013 Bicycle Yarn Bombing Project Participation Agreement

**Please include the following information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am:  under 18 years old  18 years or older

Best method and time to contact me: \_\_\_\_\_

I plan on yarn bombing the following bicycle or bicycle-related object:

\_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Theme (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to submit additional pieces (optional):

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I will deliver my piece(s) to The Yarn Underground by:

May 1, 2013 for display at **Bike Fest** (May 4<sup>th</sup>) AND **Moscow artwalk** (June 14<sup>th</sup> reception through August)

June 11, 2013 for display at **Moscow artwalk** (June 14<sup>th</sup> reception through August)

**Moscow artwalk Artist Listing (optional):**

I would like to have my name or the name of my group listed in the Moscow artwalk flyer. I have included the \$20 fee with this application. [*Please make checks payable to The Yarn Underground. The fee will be submitted with The Yarn Underground's artwalk application.*]

**Deliver completed application (by mail, email, or in person) to:**

The Yarn Underground  
409 S Washington Street  
Moscow, Idaho 83843  
[marisa@yarnunderground.com](mailto:marisa@yarnunderground.com)  
208.882.7700

**Applications are due April 30, 2013.**

**Questions?** Contact **Marisa Gibler** (208.882.7700, [marisa@yarnunderground.com](mailto:marisa@yarnunderground.com)) or **Jen Hiebert** (208.882.1444, [jen@pcei.org](mailto:jen@pcei.org)) if you have any questions about the project or application.