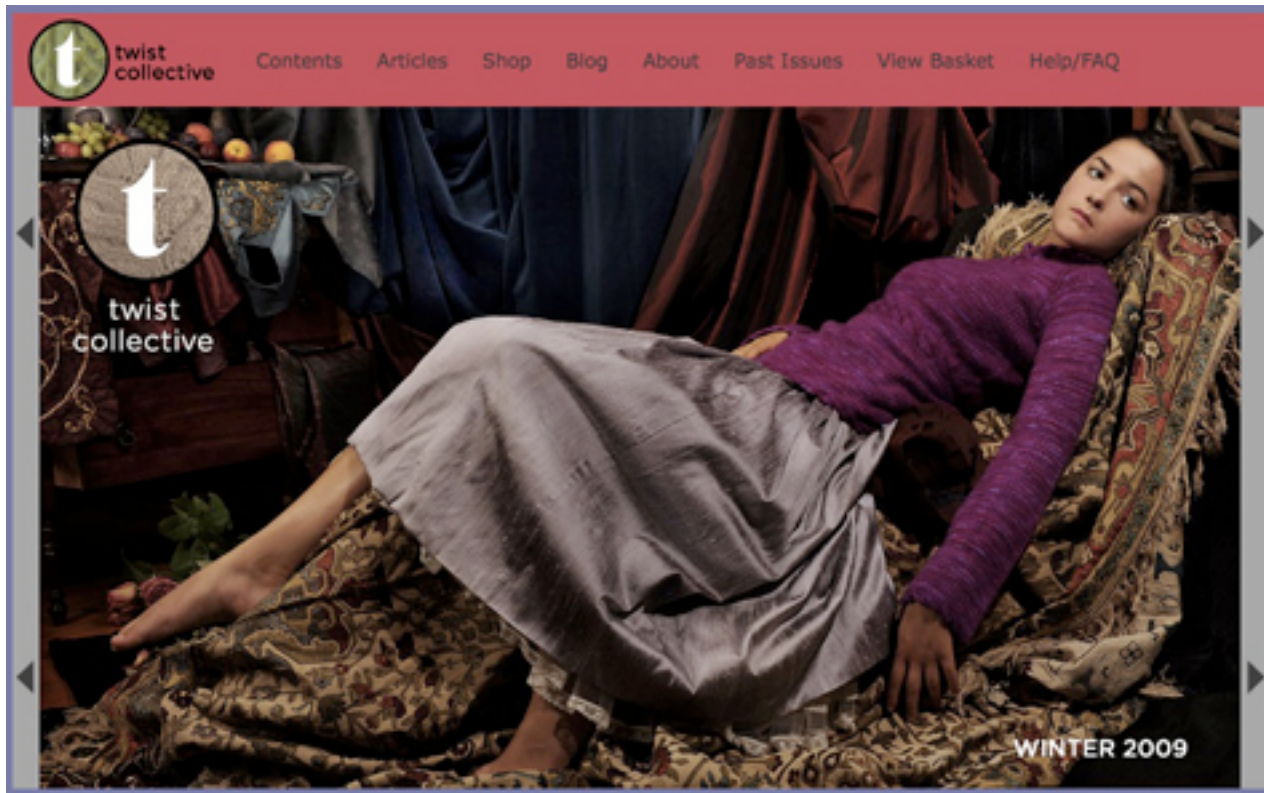


Julia here. If you don't know it yet, [winter](#) is ready and waiting for you. Meanwhile . . .



When Kate said to Toronto's [Downtown Knit Collective](#) last month that Twist is for knitters who want to try new techniques, I realized that this is something we **do** do alot. So many of our patterns introduce knitters to something they may not have tried before, and do it in a friendly way. Personally, I never learned a new knitting trick just for its own sake; it was always because that was the thing standing between me and the sweater I wanted, so I learned. There's a lot of wonderful techniques crammed into just this issue: double knitting, spit splicing, after-thought shoulders, steeked collars, beaded lace, fulling, and slip stitches. It is our hope that knitters take the plunge and trust us to get them through. Every pattern has thorough instructions on the thing that might intimidate, and we're here to help if you need more than that. So don't let that new technique stand in your way: go knit something.