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FEBRUARY 2015 UPDATE



Dear Stitchers,

Looking for a little inspiration? Color, texture and pattern are all sparking our creativity this month. This is the season when we turn inward, embracing those elements that make our home a welcome sanctuary against the longer nights and the chill of winter. Knit and crochet projects using rich colors of comforting yarn, plush textures and a mix of traditionally-inspired patterns all bring a sense of warmth.

Color your world and bring substance to your wardrobe this winter! Laid-back outfits are elevated by mixing color and texture. Cozy classics in deep neutral tones create the perfect canvas to express yourself with "let it snow" accessories. TAHKI YARNS tonal cotton-wool blend "Zona" embodies casual elegance. A few bold tones can rejuvenate a neutral base, while keeping the overall palette simple and adjustable. Lightweight MIRASOL "Pagu Pura" 100% alpaca is fashionable without being trendy. Dream up your own combinations. Change it up with your mood. Make it your own.

Discover rustic textures in beautiful tweeds and thick-and-thin yarns. Inspired by the notion that opposites attract, rustic textures create drama, depth, and a casual fashion sense with the added spice of luscious texture. Tweeds and marls can be an elegant canvas for your personal style, especially when paired with softer, more luxurious surfaces, from densely woven knits to delicate embroidery. On our shelves, you'll find new shades of BERROCO "Inca Tweed" and ROWAN "Felted Tweed Aran" for toasty mittens, hats and scarves.

Skillful layering helps our wardrobes transition into other seasons. Choose pieces that work both over and under your existing garments. Looking ahead, knit your way to spring with lacy, lightweight knits that can be both easily layered or mixed and matched at will. Be sure to check out BERROCO "Modern Cotton" rayon and cotton blend and "Indigo" recycled denim -- these newbies will have you thinking about spring fever, instead of cabin fever.

Don't forget about our skill building classes and gatherings -- it's a great time to be a knitter or crocheter! See you soon!

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*** GREAT NEW STUFF ***

The weather is freezing and stitching season is in full swing. Ready for a winter warm-up? Kathy's Kreations will help you stay cozy with a collection of knits with interesting textures, luxurious classics and fresh approaches to knitting and crocheting. Softly sculptured ponchos, wraps and accessories are as popular now as they were last fall, and we present you with more projects and products to add to your wish list. Here's what's new, what's now, what's next in knits you'll love to live in...

You better hurry, 'cause it's going fast. We're talking about our recent shipment of MADELINE TOSH hand-dyed "Pashmina" (\$33.50, 100 grams, 360 yards, 75% merino wool / 15% silk / 10% cashmere, CYCA #3). This fiber was chosen for last month's "Faberge Shawl" class project sample and makes a truly elegant shawlette. If you have ever worked with this yarn, you understand how special it truly is. We also have received a supply of MADELINE TOSH "Unicorn Tails" (\$4.95 each, 52 yards, 100% superwash merino wool, CYCA #2). These mini-skeins of "Merino Light" are perfect for adding splashes of color or trim, or choose four to make a "One Bad Ombre" hat...

Have you discovered the affordable luxury of MIRASOL YARNS yet? Made from rich fiber sourced from the Peruvian Andes, their plush fibers come in a range of stunningly vibrant colors that are a delight to stitch into cowls and a variety of accessories. Chase the chill and find comfort with sumptuous "Pagu Pura" (\$11.50, 100 grams, 329 yards, 100% alpaca, CYCA #3). Choose from rich hand-dyed shades like mustard blossoms, thunderstorm, inca noon red, and paradise (shown upper left). The irresistible softness will work up into garments with a unique touch that assures the finest quality. A portion of every purchase is dedicated directly to funding a school in the remote area of Munani in the region of Puno to educate the children of the shepherds...

Who doesn't enjoy gifting beautiful hand knit / crocheted blankets and garments to babies? Babies and toddlers need colorful, warm, soft and fun-loving clothes. One sage piece of advice: When making items for babies, select the right yarn. For easy care and durability, machine washable fibers such as superwash wool, acrylic/wool blend, acrylic / cotton blend, and acrylic yarns are best. Select an appropriate stitch pattern based upon gender and small scale. Lacy patterns are beautiful for older children, but wee ones may get tiny fingers and toes caught in openwork. DESIGNER YARNS DY CHOICE "Baby Joy DK Print" (\$6.50, 50 grams, 180 yards, 55% polyacrylic / 45% polyamide, CYCA #3) is an easy-care, colorful fun choice for baby projects like LISA KNITS "Cute As A Button" pullover (\$5.00). If you enjoy working with natural fibers, we recommend self-striping SCHOPPEL "Ambiente" (\$13.50, 50 grams, 165 yards, 100% superwash wool, CYCA #3), which results in a faux Fair-Isle patterning. If cotton blends are preferred for a "summer" baby, KRAEMER YARNS "Tatamy DK" (\$6.50, 100 grams, 250 yards, 45% cotton / 55% acrylic, CYCA #3) provides value plus quality. ROWAN "Softknit Cotton" (\$9.50, 50 grams, 115 yards, 92% cotton / 8% polyamide, CYCA #4) is a wonderful cotton drape yarn which shows texture and cable detail. Incredibly soft and touchable, "Softknit Cotton" has a bit of polyamide for durability, and comes in bright colorways perfect for kids...

New on our shelves is DESIGNER YARNS DY CHOICE "Aran With Wool" (\$7.50, 100 grams, 74% polyacryl / 6% viscose / 20% wool, CYCA #4). This yarn is an excellent pick for easy care garments and accessories, like LISA KNITS "Reader's Wrap" (\$5.00) or the stunning cable beret, mitts and cowl set (\$5.50, pattern shown at right)...



*** MORE GREAT NEW STUFF ***

Baby, it's cold outside -- bundle up! BERROCO YARNS booklet #351 *River* (\$10.50) features a lovely collection of accessories to keep you warm and toasty on the coldest of days. Bandana-style cowl "Tancook" (shown right) features textured stitches and a cable lattice work with a decorative edging. There are also chunky texting mitts, matching Fair Isle mittens and earflap hat, sweaters and a patchwork poncho to keep you happily knitting away 'til the spring thaw...



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Berroco Yarns

Super bulky knitting is just the ticket for quick knits with minimal effort. We are pleased to announce the arrival of KNITTER'S PRIDE "Basix" US #36 wooden circular knitting needles in 24" & 32" lengths, reasonably priced at \$9.50. Your thick, chunky handknit cowls will be done in a jiffy...

Have you seen our new sturdy canvas Kathy's Kreations logo bags from EMBROIDERED 4 EWE? These roomy signature turquoise zippered totes (\$36.00) will accommodate even a large project. Other features include adjustable straps, an inside zippered pocket, and several outer pockets for stashing patterns, snacks, and gadgets. Bring in your Kathy's logo bag any Tuesday to receive 10% off as much regularly-priced merchandise as you can fit into your bag...

Ready to get a head start on spring knitting and crocheting projects? BERROCO YARNS "Indigo" is made of 100% recycled denim and cotton fibers that you'll love to wear with your favorite pair of jeans. It comes in a palette of blues and playful brights, and creates a beautiful finished fabric for you to wear and enjoy. In addition to casual weekend sweaters, we envision this as a great machine washable choice for home decor like dish cloths, pillows, place mats and mug cozies...

The perfect button can be the finishing touch that sets your project apart as handmade. Check out our new arrival of DURANGO buttons and shawl pins. We have just received a large selection of dainty mother of pearl, pewter and synthetic buttons for embellishing the CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS "Wetted Fingerless Mitts" project, which Jeanne Osman will be teaching on Saturday, February 7, 2015...

What fun to knit hats for everyone in the family! TOT TOPPERS "Favorite Cap" (\$6.50) is available in sizes preemie / newborn to adult large. This squishy textured hat will quickly become your favorite, too. Sized for all ages, mini ear flaps are knit first, then the cap is worked bottom up seamlessly. It's a wonderful stash buster -- choose as many or few colors as you'd like. It's suited equally well for guys and guys. There is also a coordinating "Favorite Blanket" pattern for babies. Also from TOT TOPPERS is the "Ollie Hat" (\$6.50), also sized from preemie to adult large. Knit in two colors or more, this cap features a twist here and a zigzag there. It is worked bottom up in the round with a cabled rib brim and minimal stranded colorwork chevrons...

Our supply of CHIA GOO "Red Lace" circular knitting needles has been replenished. If you haven't tried these needles yet, come see what the fuss is about!



POLARKNIT's "The Sock Doctor" key chain (\$8.50, shown lower left) is a must-have for any knitter! One side features the anatomy of a sock, and the other side has kitchener stitch directions written out. Tucked away in the toe of the sock is a handy darning needle. Hook this key chain to your knitting bag for a handy reminder. The "Sock Doctor" is in!

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*** FEBRUARY 2015 DREAM CLUB ***

In September 2014, we introduced Dream Club, a monthly yarn club that is brought to you by DREAM IN COLOR YARNS. Each month features a pairing of a unique hand-dyed colorway with a pattern that will showcase that month's yarn. The projects all use a single skein, some in special yardage put-ups exclusively for these designs, all spun and hand-dyed in the USA. This exclusive event is only available through

participating local yarn shops like Kathy's Kreations. The current Dream Club ends with this month's selection, but we will be offering this again beginning next September.

This month's yarn and colorway are perfect for lifting your spirits on a cold winter's day and will have you dreaming about warmer days ahead. The yarn selection is "Jilly", an exquisite blend of 100% superwash merino in a single ply, voted as the best new yarn for 2014/15 at last year's TNNA Trade Show. It has been extremely popular here at Kathy's Kreations.

Amy Loberg has created a delicate yet stunning lace shawl for February Dream Club, the "Elven Bosk Wrap" (\$27.50 / kit, design shown upper left with stitch detail lower right). This gorgeous shawl, with both written and charted instructions, is a perfect way to show off your knitting skills. "Jilly", always wonderful to knit with, is dyed up in the lovely February 2015 organic green colorway which reminds us of spring. Don't you agree?

We have designated "Dream Club" as one of our Friday knit along projects. If you can't make it to our Friday knit alongs, please keep up to date with postings to our "We Love Kathy's" group. There is also a "Dream Club" group on Ravelry with projects and special information. Let the knitting fun continue...

*** TIPS AND TRICKS ***

Jenna Celtnieks had three great tips to share at our January Sit & Knit:

- If you have difficulty unscrewing the tips from an interchangeable needle, try a "gripper" used to open jars
- If you have lost the tool to tighten your interchangeable tips, a T-pin works very well
- Apply hand cream or lotion to the back of your hand rather than directly into your palm. You need to concentrate the cream on your knuckles and cuticles in the winter.

Editor's Note: Don't forget that Kathy's Kreations carries Lo-Lo bars, cuticle care sticks and lip balms, all of which are tried-and-true moisturizers and shopgal recommended!

*** INQUIRING KNITTERS WANT TO KNOW ***

Jane G recently asked at knit along: "How much of a tail should I leave when casting on?" To gauge where to begin, here's a shortcut excerpted from *A Knitter's Stash* by Barbara Albright. Before making the first stitch, hold the cut end of the yarn snugly against the needle. Wrap the yarn loosely around the working needle 10 times. Pinch the end, unwrap and use that length of measure for 10 sts. Fold that length double, triple, or as many times necessary to reach the number of stitches you wish to cast on. Add just a little more for good measure, and make your first stitch at the point of the tail...

*** PLAN AHEAD ***

Instead of worrying that children will lose a mitten, knit or crochet 3 or 4 to match -- or whatever it takes to keep those forgetful little hands warm. This also works for slippers. Kathy's husband Tim loves his KNITTING PURE AND SIMPLE "Mukluk" slippers made from ROWAN wool. Kathy knit two pairs -- great for rotating out when one needs mending or a certain pesky Siamese cat steals them to hide behind the furniture...



COMING OR GOING[©]

design by Amy E. Anderson

I love scarves that look the same on both sides, and this stitch is quick and easy to work. By slipping the last 3 stitches on every row, you create a built-in I-cord along each side, which gives this scarf a very "finished" look. I've written the instructions so that you can use any weight yarn. Gauge is not critical.

Directions:

Cast on the appropriate number of stitches for the yarn weight you've chosen (See Table).

Work as follows:

Row 1: K6, *Slip 1 wyif, K3* repeat * - * to last 6 sts, ending K3, yf, Slip 3.

Row 2: K4 *Slip 1 wyif, K3* repeat * - *, to last 5 sts, ending slip 1 wyif, K1, yf, Slip 3.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 to desired length, then Bind Off all sts.

Finishing:

Weave in loose ends. Add fringe if desired.

Y a r n Weight	# of Stitches to Cast On	Needle Size
Fingering	45 sts.	5
Sport	41 sts.	6
DK	37 sts.	7
Worsted	33 sts.	8
Chunky	29 sts.	10
Bulky	25 sts.	11

K = Knit	Yf = yarn forward
S = Slip	St(s) = stitch(es)
Slip 1 wyif = Slip 1 with yarn in front.	



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*** CROCHET PRAYER SHAWL ***

This easy crochet triangle shawl (shown lower left) is worked in an open double crochet stitch with a shell border. Our thanks to KRAEMER YARNS and designer Judy Head for sharing this pattern.

Materials: 3 skeins KRAEMER "Perfection Worsted"; US size K crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge; tapestry needle

Gauge: 14 sts / 7 rows = 4" in double crochet (DC) stitch pattern

DIRECTIONS

Begin at Point (the increases at each end of the row shapes the shawl)

Row 1: Make a slip knot and chain (ch) 3 sts. In 3rd stitch from the hook, DC, [ch1, DC] twice. Ch 4 and turn (3 DC in same stitch).

Row 2: DC in 1st stitch; [ch 1, DC in next DC stitch] twice. In turning chain from previous row [ch 1 DC] twice. Ch 6 and turn (5 DC stitches).

Row 3: DC in 5th ch from hook [ch 1, DC in next DC stitch] across row. In turning chain from previous row [ch 1, DC] twice. Ch 6 and turn.

Repeat row 3 until long edge of shawl is 60". Point should be approximately 18" deep. Do not ch 6 stitches.

Work straight across: Begin to work the long end of the shawl without the increases. To prepare for next row, ch 3 stitches and turn.

Next Row: Skip the DC immediately next to the chain and DC in 2nd DC stitch from hook. [Ch 1, DC in next DC stitch] across row. End with DC in turning chain from previous row. Ch 3 stitches and turn.

Repeat the above row 3 times more and turn.

Shell Edge: Work border around the edges.

*Five DC into space, skip next space; repeat from * along long edge of shawl.

When you reach the end of the edge, work extra shell if needed to turn the corner and begin the next edge.

*Five DC into row end, skip next row; repeat from * along remaining edges of shawl.

Place an extra shell at the point, if needed. Repeat as established along third side of shawl. Take care that the border lies smoothly along the edges, adjusting spacing as needed. Weave in ends and block, if needed.



*** MADISON'S STOCKING CAP ***

Stocking caps have been our most frequently requested patterns during this chilly winter season. Here's Kathy's take on a "not so traditional" one. Thanks to Madison for being our beautiful model during her Ice Fest visit and to Marilee Roney for knitting the sample.

Finished Size: Child's (small adult, large adult in parentheses)

Finished Head Circumference: 13-1/2 (17-1/2, 19-1/2)". Please note that hat will stretch to fit approximately a 17 (21, 23)" head.

Length Measurement: approximately 21 (23, 25)"

Gauge: 23 sts / 31 rounds = 4" in stockinette stitch with larger needles.

Materials: DK weight yarn (CYCA #3) approximately 250 (300, 350) yards; US sizes #4 (3.5 mm) and #6 (4.0 mm) circular knitting needle, 16" length; US size #6 double-pointed needles; stitch marker, circular row counter, tapestry needle for finishing; approximately 50 yards contrast accent yarn for tassel

Yarn used to make project (child's size): ADRIAFIL "KnitCol", 2 balls

Directions

With smaller circular needles, cast on 72 (90,108) stitches, place marker; join, being careful not to twist. Work in rounds of knit 2, purl 2 ribbing for 1 (1-1/2, 1-1/2)". Change to larger needles. Work in stockinette (knit all rounds) and work even until piece measures 4 (5, 6)" from cast on edge.

Decrease Round: *K2 tog (knit two together), K16; repeat from * around -- 68 (85, 102) sts; 4 (5, 6) stitches decreased. Work 4 (5, 6) rounds in stockinette stitch.

Decrease Round: *K2tog, K15; repeat from * around -- 64 (80, 96) sts; 4 (5, 6) stitches decreased. Work 4 (5, 6) rounds in stockinette stitch).

Continue in this manner to work one less stitch between decreases every 5th (6th, 7th) round until 12 (15, 18) stitches remain.

Next Round: *K2 tog, repeat to last stitch, knit 0 (1, 0) -- 6 (8, 9) stitches remain. Draw remaining stitches up tightly with a tapestry needle. Weave in ends.

Optional: Make tassel or pompom with accent yarn and secure to end.

Tassel: Wind accent yarn over a 9" cardboard or around a compact-disc case about 70 times.

Tie one end. Cut other end. Tie again about 1-1/2" from top. Sew to cap as shown.

Design Notes: This hat may also be knit in 1 - 2" stripes, alternating two or more solid colors of DK weight yarn, or try alternating variegated and solid stripes. Be creative -- this is a wonderful stash buster!

*** SENSATIONAL SWEATER SLEEVES***

Make both sweater sleeves at the same time. Not only will your sleeves be the same length, but the gauge and shaping will also be consistent...

*** CHINESE YEAR OF THE SHEEP ***

According to Chinese astrology, each year is associated with an animal sign occurring in a twelve-year cycle. Starting Chinese New Year Thursday, February 19, 2015, it will be the Year of the Sheep, considered to be a lucky animal. Hopefully, this will be a good omen for knitters and crocheters. May all our projects be on gauge!

*** EMBELLISHING SCARVES AND SHAWLS ***

Base your decision on whether to add fringe on two things: Is there enough yarn remaining? Does the yarn look appropriate as fringe? If the answer to both questions is "yes", you will need to decide what length to use. To wrap yarn for fringe, use something firm -- a hard cover book, a compact-disc cover, a gauge-check tool, or a piece of cardboard. Be generous in your fringing -- more just seems to look better!



WHERE'S KATHY? ***

March 27-29, 2015 11th Annual Pittsburgh Knit & Crochet Festival

There is a new, bigger-space location and a later date for this year's Festival. The 2015 Festival will be held at the Westin Pittsburgh located at the downtown Convention Center from Friday, March 27 through Sunday, March 29, 2015. You can find us there in large corner booth #16 near the main registration entrance. We would appreciate your input on the brands and products that you would like us to have on hand in our booth. Save the dates!



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Louet Yarns

This year, we are excited to partner with LOUET YARNS, whose projects will be featured in the Fashion Show and at the Yarn Tasting. All projects may be worked with 2-5 skeins of LOUET yarns such as "Gems Fingering" and "Euroflax Sport". One of the garments featured is "Ewyn" (shown upper right), and the project pattern will be free with the purchase of the yarn to make this shawl.

For additional information about the Festival including transportation options through Pittsburgh Bus and Tours, visit www.pittsburghknitandcrochet.com

Thursday, April 23, 2015 Kathy's Kreations Day at Kraemer Yarns & Textiles

In 1815, Thomas Jefferson announced: "I have come to a resolution myself as I hope every good citizen will, never again to purchase any article of foreign manufacture which can be had of American make, be the difference in price what it may."

Join us for a tour of a family-owned, operating American textile mill and see how yarn is made! There is no charge for the tour which starts at 10 am, but lodging and transportation are on your own. You may make purchases from KRAEMER's yarn shop, where you will find every color of every yarn they produce. It is not only made in the USA, it is made in Pennsylvania. Please let us know if you are coming, need directions or other information.

May 16, 2015 A Spring Thing at Kathy's Kreations

Join Kathy Zimmerman for a day-long event at Kathy's Kreations on **Saturday, May 16, 2015!** Kathy will present techniques for working pattern stitches based upon a multiple of 3 – textured patterns in the 3-hour morning session, and colorwork patterns in the 3-hour afternoon session (3-color daisy stitch shown lower left). The student will have a "hands on" opportunity to knit samples of each, and learn new skills such as central double decreases, multiple stitches from one stitch, broken stripes, working multiple increases and decreases, slip-stitch knitting and much more. Learn to place a bit of texture, a band or a panel of a pattern into an unadorned sweater or accessory to create your own "original". Registration fee is \$35 per session. Early bird registration before March 31, 2015 is \$60 for both, with early-bird registration for both sessions including a light lunch. Space is limited, so please reserve early. For additional details, please contact Kathy at 724-238-9320 or e-mail kathy@kathys-kreations.com

July 31 - August 9, 2015 Steel Valley Yarn Crawl

Last year's crawl was so much fun that we are going to do it all over again. Stay tuned for upcoming details. Save the dates!

October 2 - 4, 2015 Fall Fling hosted by Kathy's Kreations

Michelle Hunter will once again be our featured instructor for this wonderful weekend learning experience, taking place at the Ramada Inn of Ligonier. More details coming soon!

*** LAUREL HIGHLANDS KNITTING GUILD SPRING WORKSHOP ***

The Laurel Highlands Knitting Guild will host its annual Spring Workshop at the Ramada Inn of Ligonier on Sunday, May 17, 2015, 9 am - 4 pm. Lisa Carnahan will present two three-hour classes, "Tips and Techniques" and "Gallatin Scarf". For more details and registration information, please contact Kathy's Kreations at 724-238-9320. The guild meets the 4th Thursday of the month January through October at Ligonier Town Hall Room A from 7 - 9 pm.



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*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

Join the "First Mondays" Club for an evening of knitting, crochet and fellowship, at Panera Bread Greengate; Greensburg, PA. Next meeting dates are Monday evenings **February 2, 2015** and **March 2, 2015; 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**. All skill levels of knitters and crocheters welcome!

*** "KNITTING" AT KATHY'S KREATIONS Tuesdays, February 10, 2015 and March 10, 2015; 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm (rsvp) ***

Join us for an afternoon of stitching & lots of fun conversation. Please note that Knit "knite" will be held in the afternoon for **February** and **March** for ease of travel. All skill levels of knitters & crocheters are welcome! Please call ahead to rsvp in case there has been a scheduling change due to the weather...

***SATURDAY SIT-N-KNIT February 14, 2015 and March 14, 2015; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm ***

Come sit 'n knit! Join us at Kathy's Kreations for fellowship, stitching, and how-to's for projects purchased here. Open to all skill levels...

*** FUN FRIDAYS, February 20, 2015 and March 20, 2015; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm ***

Join us for fellowship, stitching, and how-to's for projects purchased here. Please call ahead to let us know you will be coming, as space is limited. All skill levels of knitters & crocheters are welcome!

*** BUILDING BLOCKS CLASS SERIES WITH LISA CARNAHAN ***

Lisa Carnahan recently taught a series of classes based upon Michelle Hunter's latest book, "Building In Color". Finishing class is slated for **Saturday, February 21, 2015, 10 am - 12 noon**. Fee is \$10 plus purchase of project yarn and a one-time purchase of the "Building In Color" book by Michelle Hunter.

*** FEBRUARY KNIT ALONGS (KALs) ***

We've got the cure for cabin fever! Stop by **EVERY Friday in February** from **10 am - 2 pm** (rsvp please) to work on our newest KALs with your stitching friends to cheer you on -- your choice of MADELINE TOSH Honey Cowl or DREAM CLUB "Elven Bosk Wrap" (details page 4). Not working on the KAL? You are still welcome to come -- simply bring any knit or crochet project purchased at Kathy's Kreations and join the group (free!).

*** KNITTING CLASSES WITH JEANNE OSMAN ***

Many knitters have difficulty getting a neat appearance when knitting with double-pointed needles -- it can be quite frustrating! Learn the how-to's of working "Magic Loop", a technique in which you work in the round with a single circular needle. Instructor Jeanne Osman will be teaching "Magic Loop Method" on **Saturday, February 7, 2015, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**. The class project is CHURCHMOUSE "Wetted Fingerless Mitts" (\$5.50, shown upper left). Students will also learn how to make a tidy one-row buttonhole for the thumb opening. This one-skein pattern is one of our shop favorites, and the mitts are great for texting or for layering over leather gloves when the temperature drops. Ask to see our sample mitts, knit from MANOS DEL URUGUAY "Silk Blend DK" and DREAM IN COLOR "Everlasting DK" Student must provide 100 yards of DK weight yarn; US size 6 circular needle 29" or 32", two stitch markers and 6 - 10 small buttons (optional). Class materials will be available for purchase prior to class. Registration fee is \$20.00 plus pattern & noted supplies. For details, call Kathy's Kreations at (724)238-9320 or e-mail kathy@kathys-kreations.com

Private knitting and crocheting lessons available by appointment. We would be glad to do a specific class topic for groups of 4 or more. Kathy's Kreations has been the helpful hands of experienced knitting for over 34 years !

Henri Matisse once said: "Creativity takes courage". May your February be filled with creativity, courage and joy. **KEEP KNITTING AND CROCHETING!** Kathy