









JANUARY 2013 UPDATE

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Dear Knitters and Crocheters:

Is there a better pastime than stitching with a fabulous fiber? When we're knitting or crocheting, with the yarn rhythmically passing through our fingers and the fabric developing before our eyes, it gives us comfort. We know we are doing something we enjoy. We feel contentment on a cold winter's day, and the long evenings give us the time we need to improve our skill sets. Add a warm mug of hot cocoa, perhaps conversation with a friend or the companionship of a family pet, and we can truly appreciate the gift of time well spent.

Since it's the season for resolutions and predictions, resolve to make something for yourself -- what better way to start the New Year? We predict that whether you select an afghan or sweater, or a quick-knit cozy accessory like a hat or mittens, you'll be wrapped in warmth that will ward off winter's chill. What's in your stitching future? Many of our knitting customers have cast on for Kathy's INTERWEAVE KNITS Winter 2012 cover cabled cardigan or Barb McIntire's "Red Hot Cables Scarf", while crocheters are stitching up the CRYSTAL PALACE "Merino 5" fingerless gloves or CHURCHMOUSE moebius cowl.

At Kathy's Kreations, we hope you delight in every stitch and fall into the relaxing aspects of needleart. We hope you'll stop in soon to see what's new, what we're making, and what we chose to inspire you. We think you'll like our choices...

JANUARY IS "SWEATER WEATHER" MONTH
All regularly-priced bulky weight yarns (all fibers)
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*** GREAT NEW STUFF ***

Here in southwestern Pennsylvania, January brings with it snow, ice and frosty air-- an ideal time to showcase your winter woolies! It's not only sweater weather, but time for hats, gloves, scarves, socks, cowls, slippers, afghans, wraps -- you name it, we need all that cold weather gear to keep toasty and warm. When these things are handmade, it adds to the comfort factor. It's time to start your 2013 stitching -- we can't wait to help you find your perfect knit or crochet project like these new arrivals...

KNIT SIMPLE Winter 2012 (\$6.99, shown upper left) features 40 warm, bright, quick, colorful, and creative knits to keep you snug. When temperatures drop, the urge to stitch rises. Cast away the doldrums by casting on exciting accents for your extremities. There are cuddly caps, comfy mittens, and snuggly scarves that will inspire you to pick up your knitting needles. Warm up the cider and cozy up in front of a crackling fire to make textured afghans, sweaters, hoodies, and outerwear gear (toggles are featured quite prominently). You'll have no trouble keeping hats, mittens and scarves on your kids this winter when you adorn them with adorable polar pets. Whimsical arctic pals accessories for kids (frosty snowmen, penguins and polar bears) will melt kids' hearts and tickle their funny bones. Our favorite feature is the Aran Workshop collection of cabled sweaters that run the skill-level gamut, from an easy one-cable panel pullover to an allover cabled cardigan. This grouping is appealing, not only because we love cables but because the pretty pinks and grays, along with the beautiful array of yarns, show the stitches so beautifully...

Piecework January / February 2013 (\$6.99) is the 7th annual historical knitting issue. This publication is a testament to knitting's rich historical context. Priscilla Gibson-Roberts' colorful Armenian socks grace the cover. There are interesting projects -- polka jackets, gentlemen's monogrammed socks, wristers, Orenburg mittens and much more for you to discover...

Our *Building Blocks* class series with Lisa Carnahan begins this month and continues throughout 2013 (details page 6). These classes are designed to help knitters navigate through the major knitting skills, techniques and principles to master the goal of becoming a better knitter. At the completion of the series, the reward is an abundance of knitting knowhow along with 12 gorgeous blocks to assemble into a sampler afghan. Our samples will be knit with HiKoo "Simpliworsted" (\$13.95, 100 grams, 140 yards, 55% merino superwash / 28% acrylic / 17% nylon, CYCA #4). Kathy worked her original designs "Russian Rib Scarf" and "Russian Rib Boot Toppers" (patterns \$4.00 each) with this yarn -- it provides wonderful stitch definition and detail, in bright, eye-catching colorways...

Treat yourself to a beautiful way to get organized! New from LANTERN MOON are luxurious embossed silk fabric zippered accessory pouches to store your crochet hooks (\$23.95) and "Knit Aid Kit" (\$20.95) to carry items like repair tools, cable needles, stitch holders and pins. And every stitcher needs a good pair of sharp snips -- check out our LANTERN MOON pewter and gold tone art nouveau scissors (\$19.95). Your handwork is worth it...

INTERWEAVE Crochet Winter 2013 magazine (\$6.99, shown right) features 20 dynamic designs with gorgeous winter whites (4 stunning styles), an essential pullover to make, vintage looks, the only crochet mitten pattern you'll ever need, and great guys' hats & sweaters which are pretty cool. The tutorial on attaching buttons is well worth the read, and our favorite fun project is Vicky Howell's tasket (crocheted basket to use as a yarn bowl)...



*** MORE GREAT NEW STUFF ***

We know we have a hot project when three customers in a row stop in their tracks and say: "This is just the kind of project I've been wanting to knit!" In fact, we'd say it is red-hot -- "Red Hot Cables", that is (\$4.00, shown right). This allover cable and textured scarf, designed by Barbara McIntire, won first place in the 2011 Design-A-Scarf contest that we sponsored at the Westmoreland County Fair. Barbara knit her sample in



BROWN SHEEP YARNS "Nature Spun Worsted" (\$7.50, 100 grams, 245 yards, 100% wool, CYCA #4) but you can work yours in the new STITCH RED colorway of PLYMOUTH "Encore Worsted" (\$6.50, 100 grams, 200 yards, 75% acrylic / 25% wool, CYCA #4) or any worsted-weight yarn of your choice. If you aren't already familiar with the STITCH RED project, this is a yarn industry inititative to promote heart health awareness among women (did you know that heart disease is the number one killer of women in America?). Beautiful design, powerful idea. Let's all knit and wear red to show our support, and let's get healthy...

We hope you'll join us for a variety of group classes (details page 8). Ask to see our shop models to promote the class projects. Jeanne Osman will be teaching CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS "Lace-Back Fingerless Gloves", knit from LOUET "Gems Fine / Sport Weight" (\$13.95, 100 grams, 225 yards, 100% machine washable & dryable merino wool, CYCA #3) and her bead-embellished English Mesh Lace mitts are stunning. Kathy Zimmerman will be teaching "Fresco Garter Cable Wristlets", knit from CLASSIC ELITE "Fresco" (\$11.50, 50 grams, 164 yards, 60% wool / 30% baby alpaca / 10% angora, CYCA #3). This smooth and even 3-ply sport weight yarn is twisted tightly enough to make a firm, springy yarn, but not so tightly that the yarn loses its lofty, soft hand. The fiber blend -- wool (for warmth and strength), alpaca (for loft and sheen) and a bit of angora (to provide a soft halo) -- makes a yarn that's warm, soft and slightly fuzzy...

Button, button, who's got the button? We've got you covered with our latest assortment of nouveau-inspired RENAISSANCE BUTTONS. Each beautiful fastening is made with unique materials like Italian enamel, pressed glass, coconut, and more. Give your next project a noteworthy nod to vintage inspiration...

The right tools can make a difference. A case in point: the much-anticipated HiyaHiya Sharp Interchangeable Knitting Needle Set Large with 5" tips in sizes US 9 - 15 and 18, 26, 34, 42 inch cables (\$81.50). The set comes in a beautiful teal and black embossed silk-look fabric carrying case. The compact 9" sharp circular needles in sizes US 0 - 9 are now all in stock (price range \$8.95 - \$10.50, depednding on tip size). We have a large selection of metal and wood interchangeable knitting needle sets from a variety of manufacturers and birch & rosewood crochet hook sets, too. Splurge on gorgeous singles, too -- rosewood and ebony crochet hooks from LANTERN MOON (\$20.50 each) and BRITTANY birch crochet hooks with fancy handles (\$7.50) each. Larger size hooks are in stock with sizes L through P...

Winter winds can dry out your hands, leaving them chapped and rough. We just received a



large supply of our favorite moisturizer, "Lo-Lo Bar" (\$14.25, full size bar) and "Lo-Lo To Go" (\$8.95, travel size). Kathy swears by this antioxidant, natural ingredient and vitamin-rich formula as the only one that really works for her. Our best selling fragrances are Vanilla Moon and Ginger Amber, but you might prefer Plain Jane (no scent) or new fragrances green tea, passion fruit, or honey-do almond. We like them all...



*** NOW ON OUR BOOKSHELVES ***

Westknits Book 4: Made For Movement (\$22.00, soft cover, shown left) contains 10 new accessories featuring Stephen West's signature colorwork and textural combinations. Many of the designs are inspired by movement and versatility and they may make you dance around, showing off your new knitwear. Simple stitch patterns combine forces with different construction

methods to create shape-shifting items that can be worn and styled multiple ways. Most projects are quick knits and they all offer an enjoyable knitting experience, ideal for traveling or on-the-go knitting...

If you are still using the cast-on and bind-off methods you learned when you began knitting, it's time to explore new possibilities! In *Cast On, Bind Off* (\$16.95, spiral bound), you'll find the perfect start and finish for every knitting project. Leslie Ann Bestor's creative edges, organized in families, are just what you need to begin and end every project with flair. This tempting array of techniques will inspire you to try something new with enriching results...

Let's face it, one hat isn't enough to cover all of life's moods. In *Hattitude* (\$19.95, soft cover), you'll find the perfect hat to knit for every outfit and every mood. Designer Cathy Carron brings a new twist to her signature sculpted hat shapes. Each pattern offers a unique take on hat design using one or a combination of characteristics, including shaping, color, detail and texture. Get ready to knit an emotional journey with 40 stunning new designs including stylish caps, berets, pillboxes, tams, toques, fedoras and more. This book is brimming with options...

*** CABLE KNITTING TIP FROM KATHY ***

This winter season welcomes the return of the Aran sweater and all things cabled. When allover cable patterns are worked over a larger number of stitches -- even when you have carefully made a gauge swatch -- the width may change. Therefore, it is a good practice to measure your knitting after you've worked a few inches. You may also wish to begin with the sleeves, as it will be easier to compensate for gauge drift. Want to learn more about cables? Kathy will be teaching a cable technique class on Saturday, February 2, 2013 (see page 8 for details).

*** GARTER STRIPE AFGHAN ***

Courtesy of KRAEMER YARNS comes a very colorful self-fringing striped afghan suitable for beginners or more experienced knitters looking for a project that does not require much concentration. Designed by Clara Masessa, it is worked in simple garter stitch that knits up quickly and easily. No counters or stitch markers are required. A quick present idea, or make it bigger for a wintry evening cuddle-up. Thanks for sharing, Clara and KRAEMER YARNS! NOTES: Knit ALL rows, starting and ending by leaving a 5" tail. Knot ends together close to your knitting as you go along (this will make a fringe which will be trimmed later).

SKILL LEVEL: Beginner

DIMENSIONS: 47" X 36" excluding fringe

MATERIALS: KRAEMER YARNS "Perfection DK" 12 balls (four balls in each of 3 colors);

US 6 (4.0 mm) circular knitting needle 29" or longer length

GAUGE: 18 sts / 36 rows = 4" in garter stitch

PATTERN: Using color 1, and leaving a 5" tail, cast on 170 stitches. Cut yarn, leaving a 5" tail.

*Knit 3 rows color1 (see note), 3 rows color 2 and 3 rows color 3. Repeat from * 47 times.

Bind off using color 1. Trim fringe to approximately 3".



*** CORRUGATED BOX MITTENS ***

It's not only sweater weather but mitten weather, too! These cute textured mittens designed by Kat Koeller are knit from the top down and in the round. Thank you to KRAEMER YARNS for permission to re-print this pattern. Stay warm!

SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate

SIZES: Adult medium (large in parentheses)

MATERIALS: KRAEMER YARNS "Summit Hill" worsted weight yarn 1 skein (230 yards); US size 7 (4.5 mm) double-pointed needles (dpns); few yards waste yarn; tapestry needle GAUGE: 20 sts = 4"

ABBREVIATIONS: K - knit; kfb - knit into the front & back of the stitch (increase); K2tog - knit 2 sts together (decrease); P- purl; sts - stitches

DIRECTIONS

Mitten Top: Cast on 24 (24) sts. Join work, being careful not to twist sts. Place 6 stitches on needles 1 and 2, place 12 stitches on needle 3. Needles 1 and 2 hold the palm stitches, needle 3 holds the back stitches.

All Sizes:

Round 1: Knit.

Round 2: (K1, kfb, K8, kfb, K1) twice: 28 sts. Round 3: (K1, kfb, K10, kfb, K1) twice: 32 sts. Round 4: (K1, kfb, K12, kfb, K1) twice: 36 sts.

Large size only Round 5: (K1, kfb, K14, kfb, K1) twice: 40 sts.

All Sizes: Knit 3 (2) rounds.

Mitten Body:

Medium Size: K20, (P2, K1) five times, K1. Large Size: K23, (P2, K1) five times, K2.

Repeat this round 27 times total.

Right Hand Thumb All Sizes: With waste yarn, K 6 sts. Slip the 6 sts just worked back to the left-hand needle. Continue round with working yarn as established. Work mitten body round as established for 4 (6) more rounds.

Left-Hand Thumb All Sizes: K 12 (14) sts. With waste yarn, K 6 sts. Slip the 6 sts just worked back to the left-hand needle. Continue round with working yarn as established. Work mitten body row as established for 4 (6) more rounds.

Cuff All Sizes: Knit 4 (6) rounds. Work K1, P1 rib for 20 rounds. Bind off loosely.

Thumb All Sizes: Carefully remove waste yarn and place upper 5 sts on one dpn and lower 6 sts on another dpn.

Round 1: Beginning on lower needle, K6, pick up 1 (2) sts in gap, K5, pick up 1 (2) sts in gap. Arrange the 13 (15) sts evenly over 3 needles. Working in the round, K 14 (16) rounds.

Thumb decreases

Medium Size Only:

Round 1: (K2, K2tog) three times, K2: 11 sts. Round 2: (K1, K2tog) three times, K2: 8 sts.

Large Size Only:

Round 1: (K2, K2tog) four times: 12 sts. Round 2: (K1, K2tog) four times: 8 sts.

All Sizes: Cut yarn, leaving an 8" tail. Pull tail through remaining 8 sts and draw up tightly. Weave in ends.

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*** BUILDING BLOCKS KNITTING SERIES WITH LISA CARNAHAN ***

Do you want to be a better knitter? Improve your knitting skills one square at a time with this master class taught by Lisa Carnahan. Join us in this series of lessons where we will knit one block in each of the next twelve months. And, in the thirteenth month, we will learn finishing techniques to assemble the blocks. Each block builds upon the skills of the previous block. Gain confidence and knowledge while working toward a beautiful sampler afghan!



Lisa Carnahan, designer and owner of Lisa Knits, will be here at Kathy's Kreations to guide yout through each lesson while adding helpful tips that she has learned in her many years of knitting and designing.

Reading charts, yarn overs, bobbles, cables, twisted stitches and advanced decreases are just a few of the techniques that are covered in this series of classes. All you need to know to get started is how to knit and purl.

Between classes, you will have an excellent workbook to guide you, access to online video lessons, and Lisa will reply to any questions that you have via e-mail. At the completion of these series, we'll get together for a Block Party where we'll celebrate the completion of our sampler afghans along with a few surprises!

We begin the block series with the foundation of all knitting -- knit and purl. You will be amazed at the beautiful design (shown upper right) that emerges with the sole use of these two stitches. This design was specifically chosen to increase your pattern reading skills. Don't worry, experience is the best teacher, and you will gain confidence with each row! The first class will be held at Kathy's Kreations on **Saturday**, **January 26**, **2013**, **from 10 am - 12 noon**. Cost of the class series is a one-time purchase of the "Building Blocks" booklet by Michelle Hunter (\$20); \$10 per class session; and one skein of "Simpliworsted" yarn to complete each block (you may substitute yarn, but it must be purchased at Kathy's Kreations). All blocks will be knit with a US 10 circular knitting needle 24" (available for purchase before class, if needed).

We are thrilled to announce that Michelle Hunter will be the guest instructor for our 2013 Fall Fling weekend (you will be hearing more about Michelle's Colorwork Workshop in upcoming newsletters or visit her website at www.knitpurlhunter.com). For details and registration information, please call Kathy at (724) 238-9320 or e-mail kathy@kathys-kreations. com with the subject line "knitting class". Just a few spaces are still available...

*** KNITTING MEET-UPS and GATHERINGS ***

Kathy's Kreations hosts a variety of stitching groups each month -- Knit Knite (second Tuesday evening), Sit & Stitch Saturday (second Saturday) and Fun Friday (third Friday), times listed on page 8. What do we do at these gatherings? All skill levels of knitters and crocheters are welcome to bring their projects purchased here & gather for fellowship, conversation, and fun with other stitchers. Please bring a snack if you wish or a treat to share, and your sense of humor. Please call ahead to let us know that you are coming so that we have enough seating. It's interesting to see what others are making -- KNITTING PURE & SIMPLE adult mukluks were definitely "the" project at last Fun Friday, as several knitters were making them for holiday gifts. And, if you missed it, Carla Lowers shared her recipe for an easy party spread that was a big hit with everyone:

one large can ready-to-serve chicken in water, drained & shredded one 8 oz. brick cream cheese, softened chopped onion or chives to taste 1 tbsp. mayonnaise

Combine all ingredients and chill several hours or overnight. Serve with Nabisco "Chicken In A Biscuit" crackers and watch it disappear. Delicious!

*** ICE FEST ***

The Ligonier Diamond looks beautiful in winter. You are cordially invited to join local merchants for "Ice Fest" in Ligonier **Saturday**, **January 26**, **2013**, **9 am - 5 pm.** There will be ice sculptures (finished and works in progress), Open House at several businesses, the Kettle Korn guy and other activities to celebrate a winter weekend of fun. Stop in at Kathy's Kreations to warm up, check out our latest projects and products, and sample some free appetizers...



*** KNITTING AND CROCHETING TIP ***

Kathy Sherman suggests using a NAMASTE "Oh, Snap" organizer bag to separate balls of yarn when working with two or more colors (as she did for the "Color Affection Shawl" project or when working Fair Isle colorwork). She also finds it helpful to attach her CLOVER mini kacha-kacha stitch counter to her project with a small stitch holder when working in the round. These hints are helpful for both knitting or crocheting, and the bags & counters are sold here...

*** WHERE'S KATHY??? ***

March 15-17, 2013: Pittsburgh Knit and Crochet Festival; Four Points Sheraton; Mars, PA. Market Vendor Booths #2 & #3 Kathy's large double booth will be filled with yarns, patterns, and knitting / crochet tools. Kathy and friends will be doing live technique demos at the booth. E-mail www.pghknitandcrochet.com or call 412-963-7030.

April 6, 2013: Vendor at A Knitter's Fantasy Yarn Market; Chaney High School; 731 South Hazelwood Avenue; Youngstown, OH; 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

April 20-22, 2013: Spring Break at the Ligonier Ramada with guest instructor, reknowned designer Anne Hanson

*** SPRING BREAK WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT ***

KATHY'S KREATIONS invites you to join us for a "spring break" knitting workshop weekend, Friday April 19, 2013 - Sunday, April 21, 2013.

Knitspot owner and designer, Anne Hanson (shown lower left wearing the Les Abeilles shawl), will teach a twelve-hour workshop at the Ramada Inn in historic Ligonier, PA. The weekend will kick off with a Meet & Greet with Anne on Friday evening. On Saturday, Anne shall teach "Welcome to the Chart Side" followed by the Shawl Project Class -- "Les Abeilles Part 1". On Sunday, Anne shall teach the Shawl Project Class "Les Abeilles Part 2" followed by Finishing / Blocking Tips. For detailed class descriptions / student supplies, please e-mail kathy@kathys-kreations.com or call (724) 238-9320 to request a flyer.

SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate and beyond.

REGISTRATION: The weekend package includes an after-hours knitting soup & sliders and special shopping time at Kathy's Kreations (Friday evening); an informal kick-off meet & greet / overview of Knitspot designs at the Ramada; morning coffee breaks and two lunches at the Ramada; classes Saturday and Sunday; extended lunch break on Saturday with time to shop in the pretty little town of Ligonier and goodie bags. This package includes three more hours of instruction than previous workshops. The price is \$250 per person, with early bird registration of \$225 before January 31, 2013.

Overnight lodging is not included and is optional for local participants. The Ramada has set up a special rate for us, so please make your own reservations by calling 724-238-9545. Space is limited on a first-come, first-served pre-paid basis, so please e-mail Kathy or call 724-238-9320. The workshop is already more than 1/2 full.

KATHY'S KREATIONS regular hours will be extended on Sunday, April 21, 2013, from 12 noon - 4 pm. Attendees will receive a 10% discount on all regularly-priced knitting supplies and yarn all weekend.

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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. Meeting dates are **January 7, 2013, and February 4, 2013; 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**. All skill levels of knitters and crocheters welcome!

*** "KNIT KNITE" AT KATHY'S KREATIONS Tuesday evenings, January 8, 2013, and February 12, 2013; 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm (rsvp please) ***

Join us for an evening of stitching & lots of fun conversation. All skill levels of knitters & crocheters are welcome! In the event of nasty weather, please call ahead to make sure we are meeting...

*** FUN FRIDAYS, January 18, 2013, and February 15, 2013; 10 am - 2 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!

*** SATURDAY SIT 'N STITCH ***

Come sit 'n stitch! We will be gathering at Kathy's Kreations on Saturday mornings January 12, 2012, and February 9, 2013; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Please bring your knitting, crocheting and any projects to show and share. Open to all skill levels...

*** LACE-BACK FINGERLESS GLOVES KNITTING CLASS ***

These little hand warmers are the perfect project for learning about lace. Join instructor Jeanne Osman on **Saturday**, **January 19**, **2013 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm** to learn to make "Lace-Back Fingerless Gloves" (shown upper left). Jeanne will teach you how to interpret three different charts with varying degress of difficulty to suit your experience, or your mood. Incorporate beads if you like, learn how to read a stitch chart, as well as basic lace techniques. Class registration is \$20 plus purchase of pattern. Students should bring 120 yards DK weight yarn; US size 2 (3.0 mm) knitting needles (straight or circular); stitch markers; basic knitting notions. All class supplies may be purchased at Kathy's Kreations before class. Call 724-238-9320 for details and to register (class size limited).

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The first session, Knit & Purl, will be **Saturday, January 26, 2013, from 10 am - 12 noon.** Fee is \$10 plus one skein of yarn per session and a one-time purchase of the "Building Blocks" booklet by Michelle Hunter (see details page 6).

*** INTERPRETING CABLE CHARTS KNITTING CLASS ***

Are you intimidated by cable stitches and charts? This class is perfect for you! On **Saturday, February 2, 2013, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm,** our resident cable queen Kathy Zimmerman will demystify knitting cable stitches, providing insight into interpreting stitch charts, and sharing pointers for keeping track of pattern stitches. Class project is the Garter & Cable Sideways knit fingerless wristlets. Student supplies include US 5 knitting needles (straight or circular), 1 skein Classic Elite "Fresco" yarn, cable needle and stitch markers. Class registration is \$20 (pattern is included with registration). All class supplies may be purchased at Kathy's Kreations before class. Call 724-238-9320 for details and to register (class size limited).

Private knitting and crocheting lessons available by appointment. We would be glad to do a specific class for groups of 4 or more. Kathy's Kreations has been the helpful hands of experienced knitting for over 32 years!

Resolution: FEARLESS STITCHING! Don't be afraid to take time to learn something new. Stop and enjoy the simple things like stitching that bring you joy.