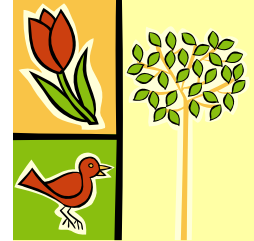


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JULY 2007 UPDATE



Dear Knitters,

Ready, set, knit! We've got the scoop on the latest yummy yarns, and everything you'll need for a summer's worth of delicious "high fiber" projects. Treat yourself to some scrumptuous choices, and curl up in your favorite shady spot to relax with your needles and hooks. It's summertime and the knitting is sweet.

Imagine thinking of knitting and crochet in terms of culinary delights. What's your favorite "treat" (er, yarn)? Synthetic smoothies, exotic novelties or all-natural American pie? No matter what your "taste", we've got a large variety of fibers to savor and enjoy. This season, try sampling some of our organic offerings -- cotton, soybean, corn, bamboo, and "sea-cell" (a seaweed derivative). Pick up a few of your favorite flavors and start happily clicking away -- it's all about the yarns this season, so

"KNIT AND RELAX"

**All regularly-priced 100% cotton yarns are
10% off during July 2007**

**10% Tuesdays are back --
10% off all regularly priced yarns every Tuesday in July**

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***** GREAT NEW STUFF *****

Summer is here, and stitching is a breeze! It's a great time for kicking back with a project, and trying new yarns in adventurous shades. There are no holiday gift deadlines, and the bright hues of the season are wonderful for warm weather projects. Knitting and crochet are stress-relieving leisure activities, which are good for the soul, too. We invite you to try a new yarn, a new technique, or a new color, & here's a sampling:

KNITTER'S MAGAZINE Summer 2007 (\$5.95) features knits to flip over, including an incredible yarn-over sampler sweater, upside-down raglans, magical bags, openwork garments, beachwear, and on-the-town designs: "This issue isn't just about summery knits but includes projects with staying power. Garments are designed around the clever use of yarn overs, openwork and color".

We are pleased that two of Kathy's designs are included in this collection, and, KNITTER'S says: "He'll love the 'Beachcomber' (shown lower right). The knit and purl combinations and V-neck are slimming and a practical use of stitchwork. This handsome sweater features interesting textures with vertical interest. It is perfect for casual evening or weekend dressing... More vertical lines appear in the 'Drifting Sand' top (shown upper left). Seed stitch parallelograms interrupt stockinette columns, and the feminine portrait neckline will show off a tan. Grab your favorite pair of slacks or skirt and top it with this versatile linen shell. It is tailored and sleek."

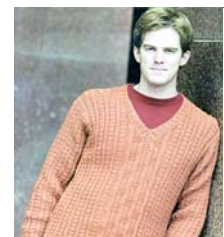
One of the most unusual pieces in this issue is "Latin Ruffles", with flirty ruffles bordering a bolero-style jacket. This raglan is made with no front shaping at the neck and treated with a rounded hem. A band of ruffles fills in the front (much like a tuxedo shirt) and wraps around the hem, collar, and cuffs. The bolero is worked with UNIVERSAL YARNS "Deluxe Worsted LP" (\$11.50, 100 grams, 220 yards, 100% wool, CYCA yarn classification 4) now on our shelves, and the ruffle with "Tango", which will arrive soon. In addition to the spectacular garments, be sure to check out Anne Claxon's article on her summer traveling "knitter's emergency kit"...

Join forces with KOLLAGE YARNS to make a difference! The USA Yarn Project is a program where yarns are produced entirely in the USA, helping to keep American jobs. From the field to you, the yarn is grown, processed and dyed in the USA.

"Hope" is a domestically produced cotton yarn with beautiful colors and a wide range of weights. Selected colors of the DK weight are now available on our shelves (\$11.95, 57 grams, 160 yards, 100% cotton, CYCA classification 3). This yarn is hand washable in cold water, and works at a gauge of 5-6 sts per inch on US size 3-5 needles.

5% of the USA Yarn Project's sales will be donated to local charities, and YOU get to decide which ones. Each quarter, a vote will be held online at www.KollageYarns.com to decide how the money will be distributed. Possible donations will be posted and you can vote to determine who receives the money. We applaud this novel concept to contribute to, and support, organizations that help fellow Americans...

THE CIRCULAR SOLUTION "Port-a-pocket" (\$17.95) is a handy little yarn pouch, an ideal carry-all for small projects. It comes with three outside pockets for supplies and pattern, and an elastic strap to hang on your arm for "knitting on the go"...



***** MORE GREAT NEW STUFF *****

There's something new at Kathy's Kreations! Betty Lou and Tracey have reorganized our "vast stash" of pattern leaflets into binders which are located in the front area of the shop near the bookcases. We found some great old "new stuff" we didn't even know we had! This new pattern station has plenty of table space with seating so you may browse through the pattern collection to your heart's content. We invite you to visit and check it out...



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The newest arrivals in this pattern area are from NATURALLY YARNS, featuring projects for our new yarn, "Stella" (\$9.50, 50 grams, 191 yards, 100% bamboo, CYCA yarn classification 1). This fingering weight thin ribbon crepe yarn has an incredible soft hand and textures well. This is a wonderful choice for babies' & toddlers garments, with the following pattern support, sized for premature infants to size 18 months (\$4.50 each):

- FC37 -- ribs & ruffles "Girly-girl" pullover with collar and back neck button closure, flared sleeve cuffs and a matching hat with gathered top for "fashionistas-to-be"
- FC38 -- uni-sex baby T-tops, sleeveless pullover and darling vest perfect for summerwear and layering later
- FC39 -- stockinette short-sleeved t-top and basic long sleeved pullover that can be layered with matching hat; features easy striped accents on bands and hat
- FC40 -- stockinette long-sleeved bolero with crocheted shell edging for the little miss with matching hat
- FC41 -- style shown upper right; seed stitch long-sleeved raglan matinee jacket with seed stitch collar & crochet front bands; matching hat; ask to see our model of this garment in progress (this yarn is such a joy to knit)

And more from NATURALLY (\$4.50 each):

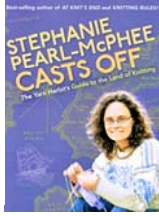
- K586 -- Styled in "Dawn 2 Ply" (\$6.95, 25 grams, 171 yards, 50% NZ wool / 50% silk), this cute girl's matinee coat and matching hat is worked in vertical lace panels with a horizontal garter & stockinette striped yoke and collar; sleeves match the jacket yoke; sized for premature infants to 18 months
- N1081 -- adult's and kid's uni-sex easy gansey-styled pullover with textured yoke, sized for kid's size 2 to adult's XL; in two yarn weights (DK & worsted); great casual look for pairing with your favorite jeans
- N1093 -- Father & Son V-neck vests with central cable that flows upward along neckline; stockinette at sides of body; sized in kid's size 4 to adult XL; in two yarn weights (DK & worsted)

SUSAN BATES "Crystalites" sets are now available in clear plastic zippered cases with handles for travelling, gifts for newbies, and better organization for us all. The crochet set includes sizes G through P for \$16.95, and the knit set includes sizes 8 through 15 in 9" lengths for \$31.95. Each hook and needles is made of translucent plastic, with each size in a different color to help you recognize your favorites...



Focusing on CABIN FEVER's preferred no-sew approach and minimal finishing, *Button Up Your Top Down* (\$30.50, softcover book, shown left) has six basic adult's cardigan patterns for every skill level in two weights of yarns. Ready to unleash you creativity? Here's the book for you...

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***** NOW ON OUR BOOKSHELVES *****

Knitting's Yarn Harlot, Stephanie Pearl-McPhee, with her wry humor and unapologetic, obsessive love for everything knitting, invites you to join her on a hilarious tour of the land of knitting -- its people, customs and culture. In *"Stephanie Pearl-McPhee Casts Off"* (\$14.95, softcover, shown upper left), she tells it all -- from unusual geographical features such as the giant stash to common ailments you may be susceptible to, like Yarnesia, Finish-It-Upitis, and the dreaded Second Sock Syndrome. Along the way, you may get lost in Stitches or engrossed by the beauties of Lace, but, whatever happens, it's sure to be the journey of a lifetime and a trip from which you may never return (if you are lucky). This book has received a "must-read" rating from our Shopgal Betty Lou...

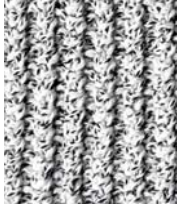
From a cute chick and a curly-haired doll to colorful mice and a patchwork tortoise, *"Knitted Toys"* by Zoe Mellor features 25 unique designs for newborns to teens. Try knitting the colorful Stripey Ball for little ones to play with, or Goldilocks and the Three Bears Finger Puppets for older children to enjoy. The Shiny Robot has real retro charm, while the colorful Slithery Snake can double up as a draft dodger. With toys ranging from quick and easy to more complex designs, there's something for every child and every knitter...

Knitted accents, from luxurious silk placemats to elegant cabled throws, enhance the beauty of any home with their appealing stitches and inviting textures. They can also provide stylish finishing touches to rooms in the same way that accessories complete an outfit. Each project in *"The Well-Knit Home"* (\$24.95, hard cover) by Gina Macris will make familiar rooms fresh again-- and enhance time spent in them. And you're sure to find many fabulous gift ideas for friends and family that are lovely decorative objects and treasured gestures of love. Whether it's a hip pillow cover stitched from novelty yarn, a drawstring jewelry bag with a pretty picot border or a deliciously soft alpaca throw to curl up in on a chilly evening, these beautiful and unique designs are a pleasure to create and look great...

***** ANNOUNCEMENTS *****

The Ligonier Valley Historical Society is planning a Sheep To Shawl Event for Saturday and Sunday, July 21 - 22, 2007, at the Compass Inn, in association with the Loyalhanna Spinners and Weavers. Planned activities will feature rug weaving outdoors between the trees, an auction of shawls, spinning, weaving and other fiber-related fun. For more information, contact the Compass Inn in Laughlintown...

Kathy's Kreations will again be sponsoring the 3rd annual "Design-A-Scarf" contest the this summer's Westmoreland County Fair. All entries must be an original design knitted or crocheted scarf worked with NASHUA HANDKNITS yarn. The pattern design and yarn labels must be submitted with each entry. Scarf entries will not be eligible for Best of Show ribbon. Prizes to be awarded are gift certificates to Kathy's Kreations in the amounts of \$20 for third place, \$30 for 2nd place, and \$40 for 1st place. Program brochures with entry information will be available at area Agway Stores, or from the Extension Office on Donahoe Road, Greensburg. We know how creative our customers can be, so we hope to see plenty of entries this year...



***** VICKI'S DISHCLOTHS *****

What a better way to celebrate our cotton promotion than with a couple of easy dishcloth designs? Our thanks to Vicki Trevino for sharing her creative patterns with us. These are great take-along travel projects. Ribbed Dishcloth (stitch detail shown at upper left)

Finished Measurement: 8" X 10"

Gauge: 6 sts / 8 rows - 1" in pattern stitch

Materials: US size 5 knitting needles; 120 yds. DK weight 100% cotton yarn (CYCA yarn classification 3); stitch markers

Pattern Stitch (odd number of sts)

Row 1 (right side): K in front & back of every stitch (stitch count doubles)

Row 2: *K2 tog (knit two sts together), P2tog (purl two sts together); repeat from * across row [stitch count returns to original number].

Repeat rows 1 & 2 for pattern.

Directions: Cast on 47 sts. K 5 rows.

Next Row: K 3, place marker; beg with row 1, work in pattern across 41 sts, place marker, K 3.

Work in pat as est for 9.5", keeping 3 K sts at beg & end of every row. K 5 rows. Bind off all sts. Weave in ends.

Block Pattern Dishcloth (stitch details shown lower right)

Finished Measurement: 8" X 10"

Gauge: 5 sts / 7 rows - 1" in pattern stitch

Materials: US size 7 knitting needles; 100 yds. worsted weight 100% cotton yarn (CYCA yarn classification 4); stitch markers

Pattern Stitch (multiple of 10 + 5)

Rows 1, 3, & 5 (right side): K5; *P5, K5; rep from * across row.

Rows 2 & 4: P5; *K5, P5; rep from * across row.

Rows 6, 8, & 10: K5; *P5, K5; rep from * across row.

Rows 7 & 9: P5; *K5, P5; rep from * across row.

Repeat rows 1 - 10 for pattern.

Directions: Cast on 41 sts. K 5 rows.

Next Row: K 3, place marker; beg with row 1, work in pattern across 35 sts, place marker, K 3.

Work in pat as est for 9.5", keeping 3 K sts at beg & end of every row, edging with row 5 or 10 of the pattern stitch. K 5 rows. Bind off all sts. Weave in ends.

***** KNITTING TIPS *****

Having a problem with a yarn that tends to split? Betty Lou Glasso recommends trying Bryspun needles -- the concave points reduce splitting...

To ensure that your garment sleeves are the same length, try knitting both at the same time, working back and forth on a circular needle. Pin the inside edges together to avoid working the same sleeve twice if you get distracted...

Eleanor Swogger blocks and sews sweater shoulder seams after blocking them. She works the neckband, using a new ball of yarn to avoid knots. She then completes the sleeves...

Mary Lou Fleming uses a large cereal box inside a plastic bag to shape the bottom of her smaller sized felted tote bags as they dry...





***** TNNA HIGHLIGHTS *****

Kathy and Betty Lou recently attended the TNNA Market in Columbus, Ohio. Here's a "Who's Who" and "What's New?" report of who and what they saw at the trade show...

WHAT KATHY LEARNED: Kathy's first stop was a fantastic class from Sally Melville, "Stripes That Are, and Stripes that Aren't". Sally is a marvelous teacher and this class was a real gem. Her words of wisdom regarding "boo-boos" from this class: "Once is a mistake; twice is a problem; three times is a design feature. If it looks like a mistake, embellish it", AND, "Don't let the sun set on a knitting problem -- fix it now!" Does that sound familiar?

WHAT BETTY LOU LEARNED: Betty Lou took a class from FIBER FANTASY about adjusting knitting patterns to fit. She raved about the special "Design-A-Sweater" oversize multi-gauge knitter's graph paper, a knitter's grid for accurate and proportional design. We now have these sheets available to our customers (\$2.50 per sheet) for adapting patterns to fit and budding designs. Betty Lou also learned new crochet techniques from stitchmaster Lily Chin...

VOGUE KNITTING: Adina Klein, the energetic Editor-In-Chief, summed up the essence of the upcoming season in one phrase: "It's all about the yarn". You'll hear us repeating this often, because it really is true -- the yarns are exciting. The fall issue of VK celebrates their 25th anniversary issue, and you can expect to see the top 10 most popular sweaters from past issues, reknit and recolored (see top left). Plans for VK include a front-of-the-book redesign, a regular column about sizing issues and more technical articles and pieces delving into the marriage of fashion and knitwear...

INTERWEAVE KNITS: We met Eunny Jang, the delightful new editor of *Knits*, who would like to give knitters more food for understanding how and why knit fabric works. Rather than running stories by color or fabric, she plans to have knitting stories: a group of patterns exploring, say, how to use cables to create shape. We also met Kim Werker, *Interweave Crochet* editor, whose enthusiasm for crochet is quite contagious...

CLASSIC ELITE: Pam Allen, new Design Director, showed us two great new yarns, Alpaca Soxx and Classic 151 (arriving later this summer). Pam gave us an overview of ELITE's exciting fall line and we're looking forward to sharing it with our customers, including four designs by Kathy...

SKACEL COLECCION: The ever-gracious Ingrid Skacel showed us the new colorways in TREKKING sock yarns, which will be arriving later this summer. We are impressed with the "LifeStyle" self-striping print yarn, which we think will be ideal for kids' garments, and the new Merino Cotton blend...

LANTERN MOON: Kathy wanted to dismantle this booth for her "zen knitting den". Annette Pronk helped us select some new baskets, totes and silk project bags that we think you'll like as much as we did...

MOUNTAIN COLORS: Leslie & Diana's handpainted yarns with that "Mountain Colors" touch was absolute eye candy! Look for "Bearfoot" sock yarns coming soon in these shades: Crazy Woman, Granite Peak, Larkspur, Marias Falls, Ruby River, Steelhead, and a beautiful yarn called "Twizzle" in red willow and sapphire trail...

***** MORE FROM TNNA *****

XRX / KNITTER'S MAGAZINE: we met with Editor Rick Mondragon, Editor Emerita Elaine Rowley, Photographer Alexis Xenakis and CEO Benjamin Levisay to preview the Summer issue, now on our shelves. This outstanding issue has been interpreted as an interactive virtual tour K87, an enticing online destination. It's always a treat to see the great fashions up close...

NASHUA HANDKNITS: Susan Mills greeted us and we are pleased that four of Kathy's sweaters are featured in their fall line (Designer Collection No. 5, below right). We've ordered all the new shades of "Julia" and several shades of "Creative Focus Mohair"...

WESTMINSTER FIBERS: Linda Pratt gave us an overview of the REGIA sock line -- look for our new designer sock yarns from Kaffe Fassett and a self-stripping oval patterned one, "Galaxy" (sock knitting is hotter than ever)...

FIBER TRENDS / NATURALLY NZ: Congratulations to Bev Galeskas & FIBER TRENDS, now the US distributor for NATURALLY. Kathy is pleased that her Father & Son pullovers will soon be featured as a FIBER TRENDS pattern. NATURALLY yarns are already here..

DANCING FIBERS: We are pleased to announce that we will be adding DIAKETTO yarns to our collection of handknitting yarns later this fall. These yarns are subtly colored and classy, and we can't wait to get our hands and needles on them...

DELLA Q: Della herself helped us select a snazzy grouping of totes, needles cases and accessories in sophisticated fabrics...

KOLLAGE YARNS: Mark and Suzie gave us a warm welcome. Their luscious organic fibers and Project USA Yarns arrived this spring -- we invite you to try knitting them with the square knitting needles at our checkout counter...

CHECKER NOTIONS: the most unique product of the entire show was the all-natural arthritis relief 1222 lotion, which provides fast-acting relief from "knitter's aches". Kathy and Betty Lou found it to be soothing to the hands. The 2 oz. size sells for \$20.95...

TAHKI / STACY CHARLES: The preview breakfast was wonderful -- trends for fall include vests, coats, knitted skirts and layering. Fall shades of perennial favorite "Donegal Tweed" are already here...

COLINETTE: The new Dali shades of "Jitterbug" sock yarns which Christy showed us are gorgeous. This line keeps expanding in popularity -- have you knit socks with it yet?

UNICORN BOOKS: We attended a special reception and preview party to meet the newest authors, including Doris Chan, whose crochet book is greatly anticipated. Stay tuned for new titles on our bookshelves...

That's a small slice of the trade show. We saw many other booths and products, and returned home with a renewed sense of excitement about knitting and crocheting. We're bringing it all back to share with you!



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***** **READER'S KNIT NIGHT** *****

Join the Reader's Knit Club for an evening of knitting on **Mondays, July 2, 2007, and August 6, 2007 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm** at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Route 30, Greensburg, PA. In July, "Back to Blossom Street" by Debbie Macomber is the featured novel and, for August, selected picks for great knitting-related summer reading...



***** **"KNIT KNITE" AT KATHY'S KREATIONS*******

Tuesday evenings, July 10, 2007, and August 14, 2007, from 7 - 9 pm

Join members of the Laurel Highlands Knitting Guild for an evening of knitting, lots of fun conversation and plenty of advice from experienced knitters. All skill levels are welcome to come, sit & knit!

***** **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** *****

"DIAGONAL OPENWORK STOLE" class with instructor Leslie Chmiel

Saturday, July 21, 2007, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm; \$20.00 registration fee* (plus class supplies as needed)

Learn how to make the beautiful openwork wrap on display in our shop. Leslie will share her secrets for working this fun "dropped stitch" technique, that is actually easier to work than it looks. Choose a handpainted or colorful yarn to create a one-of-a-kind rectangular stole to wear on enchanted summer evenings. Class supplies are 750 yards DK weight yarn, US size 8 24" circular knitting needle & stitch markers.

*Registration fee must be pre-paid at the time of registration to reserve a space in class. If you need to cancel, we will refund tuition up to 48 hours prior to the class. After that, we will refund half of the tuition in the form of a store credit. Unless noted, class fees do not include materials. Classes without a minimum of 4 students may be subject to cancellation or postponement, at the discretion of the instructor. Exceptions will be made for inclement weather. Students may pre-register for classes by calling Kathy's Kreations at 724-238-9320 or sending e-mail to kathy@kathys-kreations.com

Private knitting, crochet, felting and hairpin lace lessons available by appointment. Kathy's Kreations has been the helpful hands of experienced knitting for over 27 years!

"FUN FRIDAY" with Joyce Bischoff: Fridays, July 13 & July 27, 2007, 10 am - 2 pm

It's fun, it's free -- join us to knit or crochet! Our instructor Joyce is available for knitting help with your questions and skill-building. There is no charge to attend, but please call ahead to let us know you will be coming. Please bring your knitting, a snack if you wish, and a sense of humor. In the event of inclement weather, please check with us regarding possible delay or cancellation.

"SUMMER ON THE DIAMOND" Friday, July 27, 2007, & Saturday, July 28, 2007 9 am - 5pm

The Ligonier Valley Merchants annual sidewalk sales are a summertime happening! Country Market, Arts & Crafts around the Diamond, "Popcorn Man", horse & buggy rides, and the Ligonier Valley Library book sale are among the attractions. Our sidewalk sale bargains will be outdoors and indoors, and will feature handknit and crocheted items, so we hope that you will join us...

It only takes a few minutes of relaxing outdoors with a knitting or crocheting project to remember how great summer stitching can be. The warm air, the lush greenery, and cool breezes are the perfect atmosphere to bring about a feeling of well-being and foster our creativity. Get comfortable, and ... KEEP KNITTING!

Kathy