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JULY 2011 UPDATE

Dear Knitters,

Love to knit and crochet? So do we! This year, July has 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays. This happens only once every 823 years. Take advantage of the extra weekend time to do something you enjoy -- pick up those needles & hooks and get creative!

*Interweave* Knitting Daily.com editor Kathleen Cubley wrote in the 6/27/11 edition: "Who doesn't look forward to the weekend? As knitters though, weekends are that much more special. We have plans, you see, big plans -- we're going to finish that second sock, seam that sweater, knit another square for the afghan, and maybe even cast on a new project!"

The new issue of *Interweave Weekend* is here, and all of these thoughts about weekends has us all ready to stitch like crazy. So, let's all keep knitting and crocheting -- and not just fancy projects. Make comfy Country Market sweaters that look great with your favorite jeans, toys for the favorite kids in your life, baby things for babies to come, or try a new technique simply for the fun of it. Knitting Daily encourages us to "Enjoy them all, let them wear out, remake them into something else. Make knitting part of your real, everyday life and fill the world with more good knitting than it knows what to do with!" Here's one more reason to celebrate the season:

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

Sometimes, our fast-paced world allows for little "down" time. We're proposing a return back to "good 'ole summertime" activities to re-capture a forgotten sense of relaxation. Vacation or staycation, remember it's OK to wrap yourself in some leisure -- a little laid-back relaxation with your stitching can do wonders for your soul. Here comes summer...

*Knitter's Magazine* K102 is out (\$5.95). The theme is "Hot Properties", which may have you thinking about choice real estate or exotic locales with unique and desirable qualities. As it relates to knitting, we're talking about great details -- subtle shaping, fantastic fibers, and clever accents that will make your hand-knit projects special. There are simple T-shirts with easy construction, enhanced by an extra twist, turn, or change of direction. There are A-line and trapeze styles that are fresh and appealing, plus a nod to nautical influences with cable knits, net-like lace, scallops and waves. One of Kathy's designs, "Redrocks" pays homage to the shore with waves at the hem, cuffs, and collar in the colors of the sunset (shown upper left). *Knitter's* says: "Colors layer like sedimentary rocks in this glorious knit. Scallops transition into a gridwork of all-over lace". Ask to see our work in progress, from KNIT ONE, CROCHET TOO's "Ty-Dy" (\$15.50, 100 grams, 196 yards, 100% cotton, CYCA #4) in the gorgeous painted desert colorway. K102 is full of exciting projects with great details -- properties that make the knitting interesting...

At Kathy's Kreations, we delight in offering cozy, casual knits that represent the kinds of things we really wear. *Knits Weekend* special issue (\$14.99, shown lower right) is a wonderful collection of weekend knitting and knitwear. Editor Eunny Jang says it like this: "There's a comfortable, satisfied feeling that comes of making something that is at once beautiful and eminently functional -- these aren't dressy or finicky pieces, but garments and accessories that feel homey and relaxed, familiar". She encourages us to knit things we will use every day, to wrap our loved ones in wooly armor, to fill our homes with beautiful handcrafted things, and to make knitting part of our real, every-day life. This issue features 33 projects to live in, broken down into seasonal sections, featuring patterns for all weather. Layer up your winter and spring knitwear with cozy garments perfect for warding off the chill; wrap yourself in summery, easy lace patterns with flowy, lightweight yarns; celebrate fall with vibrant, rich colorwork, structured shaping and comfortable, classic knitwear with unique design elements; welcome winter with rustic cables for knitted sweaters and accessories; and toast the holiday season with knitwear for your home and great gift ideas. You'll have something to knit at all times (we all need a good new project, right?) Here's to weekends!

*Interweave Crochet* Summer 2011 (\$6.99) has a nice summer surprise: redesigned patterns! The patterns are easier to read, the headings are clearer, and there are more section divisions with detailed photos where you need them in the pattern. This issue features 23 fresh designs for summer, with great doily-inspired garments, fast & fabulous jewelry and home decor. Check out this issue to see why this publication was voted Best Crochet Magazine, again!

*Piecework* July / August 2011 (\$6.99) is filled with ribbons, trims, and edgings, including some not typically included in these categories. Our favorites are the 7 vintage edgings to knit, tat and crochet. The delicate handkerchief edgings remind Kathy of those made by her wonderful Aunt Kate as heirloom bridal gifts for her nieces...



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

New from CHURCHMOUSE DESIGNS comes "Wee Ones" patterns -- moms, grandmas, aunts and uncles will love to make these projects over and over again! These patterns are easy enough for beginners, all push the cute factor, and all are fun even for advanced knitters and crocheters:



- Baby Wrap Sweater (\$7.50): use two hand-dyed yarns or two contrasting solids for extra striping 'oomph'! Ruffles for girls (shown right), I-cord for boys.
- Blossom Baby Sweater (\$5.50): Knits up in a heartbeat. We can't imagine a simpler or more adorable baby sweater.
- Easy Peasy Baby Jacket (\$7.50): The perfect first sweater. All garter stitch, and no front or neck bands needed. Two versions: Worsted & DK.
- Picot-Edge Baby Blanket & Washcloth (\$5.50): Washcloth or blanket in three gauges, with a plain edge option for brand-new knitters. The washcloth makes a lovely shower or housewarming gift! Ask to see our shop sample knit with incredibly soft JIL EATON "Cottontail" (\$6.50, 50 grams, 90 yards, 100% cotton).
- Stay-On Baby Booties (\$5.50): Ribbed cuff and tie will keep these on active little feet. Written for three gauges so use any yarn you like.

Are you one of those stitchers who packs their vacation suitcase with knitting or crocheting first? Interchangeable needle sets are compact, making them perfect for travelling because you never know when you will need another size needle or hook to get gauge. We've just received sets of ADDI click basic knitting needles (\$175.00), ADDI click lace knitting needles with the new nickel-plated tips (\$175.00), PLYMOUTH rosewood knitting needles (\$121.50) and PLYMOUTH double-ended travel crochet hooks with tapestry needles (\$26.95). Coming soon, KNITPICKS interchangeable needle sets, accessories, and blocking boards!

New from ROWAN is "Cotton Classics" book (\$18.50). This is a gorgeous collection of seaside-perfect cabled and textured mens and ladies sweaters...

Here's the latest from KNITTING AT KNOON DESIGNS:

- Calla Lily (\$5.50): elegant shaping in simple garter stitch shows off a special DK yarn to best advantage. This tailored little neckpiece could be worn almost anywhere
- Wrap Me Up (\$8.50): a modular sampler wrap that's over-the-top in color and texture -- as much fun to make as it is to wear (choose a worsted weight self-striping yarn like CLASSIC ELITE "Liberty Wool" Print or K1, C2 "Paintbox")
- Cleo (\$5.50): Fun, modular knit scarf, providing just the right amount of warmth on the shoulders. The knitting is small and simple, making this a good take-along project. It's a great place to showcase a fabulous button!
- Monkey Business (\$6.50): wonderful, totable, little toy monkeys will bring a smile to everyone's face
- Feathers (\$10.50): A flamingo, a toucan, a peacock and a blue-footed booby -- four of Nature's feathered friends whimsically interpreted as small, take-along toys



New from KNIT ONE, CROCHET TOO is "Crayon Shawlette" (shown left, pattern \$4.50; wool kit \$38.50) which begins at the neck edge and ends at the bottom with a ruffle, to be knit with 2 balls "Ty-Dy" cotton or wool...



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

- Read about Kathy in the 6/15/2011 online issue of KnittingDaily.com
- Stitches Midwest August 25 - 28, 2011; Schaumburg, Illinois; teaching classes Knit To fit, Slip Stitch Sampler; Intro to Combining Lace & Cable; Ruffles, Frills and Scalloped Edgings.
- 26th Annual Knitter's Day Out; Friday & Saturday, September 9 & 10, 2011; Central PA College; Summerdale, PA; vendor and teaching All About V-Necks, Make It Your Own (Fit & Sizing), and the Sideways Knit Cabled Hat (provisional cast on, short rows, and cable knitting); details available at [www.knittersdayout.org](http://www.knittersdayout.org) or pick up a brochure at Kathy's
- Teaching Finishing techniques, seaming and blocking; Golden Dome Knitting Guild; Greensburg, PA; Thursday, September 15, 2011
- Bedford Springs Knittreat; November 3-6, 2011; Bedford Springs Resort & Spa; Bedford, PA; mini-market vendor featuring CLAUDIA HANDPAINTED YARNS and teaching "Button, Button", a technique workshop on buttonhole methods, buttonhole placement, "ribbing rules" and closure options. Claudia will be teaching CHRIS BYLSMA DESIGNS "Coloratura" Jacket (shown upper left) and will bring a special trunk show. For information, call 412-963-7030 or e-mail [www.pghknitandcrochet.com](http://www.pghknitandcrochet.com)

\*\*\* WHAT'S IN YOUR KNITTING BASKET? \*\*\*

BERROCO KnitBits (6/3/11) tells us, "When the mercury rises and the sun beats down, nothing beats the comfort of a sleeveless top worked in cotton or linen. Stylish and practical at the same time, a summer tank makes for a great project. No sleeves means quicker knitting and crocheting, and less required yardage gives you the chance to sample a new yarn or try out an exciting color without the commitment needed for a full-sized sweater".

For an extra style boost, try pairing a knitted necklace or airy crochet scarf with your favorite summer tank. You may want to add a light cardigan to your wardrobe in case of chilly air conditioning. We've got more great summer knitting and crocheting ideas to help keep you cool this summer...

\*\*\* IGLOO OR BIKINI? \*\*\*

Halla Miller recently shared an item gleaned from the Internet which poses the question: Are you an Igloo knitter or Bikini Stitcher? Igloo knitters happily crank up the AC, rebelliously pour a cup of hot tea, cast on for Christmas gift afghans and scarves, and dream of cooler weather to come. Bikini Stitchers, on the other hand, while not necessarily wearing bikinis, enjoy knitting poolside, outdoors or at the beach. They choose a lightweight fiber like cotton, linen, or rayon, one that is cool to the touch and easily cleaned of sunscreen. Their projects are relatively mindless, easy to work on in that sun-drenched euphoric state of summer. They pour an iced tea or lemonade, spread out a blanket or chaise and get to work. For the swimsuit-shy among us (almost everyone), the advantage to poolside knitting is that your project can be used strategically to obscure your middle or other problem areas while you stitch (a portable beach cover-up, maybe?)...

Kathy spied a fellow knitter with a "Ravelry" tote at Cape May beach while on vacation and they struck up a conversation -- knitters are everywhere! Kathy confesses to being both an Igloo knitter and a Bikini Stitcher. She finished the "Lolita" vest while on vacation and is working on "Redrocks" from K102...

\*\*\* FALL KNITTING WORKSHOP \*\*\*

Kathy Zimmerman and Carol Smith are pleased and excited to host the next Kathy's Kreations Workshop, to be held in Ligonier, PA, on September 30 - October 2, 2011 at the Ramada. The cost is \$175 per person which includes classes, breakfast and lunch Saturday and Sunday, Friday night pizza party at Kathy's Kreations with guest Andrea Marquis bringing an accessories trunk show from JUL, a birthday surprize for a special attendee (wonder who?), and a cocktail party at Carol's house Saturday night. We will allow free time to shop in Ligonier and will give "goodie bags" with discounts/ special offers from the local merchants, as well as a weekend shop discount to attendees.

The following classes are planned:

- Sangria Smocked Rib Fingerless Mitts with instructor Kathy Zimmerman. These mitts look like they are hand-smocked and the ribbed palm makes them fit "like a glove". Pattern and Kollage Yarns "1/2 n 1/2" will be provided . Additional student supplies include US size 1 double-pointed needles, stitch markers, and basics.
- Kathy's Lace and Cable Scarf with instructor Kathy Zimmerman. Project yarn will be provided. Student supplies include US size 4 knitting needles, cable needle, row counter, basics (scissors, tape measure, tapestry needle)
- Basic toe-up sock featuring gusseted heel with instructor Jayme Glover. Sock is worked toe-up on two circular knitting needles. Pre-class work is optional but helpful in preparation to work the gusseted heel. Additional student supplies include 350 yards fingering weight sock yarn; two 24" circular knitting needles size 2.5 mm

To reserve a space for the workshop, mail your check for \$175 to Kathy's Kreations; 141 East Main Street; Ligonier, PA 15658. If you have questions, please call Kathy at 724-238-9320 or Carol at 724-757-4858. The workshop filled early last year and space is limited. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis as payments are received, so please don't delay.

Rooms may be reserved by calling the Ramada at Historic Ligonier; 216 West Loyalhanna Street; Ligonier, PA (724) 238-9545. Mention that you are attending the workshop to receive a special rate...

\*\*\* COLORWORK KNITTING TIPS \*\*\*

When knitting a Fair Isle circular sweater yoke neckband from the bottom up, decrease the needle size every few rounds to prevent the neckband from being too wide at the top. You may need to use a couple of different sizes to complete the band...

When working slip-stitch patterns, unless otherwise instructed, always slip the stitches as if to purl, and hold the yarn on the wrong side of the work when you slip the stitches. Avoid weaving in multiple ends by carrying the color not in use up the side of the work, catching it every other row to secure...



\*\*\* SUMMER IN LIGONIER; Friday and Saturday, July 22 - 23, 2011 \*\*\*

It's our annual "Super" Indoor Sidewalk Sale (it's cooler inside!). We have marked down a large number of yarns and pattern booklets to make space for all the new fall merchandise arriving almost daily, with quality fibers including most NASHUA HANDKNITS and REYNOLDS YARN brands...



\*\*\* TNNA HIGHLIGHTS \*\*\*

In early June, Kathy, Marilee Roney and Linda Lash attended the Needlearts Market in Columbus, OH to view all the amazing new products coming out for fall.

The trade show excitement kicked off with the fashion show. Kathy's two vest designs for KRAEMER YARNS, "Cables & Textures" and "Unisex Drop Stitch" literally led off the show, as the first designs on the runway.

The companion hat & mitts for "Cables & Textures" (shown upper left) in "Perfection DK" yarn and the hat & scarf for "Drop Stitch" in "Handknitting Alpaca" were featured as KRAEMER's "Sample It" kit. The "Drop Stitch" scarf pattern appeared in our last update and the hat pattern is now available on their website, [www.kraemeryarns.com](http://www.kraemeryarns.com), so you can get a preview of what's new for fall. You may view photos of Kathy demonstrating the drop stitch technique to shopowners at the booth "Meet & Greet" on Saturday afternoon, and she will be glad to demo for you in the shop, where you can knit a bit with this fabulous yarn which we fondly call "America's Alpaca". KRAEMER YARNS are spun in Nazareth PA, and are proudly featured during our "Buy American Yarns" promotion this month...

The runway this year was awash with color, both traditional and unexpected. One trend we spotted were lots of natural, undyed "sheepy" colors, as well as smoky shades in hand-dyed yarns. We have full-skein samples of the new CLASSIC ELITE yarns for you to see: "Vail" (sport weight baby alpaca / bamboo, yummy soft), "Crestone" (worsted 100% wool, marl mix), "Avenue" (DK merino/silk/viscose marl), "Toboggan" (bulky merino/alpaca, quick-knitting), and "Pirouette" (fingering weight kid-mohair / bamboo, perfect balance of halo, luster and drape).

The 2011 fall "colorcast" from YARN MARKET NEWS:

- Spicy mustard: yellow finally gets serious. The neons of the '80s have made their exit, making way for more muted tones.
- Opposites attract: black and white, the classic color marriage, is still going strong. Look for it in oversized sweaters, and textures in black-and-white outerwear
- Cobalt mine: reveal only a hint of this bold primary or pile it on head to toe. Cobalt blue is fall's most daring and contagious color trend, giving the simplest designs an aggressive attitude
- Feeling Jaded: this unique gemstone is everywhere, in a wide range of tones

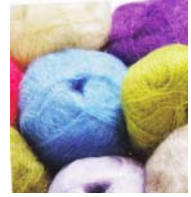
It was exciting to see so many of Kathy's designs in the KOLLAGE YARNS booth. Kathy just finished a casual weekend pullover design "At The Lake" in KOLLAGE's new recycled jeans cotton, "Riveting Worsted". Kathy also designed three neckwarmers in cozy "Lofty" 100% wool roving yarn -- look for this yarn and textured patterns "Twist of Fate", "Roaming Rib" and "Megan's Hiking Scarf" later this fall. We will be featuring KOLLAGE YARNS "1/2 n 1/2" projects at our Kathy's Kreations Workshop...

MOUNTAIN COLORS always is so impressive with their unique hand-dyed shades. New colors of "Crazyfoot" (\$26.00; 425 yard; 90% superwash merino wool / 10% nylon, CYCA #2), are already on our shelves. Originally a sock knitting yarn, we love "Crazyfoot" for scarves like CHURCHMOUSE "Barb's Ruffle" (\$5.50) and MOUNTAIN COLORS "Fantastic Lace Scarf" (\$5.50, shown right), easy enough for "my first lace scarf" in classic feather-and-fan stitch...



\*\*\* MORE FROM THE MARKET \*\*\*

OK, please indulge us for some serious name-dropping but how impressive it was to meet with some wonderful industry folks! Kathy was thrilled to shop the Market with *Knitter's* Editor Emeritus Elaine Rowley and *Knitter's Magazine* Editor Rick Mondragon. They visited the UNIVERSAL YARNS and KOLLAGE YARNS booths to select yarn for two of Kathy's upcoming K104 designs -- what fun! Debbie Macomber was at the UNIVERSAL YARNS booth with her yarns -- Kathy got a big hug, lemonade and cookies with Debbie, who is as delightful as her books! Elaine, Rick and Kathy also visited WESTMINSTER FIBERS where they were introduced to "THE" Martin Storey by Linda Pratt, Creative Director, quite an honor!



Another highlight was visiting CLAUDIA HANDPAINTS booth. Kathy and Claudia met with Barb Grossman to plan the trunk show and projects for the Bedford Knittreat in November (the Coloratura Jacket is stunning!). Claudia's colorways are so exquisite -- we can't wait for you to see the new shades of "Fingering Merino" and "Cottonball"...

Bags, bags, bags! NAMASTE puts the "fun" in function. We've already sold out of our first shipment and have more on the way. Ask to see the brochure -- special orders are always welcome. WALKER BAGS, handy little mesh yarn totes, were also a great find...

We fell in love with several fingering weight sock yarns that we can't wait to bring you! There is "Solemate" from LORNA'S LACES (a remarkable fiber that keeps your feet almost climate-controlled in gorgeous shades); DREAM IN COLOR "Smoochy" (we ordered a bunch); the irresistible MADELINE TOSH "Tosh Sock" (all the new smokey colorways are coming in, plus our favorites in "Tosh DK" & "Vintage").

We covered the basics with our cordial sales rep, Paul of PLYMOUTH Yarns. New baby shades in "Encore Colorspun" and "Encore" are coming, plus a fun tweedy-looking blend "Coffee Beenz", ideal for guys' knits. Pattern support for their yarns is outstanding, and over two dozen new shawl pins have arrived...

Our customers know we love gadgets. Heart-shaped stitch markers and Ghana African reed baskets are already in stock. Look for LANTERN MOON accessories, DELLA Q bags, JUL shawl closures, KNIT HAPPY products, and KNITPICKS items to come in...

BERROCO YARNS "Boboli" is a kissing cousin to "Borealis", which was one of our best-selling yarns last year. Each shade of "Boboli" is composed of an enchanting mix of shifting colors. This glimmering wool blend boasts a subtle shine and soft hand. This yarn lends cool-weather projects an air of sophisticated originality. BERROCO YARNS also had the most unusual yarn this year. Huge and colorful, "Link" is full of character. Instantly gratifying when worked on size 35 or 50 needles, this yarn creates eye-catching accessories...

There's so much more to tell, but we'll let our bulging shelves tell the tale of early fall 2011. There are exciting, fresh patterns coming from new independent designers, new shades of stand-by yarns, new authors and books, artful buttons, and TA-DA, we will be able to download patterns from Ravelry to sell (Ravelry members PLEASE ask us about this!). Stop in soon to see what the buzz is about...



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

Join the "First Mondays" Knit Club for an evening of knitting & fellowship, at Panera Bread Greengate; Greensburg, PA. Please note that July's meeting date is **July 11, 2011, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**. because of the Independence Day holiday. Come knit with us!

**\*\*\* "KNIT KNITE" AT KATHY'S KREATIONS Tuesday evenings, July 12, 2011, and August 9, 2011; 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm (rsvp please) \*\*\***

Join Laurel Highlands Knitting Guild members for an evening of knitting & lots of fun conversation with experienced knitters. All skill levels are welcome to come, sit & knit! In the event of nasty weather, please call ahead to make sure we are meeting...

**\*\*\* FUN FRIDAY, July 15, 2011, and August 19, 2011; 10 am - 2 pm \*\*\***

All knitters & crocheters welcome! Our instructor Joyce Bischoff is available for help with your questions, skill building and how-to's for projects purchased here. Please call ahead to let us know you will be coming, as space is limited. Please bring your knitting, a snack if you wish, and a sense of humor...

**\*\*\* LAUREL HIGHLANDS KNITTING GUILD MEETING; July 28, 2011, 7 - 9 pm \*\*\***

All knitters are cordially invited to the Laurel Highlands Knitting Guild meeting on Thursday evening, July 28, 2011, 7 pm - 9 pm, in Room A of the Ligonier Town Hall on the Diamond. You may attend twice as a guest before joining the group. The program will be a "Knitting Backwards" demo by Judy Tlumac, a very useful technique to know for working entrelac patterns. Please bring along worsted weight yarn and corresponding knitting needles...

**\*\*\* "INTRODUCTION TO TUNISIAN CROCHET" Saturday July 16, 2011; 9:30 am - 11:30 am with instructor Karen McCullough; \$15.00 registration fee (includes handout) \*\*\***

Learn the basic how-to's for this popular, fun technique! Please bring along a US size H or I afghan hook or crochet hook, plus worsted weight yarn for swatching (all available for purchase on class day)...

**\*\*\* "FEARLESS KNITTING: COLORWORK TECHNIQUES" Saturday, July 30, 2011, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm with instructor Kathy Zimmerman; \$20.00 registration fee \*\*\***

Is there a project that you are longing to knit, but you find the technique intimidating? Whether it is intarsia, Fair Isle or stranded knitting, this is the class for you. Kathy will help de-mystify the process for you with your project choice and have you on the way to stitching with confidence...

**Private knitting, crocheting, felting, drop spindle, and spinning 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 31 years !**

Enjoy the extra weekend time this July by making wonderful things with your hands. Stitching is meditative, methodical and thoughtful, adding usefulness and artistic beauty to your world with every stitch. Be creative, have fun and feel good while expressing your own personal style.

KEEP KNITTING AND CROCHETING!

Kathy