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June 2004 Update

Dear Knitters,

Are you ready? Here comes summer! As the temperature climbs, welcome the spirit of summer into your lives. We've got warm weather knits for day and night, and a variety of accessories that are upbeat, playful, and low key. Refresh your wardrobe with a lively mix of pattern and color. Summer is an invitation to look terrific.

The living is easy and your leisure time should be, too. Carve out a corner of your porch or deck for lazy day knitting or crocheting. Sit back, put your feet up, and grab a fun project. Summer only comes around once a year, so

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

“New Directions” is the theme of the Summer 2004 *Knitter's Magazine* (\$5.50), and we at Kathy's Kreation's can relate to this topic, as we have a new direction of our own. After 55 years in business, Kathy's father-in-law Sam has retired and we are expanding our yarn displays. Over the summer, we plan to add more inventory, and re-do & re-arrange spaces, in order to better meet our customer's needs. Look for more changes and work in progress, as we strive to provide the latest, top-quality products the knitting world has to offer, both in the shop and on our growing website.

As the current *Knitter's* tells us, “New directions is not just about doing things differently, but about approaching things with an open mind for fresh results.” Some ideas include working intarsia without a twist for an openwork effect, dramatic “dip” stitches, “wow” lace knitting, comfortable officewear, entrelac in the round (including socks), quick summer knits and accessories. If you're crazy about cables, we are pleased that Kathy's mother/daughter design is featured (shown upper left). *Knitter's* describes it like this: “You'll flip over our generation-spanning duo that features two cable patterns turned topsy-turvy. Kathy Zimmerman used a mercerized cotton in bright, robust colors that will last through the seasons”.

Bags, purses and totes are everywhere this season. Our current favorite is a seed stitch purse knit in the round with CRYSTAL PALACE YARNS “Deco-Ribbon” (\$6.25, 50 grams, 80 yards, 70% acrylic/30% nylon). The pattern is free with purchase of yarn to make this project. Ask to see our lovely shop model...

Fun novelty yarns continue to amaze us. The latest to grace our shelves is PLYMOUTH YARNS / ADRIAFIL “Frou-Frou” (\$10.25, 50 grams, 80 yards, 45% nylon / 28% cotton / 27% polyacryl). This yarn has been one of our best-selling summer scarf yarns, in addition to being great for tanks and co-ordinating “fancy flips”(cool coverings for your beach sandals and flip-flops, see page 5 for photo & details)...

The following new patterns have arrived from JUST ONE MORE ROW (\$6.95 each)  
The Lightning Lace Jacket (shown lower right): this versatile DK weight jacket in a lacy zigzag stitch has an adjustable neckline. Front & back are knitted in one piece to the sleeves, then each side of a front is worked with the front of a sleeve. Then stitches are picked up to work with the upper back & back sleeves in one piece to the shoulders, where you finish with a 3-needle bind off. No sewing together!

Pacific Grove Pullover: eye-catching diagonal lines in mitered squares flatter yur figure as the framed V-neck draws attention upward. Short-row caps shape the semi-raglan sleeves. Slip stitches alternate with decreases to form a graceful line form shoulder to wrist...

Lacy Starfish Shawl: the shawl is knitted in the round from the center outward — when you cast off, the points magically appear!

Twin Peaks Shawl: it's the perfect design when you just want to relax and knit. Knits up quickly on size 11 needles with a thin mohair such as KNIT ONE, CROCHET TOO “Douceur et Soie” (on sale this month) — garter stitch all the way and the rows get shorter and shorter as you go...



\*\*\*\*\* MORE GREAT NEW STUFF FROM BERROCO \*\*\*\*\*

You'll find model garments from BERROCO YARNS this month in our two large window displays (yes, count 'em, we now have two). What's new and what's hot from BERROCO this season? Creative Director Margery Winter tells all about the new trends in knitting at BERROCO's website. Here's a sampling, "Beyond the Fringe":



"Fashion's love affair with leather and fringe continues and Berroco translates the trend into knits. Scarves and accessories still drive the knitting industry, but the adventurous knitters will embark on the uncharted path of garment knitting. Brazenly skin baring tops welcome the steamy summer season. Sensual fibers caress the body in yarns as supple as doeskin or as soft and worn as a favorite tee shirt.

- Unique dye effects and color patterning abounds
- Asian influences, surprise wrap tops, dramatic necklines, bare midriffs, stunningly sexy dressing is dedicated to today's goddesses
- Ethnic nostalgia influences sweaters and accessories
- Crochet remains in perfect harmony with knitting as the two needlecrafts co-exist in the most sophisticated fashion

In fashion's typically contradictory style, the hot news on the knitwear scene is the hip oversized tunic. With too much sleeve and an extra portion of ease, the comfort of oversize is sure to appeal to even the diehard fashionista.

One of today's favorite trends is the home interior 'makeover'. Nothing enhances the splendor of your decor better than a beautifully designed throw. On par with fresh cut flowers, a throw adds color and texture to the interior's composition. But unlike flowers, a throw will never wither and die. BERROCO will 'color you sophisticated' with a combination of glamour yarns in an easy to knit stitch blanket. It's a symphony in pink and green. Even the beginner scarf knitter can knit our 30's minimalist leather look garter stitch throw. To add a touch of opulence to your interior, we have combined some of our most spectacular fantasy yarns. It's clear that this season, for the home, knit and crochet fashion also dictates".

THE YARNS:

"Suede" — 100% nylon ribbon that looks and feels like the softest suede & fringes like the real stuff; \$9.75, 50 grams, 120 yards; we LOVE this yarn for belts and necklaces too

"Candy FX" — this delectable confection is a component yarn that looks like little candies strung on a silken thread; \$6.25, 50 grams, 68 yards, 100% nylon; ask to see our lovely shop model shell knit with "Zen" and this carry-along yarn

"Cliche Colors" — a new spin on the popular solid "Cliche" yarn, in four space-dyed shades; \$10.25, 50 grams, 75 yards, 72% cotton / 18% nylon / 10% polyester; also look fabulous in shawls

NEW PATTERN BOOKS \$10.95 each

#223 Multiple Choice — a favorite format including 7 easy sweater bodies in 3 different gauges to equal 21 fabulous takes on basics. The difference is in the details.

#224 Fashion Focus — 19 very chic summer knits that take you from day into evening in style or spectacular glamour (selected design from this book shown, upper right)

#225 Scarves & More — designer throws, scarves, baby items, hats, belts, bags, etc.

#226 My First Projects, vol. 2 — 8 elegant but easy beginner projects in plain English, with no shaping whatsoever. Techniques are explained in terms new knitters can understand.



\*\*\*\*\* NEW ON OUR BOOKSHELF \*\*\*\*\*

*Maggie's Ireland: Designer Knits on Location* (\$37.95, hard cover, XRX Books, shown left) is more than a knitting book. Maggie Jackson brings a fashion designer's approach to handknits and new life to the Irish love of pattern and texture. The real surprise is that her fresh, exciting designs with her signature tubes, splits and tassels are easy and fun to knit. Combined with traditional yarns (Irish tweeds and linens) and exotic fibers (ribbons, strips of denim, even fur), simple stitches create blocks and bands of texture. Highlighting each design are photographs from locations around Northern Ireland. The views are stunning; the journey is warm and personal. With over 40 exciting designs, you'll come for the knitting, but stay for the coastal views, the historic ruins, and the Irish wit...

Change your designs from drab to fab with Nicky Epstein's *Knitting On The Edge* (\$29.95, hardcover). The only book of its kind on the market today, this is the indispensable, comprehensive collection of 350 decorative borders including ribs, ruffles, lace, fringes, flora, points and picots. This ultimate reference guide brims with inspiration and includes easy-to-follow instructions, full color photography and six exclusive designs created by the author herself. *Knitting On The Edge* is an essential addition to every knitter's library, regardless of skill level. Nicky tells us to look for the second companion collection of edgings in 2005...

*Nursery Rhyme Knits* (\$19.95, hardcover) transforms nursery rhyme verses and images into cheerful blankets, hats, scarves, and mittens. With imagination and charm, each magical design tells a colorful story in yarn. To help you get started, there are instructions on how to knit small gauge with many colors. Charts guide you through the project patterns, while a color key indicates the approximate amount of yarn required for each color. These designs are some of the most original you'll see anywhere because they combine knitted words with motifs...

From Hollywood's trendiest starlets to legions of participants in knitting classes & groups around the country, people of all ages and lifestyles are taking up their needles and learning to knit. *Simple Knits For Sophisticated Living* (\$24.99, softcover) by Barbara Albright offers more than 44 simple yet beautiful projects created specifically with the beginning knitter in mind. Featuring gorgeous, chunky yarns with clean, natural appeal, are carefully selected to do some of the work for the knitter — with spectacular results. Author Barbara Albright, an expert who works with many of the top knitting designers in the country (including our own Kathy), provides helpful tips on choosing yarns, working with large needles, and mastering various finishing techniques. Whether you're looking to accentuate a home with throws, pillows, or seat cushions or to create lovely handmade gifts, this handsome book will inspire novice knitters to turn a sometime hobby into a lifelong passion...

Sparkling beads — strategically nestled among your knitted and crocheted stitches— bring exciting texture and color to one-of-a-kind garments and accessories. Be sure to check out two new books: *Knit and Crochet with Beads* by Lily M. Chin (\$21.95, softcover) and *Bead Crochet* by Bethany Barry (\$21.95, softcover).

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

What's new from Lisa Carnahan and LISA KNITS? "Casual Bags" for fun summer knitting (#AC-004, shown right, \$4.00). Lisa designed these unique leisure time totes in heavy worsted weight with ribbed and textured patterns using a variety of embellishments and trims. Our shop models are knit from REYNOLDS "Ole, Ole" (\$5.25, 50 grams, 80 yards, 60% cotton / 40% acrylic). Cotton and cotton blends hold up very well for bags & purses and we strongly recommend adding a fabric lining to help them keep their shape. Lisa plans to add two more bag patterns later this summer, so stay tuned for more news...



Have you ever wondered what to do with odds and ends of leftover furry eyelash and other fancy novelty scarf yarns? We have a terrific warm weather project for you! You may use fuzzy or eyelash yarns for IDLE HOURS "Fancy Flips" (\$5.25, shown lower left), knit or crochet covers for beach sandals and flip-flops. Try our new arrival, CRYSTAL PALACE YARNS "Tingle" (\$7.25, 50 grams, 45 yards, 100% polyester) for a multi-color treat for your feet. We've added our own knit variations to this pattern using CLASSIC ELITE "Dazzle" (\$14.25, 50 grams, 94 yards, 100% nylon). One of our customers made several of these in fancy yarns to match bridal party attendants' gowns for the reception. Just when we think knitting couldn't be more fun, it is!

Also from IDLE HOURS comes "Little Girl Stuff" (\$5.25) featuring a crochet hat with "curls", two wristlet patterns, and a boa in furry yarn. What little girly-girl wouldn't love these "big-girl" accessories?

\*\*\*\*\* INQUIRING KNITTERS WANT TO KNOW \*\*\*\*\*

You've probably heard the term "Superwash" used daily in your yarn shop. So, just what is "Superwash" anyway? "Superwash" simply means that the fine scales of the wool's fiber (yes, it applies to wool only) are covered with a very fine layer of synthetic resin. This resin prohibits the fibers from interlocking as much, and felting less when washed (since felting is NOT desired on all designs worked out of wool). Wool garments equipped with Superwash can be machine washed on Delicate at up to 40 degrees. Please note, the information on the label will indicate the correct washing temperature for each yarn.

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"How do I keep the cast-on edge neat and flat when starting cables?" Kathy answers: Ah, the dreaded cable flare! The most important thing to understand is that this occurs because of the difference in gauge between the cable and the edge. The best information I have read regarding the topic of starting and stopping cables



appeared in an INTERWEAVE KNITS Winter 1999 "Beyond The Basics" article by Mary Spanos. Mary recommends this trick: cast on half the number of stitches needed for each cable, then pick up the remaining stitches from the back of the stitches on the first row of knitting (i.e., the purl bumps on the backside when using long-tail cast on). For more information, this technique was used in my Cable High-Neck Tank in the current Summer 2004 issue of INTERWEAVE KNITS and the increase method is explained in detail on page 12.



\*\*\*\*\* JUNE SCARF OF THE MONTH \*\*\*\*\*

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS: approx. 4.25" X 54" after blocking

MATERIALS: GGH / MUENCH YARNS "Scarlett" (50 grams, 115 yards);

US size 9 knitting needles OR SIZE NEEDED TO OBTAIN  
GAUGE

GAUGE: 4.5 sts / 6.25 rows = 1" after blocking

PATTERN STITCH

Razor Shell Pattern, Garter variation (multiple of 6 + 1)

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2: K1, \*yarn over (yo), K1, slip 1, K2tog, pss0, K1, yo, K1; repeat from \* to end.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 19 sts. Work in razor shell pattern until approximately 18" of yarn remains. Bind off all sts. Block lightly to measurements.

This pattern is Kathy's garter stitch variation of the razor shell pattern, which originally appeared in *The Complete Book of Traditional Knitting* by Rae Compton on a stockinette background (row 1 worked as purl instead of knit). This pattern stitch has a narrow rib, but the pattern stitch may be altered to a wide chevron by changing the number of stitches before and after the decrease. Remember that the stitch multiple will also change, and make adjustments in stitch count accordingly. Please feel free to share this pattern with your knitting friends for non-commercial purposes only, with permission of the designer, Kathy Zimmerman.

\*\*\*\*\* SPRINKLES SCARF \*\*\*\*\*

FINISHED SIZE: approx. 6" X 50"

MATERIALS: 2 skeins KNIT ONE, CROCHET TOO "Sprinkles" (25 grams, 190 yards); one pair US size 9 (5 mm) knitting needles OR SIZE NEEDED TO OBTAIN GAUGE

GAUGE: In stockinette stitch, 4 sts = 1"

NOTE: Hold 2 strands "Sprinkles" together for entire scarf

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 24 sts. Work in K1, P1 ribbing for 1", ending with a WS row.

Right Side (RS) Rows: Knit.

Wrong Side (WS) Rows: Knit 4, purl to last 4 sts, Knit 4.

Repeat last 2 rows until approx. 49" from beginning, leaving enough yarn to work 1" of ribbing. Work in K1, P1 ribbing for 1". Bind off all sts loosely. Weave in ends.

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\*\*\*\*\* JULIE'S SCARF \*\*\*\*\*

The pattern for this beautiful scarf was shared with us by Julie Charlebois. Julie added a knotted fringe to each short end. Thanks, Julie!

FINISHED SIZE: approx. 5" X 66" excluding fringe

MATERIALS: BERROCO YARNS "Mosaic FX" two balls; 200 yards sport weight mercerized cotton; US size 9 knitting needles

GAUGE: 4.5 sts / 6 rows = 1" with both yarns held together, worked in seed stitch

NOTE: Hold one strand each yarn together for entire scarf; fringe with cotton only

SEED STITCH PATTERN All rows: K1; \*P1, K1; repeat from \* across row.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 23 sts. Work in seed stitch until piece measures 66" or desired length. Bind off. Fringe cast on and bound off edges, if desired. We recommend

INTERWEAVE's *Compendium of Finishing Techniques* (\$29.95, spiral bound, available on our bookshelf) for fringe how-to's and more embellishment ideas.

\*\*\*\*\* KNITTING IS OUR BAG \*\*\*\*\*



One of our instructors, Nancy Premoshis, suggests that you carry your knitting in a pretty tote — she feels that your projects are “worthy” of a nice bag. The August 2004 issue of *Knit 'N Style* agrees — they predict that purses will be the next big knitting craze for new and experienced knitters. Another trend in knitwear is making a bag to match your sweater, creating more pizzazz and fun for knitters. Check out this issue (\$5.99) shown upper right, for great purse and bag patterns, or try one of our fabulous novelty yarns to make this bag from Joan Walsh. Joan designed this a while ago (could it be that she set the trend?) and can't remember where the original pattern came from, or how close hers is to the original. It was designed for a “parade of guilds” fashion show at a TKGa convention. Our thanks to Joan for sharing her pattern idea, her version of “The Sack”.

**MATERIALS:** approx. 400 yards bulky weight yarn (can work two strands of medium weight yarn doubled to get gauge); US size 13 knitting needles in circular 20” or 24” and double-pointed (dpns) OR SIZE NEED TO OBTAIN GAUGE

**GAUGE:** 12 sts / 28 rows = 4”

**DIRECTIONS:** Starting at center bottom with dpns, cast on 6 sts and join, being careful not to twist sts.

Round 1: \* K2, m 1 (make one increase); repeat from \* around: 9 sts.

Round 2 and all even-numbered rounds: P.

Round 3: \*K1, m 1; repeat from \* around: 18 sts.

Round 5: \*K2, m 1; repeat from \* around: 27 sts.

Round 7: \*K3, m 1; repeat from \* around: 36 sts.

Round 9: K.

Round 11: K, increasing 6 sts evenly spaced: 42 sts.

Continue in garter stitch rounds (Knit 1 round, purl 1 round), increasing 6 sts every 4th round until 72 sts. Change to circular needle when there are too many sts for the dpns. Continue in garter stitch on these 72 sts for 9”-10”.

Notes from Joan about dividing sts: At this point, work back and forth on half the sts and garter stitch now becomes “knit every row”. You also make an I-cord edge on each side of the half you are working on AND you will decrease one stitch at the beginning of each row (after the 3 I-cord sts are worked) until there are 12 sts remaining on the needle. The first 3 sts on each row are the 3 sts slipped at the end of the previous row. It helps to give the yarn a tug when you start each row. So —

Row 1: K3, K30, move the yarn to the front, slip 3, turn.

Row 2: K3, K30, move the yarn to the front, slip 3, turn.

Row 3: K3, K2tog (knit 2 together), K 28, move the yarn to the front, slip 3, turn: 35 sts remaining (rem).

Row 4: K3, K2tog, K 27, move yarn to the front, slip 3, turn: 34 sts rem.

Row 5: K3, K2tog, K26, move yarn to the front, slip 3, turn: 33 sts rem.

Row 6: K3, K2tog, K25, move yarn to the front, slip 3, turn: 32 sts rem.

Row 7: K3, K2tog, K24, move yarn to the front, slip 3, turn: 31 sts rem.

Row 8: K3, K2tog, K23, move yarn to the front, slip 3, turn: 30 sts rem.

Row 9: K3, K2tog, K22, move yarn to the front, slip 3, turn: 29 sts rem.

Row 10: K3, K2tog, K21, move yarn to the front, slip 3, turn: 28 sts rem.

Continue in this manner until 12 sts rem. Continue WITHOUT DECREASING until the strap is long enough (a matter of personal preference!). Put sts on a holder. Enjoy!

**\*\*\*\*\* UPCOMING CLASSES \*\*\*\*\***

**“Life Beyond Scarves” with instructor Tracey Earhart Saturday, July 10, 2004, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm; Class fee \$10.00 plus supplies; pre-payment requested upon registration**



Ready to move beyond simple scarf-making? In this hands-on workshop, Tracey will help you explore several trendy projects that will tempt all hip Fashionistas — even ones with beginner knitting skills — to develop their skills and progress onto other projects.

**“Nancy’s Funky Patchwork Cardigan” with instructor Nancy Premoshis Saturday, July 17, 2004, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm; class fee \$20.00 plus supplies; pre-payment requested upon registration**

Modular knitting and patchwork techniques are popping up in all the latest magazines. Learn Nancy P’s how-to’s for making a custom-fit cardigan styled just for you! The patches are knitted together as you go to get a patchwork look without sewing them together. Based on the creative colorwork techniques of Valentina Devine, this class includes a pattern for your own unique creation of rectangles and strips with clever embellishments, including a holiday sweater. You will need approximately 1700 yards of worsted weight yarn in a variety of coordinating colors.

**“Working With Fancy Yarns” with instructor Nancy Caldwell Saturday, July 31, 2004 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm; class fee \$10.00 plus supplies; pre-payment requested upon registration**

Learn Nancy’s secrets for working fun summer accessories with novelty yarns. Choice of project will be fancy flip flops or a ponytail scrunchie (patterns and yarns not included in class fee; please bring your own flip flops). Let’s knit!

Private knitting lessons are also available by appointment during business hours. Students may pre-register for these events by call Kathy’s Creations at 724-238-9320 or e-mail at [kathy@kathys-creations.com](mailto:kathy@kathys-creations.com) Class supplies are not included in the cost of registration. No refunds will be given unless cancellation is made 48 hours prior to class, or in the event of inclement weather. Classes without a minimum of four students may be subject to cancellation or postponement at the discretion of the instructor.

**\*\*\*\*\* FUN FRIDAYS \*\*\*\*\***

Escape for a knitting break — it’s **Fun Friday with instructor Joyce Bischoff!** Please join us in our classroom area on **Friday, July 30, 2004; Friday, August 27, 2004, and Friday, September 10, 2004 from 10 am - 2 pm**, for a fun-filled day of knitting comradery. Joyce will be here to answer your questions and provide expert knitting assistance. There is no charge to attend, but please call ahead to let us know you will be coming. Please bring your knitting, a snack or lunch if you wish, a folding chair if you’ve got one, and your sense of humor.

Never underestimate the impact of color. A happy new shade can mean a sunny new outlook. Let your imagination help you find those spaces in your schedule — no matter how small — into which you can work a few stitches. We encourage you to take along your knitting with you this summer (and don’t forget to have it in a pretty tote) — grab your bag as you head out the door and **KEEP KNITTING!**

Kathy



for july  
vision by trendsetter  
books house on blossom street

\*\*\*\*\* FALL PREVIEW \*\*\*\*\*

Get ready for glitz, glam, and “bling bling” for the upcoming fall season. Berroco tells us, “Today's knitter demands yarns that perform and command center stage. Today's fashion yarns and styles are deliciously baroque, decorative, and ornate”. Look for quality, shine and color to come...

From Donna McGranahan trend for fall/winter scarves is for long fringe 12" long multiple yarns with touches of glitz

dental floss cutter for travel Heather Kalidin

notes from TNNA SHOW

\*\*\*\*\* TIPS \*\*\*\*\*

Thick chenille keep pile smooth to the ball remove chenille ply to control working and knot end of core to keep from shedding