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MAY 2009 UPDATE



Dear Knitters,

Get ready, get set, SPRING! Add spring to your step with socks, the ultimate portable "on-the-go" project! Never tried socks? No fear, Tracey Earhart's beginner class on May 9th will get you started on your way to knit a cute pair of baby socks. You'll be having so much fun that you won't realize that you've learned all the essential skills you need to master our customers' most popular project.

There's also a little more spring to our step. In addition to new displays and shelving, we're adding a new community service project to our existing Chemo Hat and Knit For The Cure Programs. Certified Oxford Rug Punch instructor Tracey and her "Punchette" rug punch students will be making a garden-themed rug to benefit the Westmoreland Country Food Bank. More new things planned throughout the spring and summer include Sunday afternoon hours from mid-June through late fall (and maybe longer), hosting special events & trunk shows, expanded classes including a series on "Practical Knitting" and lace & cable with Kathy, plus details about Kathy's DVD Cable Workshop for Knitting Daily TV Season 3. How exciting is that! In addition to new products like square knitting needles (that we helped test market) and the varied inventory that you've come to expect from us, our customers can count on our experienced staff, Craft Yarn Council accredited teachers, knitting expertise, know-how, friendly service and gathering place which have been our specialty for over 29 years. We thank you for making us the area's premier knit, crochet, punch needle and Oxford rug punch shop. You provide the creativity, we'll supply everything else! Now, let's start knitting some socks!

### "MAY IS SOCK MONTH"

**All regularly-priced yarns in our sock station  
in stock are 10% off during MAY 2009**

**Note: we will be open Sunday, May 17, 2009, from 12 noon - 5 pm  
summer Sunday hours will begin June 15, 2009**

Hours: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday through Saturday  
Kathy is usually away on Wednesday, but the shop is open  
We accept Mastercard, VISA, Discover/Novus, AX

Private knitting and crochet instructions are available by appointment  
Finishing services available  
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\*\*\* GREAT NEW STUFF \*\*\*

You don't have to travel far to enjoy the good times of spring and summer. We've got affordable products that will help you enjoy a stitching oasis of comfort, beauty and creativity in your own home. Return to the classics, made with your hands with quality materials and crafted to endure. Summer is on the horizon, and it's never looked brighter. Here's what's new for you...

Sunny knits, fibers to feel good about, easy shapes, lots of lace and vintage details fill the pages of INTERWEAVE KNITS Summer 2009 (\$6.99). In her editorial, Eunny Jang tells us, "Knitting is a funny thing-- it seems that if you like knitting itself, you'll always find something to knit, no matter what the circumstances... For me, summer's also a good time to explore techniques and looks that I might not spend time on during the heavy-knitting months. For you, summer knitting might mean something completely different -- you may love knitting lighter garments, working with cottons and linens, lace, or year-round pieces that layer well. Your knitting can always be what you want it to be, no matter where you are and what you've got to work with." Kathy was very pleased to be part of the upcoming Series 300 of *Knitting Daily TV* and be Eunny's featured Designer Spotlight guest sharing her work with lace and cables (The Katharine Hepburn cardigan from *Lace Style*). She reports that Eunny is one of the fastest knitters ever! For a behind-the-scenes sneak peek, visit the April 13, 2009 installment of [knitting daily@interweave.com](mailto:daily@interweave.com)

Kathy's "Sprout Tee" (shown upper left) is one of the designs featured in the current issue, about which *Knits* says, "The Sprout Tee's crisp twisted-stitch lines gain a bit of softness when worked in a textured organic yarn. Kathy Zimmerman uses honeycomb accents, cap sleeves, and a wide U-neck to give a casual sweater a bit of easy polish".

Stripes knitted in the round are actually spirals. There is an excellent "must-read" tutorial in the "Beyond The Basics" column featuring new methods for jogless stripes in the round using slip-stitch technique. This issue is a "keeper"...

VOGUE KNITTING Spring / Summer 2009 (\$6.99) is an eclectic blend of styles ranging from eco-friendly fashion in organic fibers and fresh earth tones, to soft and sensual stitchwork, modern glitzy tops that shimmer and shine, and opulent openwork in contemporary shapes (see lower right for bamboo throw). This season seems to be all about lace and sweet silk yarns. There is an excellent article, "The Skinny on Fine Yarns" with a helpful top-ten list for knitting with fine-gauge yarns. Be sure to check out our lace area, featuring beautiful yarns such as ROWAN "Kidsilk Haze", SKACEL "Merino Lace", K1C2 "Douceur et Soie", COLINETTE "Parisienne", CLASSIC ELITE "Silky Alpaca Lace", JAGGERSPUN "Zephyr", NATURALLY "Dawn", PLYMOUTH YARNS / BRISTOL YARN GALLERY "Buckingham" and CRYSTAL PALACE "Kid Merino"...

PIECEWORK May / June 2009 (\$6.99) welcomes us to spring & summer with its annual lace issue (more lace!). It explores amazing lace -- knitted Russian lace shawls, vintage Chantilly lace to tat, exquisite Italian needlelace (stitches in air --what a grand description) and a crocheted-lace challenge. If you aren't familiar with this publication, it is directed to those with a passion and interest in historical perspective, intriguing stories, and vintage techniques...



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

What's new from LISA KNITS? SW-039 "Summer Breeze" (\$4.00, shown right) is a lace stripe kimono-style sweater that looks terrific on every body, worked in DK weight, with 6 sizes from 36" - 56". HT-023 "Fine Gauge Hats" (\$4.00, shown lower left) features three hats -- a basic stockinette, a texture stitch and a lace & cable -- all knit in sock weight yarn (on sale this month!). This pattern is written in three sizes -- 18", 20" & 22". Lace openwork and lace & cable combinations are this season's fashion-savvy stitches...



BERROCO "Pure Pima" (\$6.50, 50 grams, 115 yards, 100% pima cotton, CYCA yarn classification 3) is a carefully calibrated balance between mercerized and unmercerized plies. This cotton has become an instant staple on our shelves, and comes in a wide range of colors chosen for their timeless appeal...

Silk and silk blends are this season's favorite fiber. CLASSIC ELITE YARNS "Classic Silk" (\$8.50, 50% cotton / 30% silk / 20% nylon; 50 grams, 135 yards, CYCA yarn classification 4) has a beautiful, nubby texture with a little sheen, a great hand, and a wonderfully natural silk feel. It can be used for Fair Isle, striped pattern, or just as a single color, in a perfect spring / summer weight. You can't buy a better yarn at this price, with this value...

There are two good reasons for doing-it-yourself. The first is to make something unique that reflects your personal style. The second is to make something that is a custom fit in just the right shade. This is especially true of sock knitting, our featured May promotion. Enliven your sock yarn stash with BERROCO "Sox" (\$13.50, 75% superwash wool / 25% nylon, 100 grams, 440 yards, CYCA yarn classification 2; one ball makes a pair of socks), a superb blend that patterns itself as you knit your socks in the round. Choose from an assortment of engineered color patterns. Add a little glam with BERROCO "Sox Metallic" (\$15.50, 73% superwash wool / 25% nylon / 2% other; 100 grams, 380 yards, CYCA yarn classification 2), a sophisticated addition to our Sock Station, in vibrant shades reminiscent of an Indian sari, full of gold and silver highlights. MOUNTAIN COLORS "Bearfoot" (\$24.50 100 grams, 350 yards, 60% superwash wool / 25% mohair / 15% nylon) is a treat for your feet, now in tone-on-tone harmony colors that flow from one to the next with less contrast than traditional handpaints. "Poems Sock" from WISDOM YARNS (\$19.50, 75% superwash wool / 25% nylon, 100 grams, 459 yards) is a smart yarn with a subtle shading and self-patterning for easy knitting. After you treat your tootsies to a pedicure, slip on a pair of pedicure socks under your sandals or flip flops. A free pattern is available with your purchase of PATONS "Stretch Socks" (\$6.95, 41% cotton / 39% wool / 13% nylon / 7% elastic; 50 grams, 239 yards; CYCA yarn classification 1)...

New "seamless" top-down patterns from KNITTING PURE & SIMPLE (\$5.50) are:  
#249 Child's Bulky Neckdown Jacket, sizes 2 - 12 years; bulky weight yarn  
#265 Mid-weight Neck Down Pullover for Women, sizes 34" - 54" chest; DK weight  
#274 Top Down V-Neck Maternity Cardigan, sizes 33" - 53" chest, worsted weight



#275 Children's Neckdown Bolero, girls' sizes 2 - 10; worsted weight

#982 Babies' Neckdown Cardigan with or without hood; worsted weight



\*\*\* NOW ON OUR SHELVES \*\*\*

Building upon the extremely successful collections from last year, CLASSIC ELITE YARNS has put together another set of winning hand-knitting pattern booklets (\$14.95 each). With nature-inspired photographs taken on the coast of Maine, each booklet presents a multitude of options for all levels of knitters and crocheters. CLASSIC ELITE has taken the best fashion trends and colors of the season and translated them into inspiring handknits. The attention to detail makes each of the designs a joy to watch as it comes off the needles. There's a lot to knit from CLASSIC ELITE this season:

John's Bay -- ten comfy and stylish designs using nature's palette, featuring Kathy's comfy tunic with "Solstice" yarn (shown upper left) featuring grand cables

Round Pond -- ten designs to please summer knitters, including the wavy lace socks knit from "Summer Sox"

New Harbor -- nine delightful designs, perfect for warmer weather or layering; hoodies, cardies & tops

Heron Island -- nine warm weather designs, all with intriguing stitch details, lace & texture to knit and crochet

Ah, babies! What can be more fun to knit -- an oh-so-soft sleeper for a newborn or a colorful romper for a tot just learning to walk? Jil Eaton's brilliant use of color and style shines through in *Pipsqueak Knits* (\$14.95, hardback). This is a delightful confection of 12 beautiful designs for our darling babies and toddlers, mixing classics touched with true whimsy and unique details. Using quality fibers, Jil is a master at taking a simple silhouette and making it a chic and wearable garment. High-energy colors, sumptuous yarns, and simple shaping blend sophistication and fun, making your new baby the best-dressed child on the block...

Revolutionize how you think about color! *Harmony Guides: Colorwork Stitches* (\$22.95, softcover, shown left) showcases a jam-packed collection of 250 classic and contemporary colorwork stitch patterns, designs, and motifs to keep you constantly inspired. From simple stripes and polkadots to more complicated Fair Isle designs, this colorful guide features a range of swatches for knitters of every skill level. Letters of the alphabet in upper and lower class are given -- perfect for getting a head start on personalized Christmas stockings. Other Harmony Guide titles (\$22.95 each) include: Cables & Arans, Lace & Eyelets, and Knit & Purl, all from INTERWEAVE PRESS...

This summer, knitters everywhere are in love with lace. Because the results are so spectacular, lace can appear intimidating. Although lace patterns are beautiful and interesting enough for experts, they can be surprisingly simple enough for knitters new to lace. Here are just a few softcover titles from our bookshelves:

- *Knitted Lace of Estonia* (\$24.95) Nancy Bush offers a modern adaptation of traditional lace-making techniques and classic ways to construct shawls & scarves
- *Knitting Lace Triangles* (\$18.95) Evelyn Clark reveals the basic building blocks of knitted lace. Shaping is simple and begins with a few stitches at the neck that increase in a chevron shape to the scalloped edging.
- *Victorian Lace Today* (\$29.95) Jane Sowerby connects with the Victorian era to bring gorgeous lace designs to today's knitters, with clear instructions, in the yarns and colors you love

\*\*\* KNITTING HINTS & TIPS \*\*\*

From shopgal JENNIFER FERRENCE: On many interchangeable circular knitting needle set cables is a small opening near the connector. Thread this opening with sewing thread and weave it along as you knit to use as a "lifeline" for knitting lace. Weave it on the same pattern row each time, preferably on row that is worked without yarnovers. If you need to "unknit" you will be certain of which pattern row has this "lifeline". Thanks, Jen! (original source CAST ON Magazine)

From INTERWEAVE PRESS editor Ann Budd: when working decreases as in armhole shaping, count the number of stitches you need to decrease on each end, then place a marker. Work decreases as your pattern specifies, until you hit the marker. When you come to the marker, you know you've done the correct number. This also works for increases (such as sleeves). Place a marker at the original starting point, and count the number of increases.

Our favorite tip from Ann: If you want to lose weight, start a complicated project that involves multiple colors or cables -- your hands will be too busy to snack. Does this really work, Ann???

From the LAUREL HIGHLANDS KNITTING GUILD: Get LOTS of ring markers and don't be afraid to use them, even where you think you shouldn't need them. Also slip them from one needle to the next as if to PURL and they won't be as likely to flying off and getting lost, although some will anyway. That's why you should have LOTS of them! (original source, Janice Fischer, knitter)

\*\*\* KATHY'S SPRING BLOOMS \*\*\*

Kathy challenges you to try this textured stitch which looks like spring buds.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS: 8" X 8" dishcloth; 12" X 60" table runner

MATERIALS: NASHUA HANDKNITS "Creative Focus Cotton" 100% cotton, one ball (93 yards) for dishcloth, 900 yards for table runner (10 balls) ; US size 7 knitting needles

GAUGE: 5 sts / 7 rows = 1"

LITTLE CROWN PATTERN (multiple of 3 + 2, pattern stitch detail lower left)

Row 1 (right side): Knit.

Row 2: Knit.

Row 3: K 1; knit to the last stitch, wrapping yarn around needle twice for each stitch, K1.

Row 4: K1; \*pass next 3 sts to right-hand needle dropping extra loops, pass these 3 stitches back to left-hand needle, K1, P1, K1 through the 3 sts together; repeat from \* to last stitch, end K1.

DISHCLOTH DIRECTIONS: Cast on 41 sts. Knit one row. Work in pattern stitch until piece measures 7.5", end row 4 of pattern. Knit 3 rows. Bind off all sts as if to knit.

TABLE RUNNER DIRECTIONS: Cast on 62 sts. Knit 5 rows. Work in pattern stitch until piece measures 59" or 1" less than desired length. Knit 7 rows. Bind off all stitches as if to knit. Block to measurements.

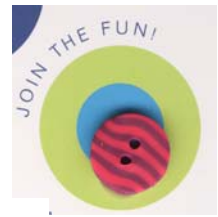


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**\*\*\* BIG BUTTON EVENT MAY 16th & May 17th \*\*\***

Join the fun! Please mark your calendars and plan to join us as we host a "Big Button Event". The very talented Eileen Petre of "SOUP TO KNITS and Bull's Eye Buttons" will be our guest at Kathy's Creations on Saturday, May 16, 2009, from 9 am - 5 pm and at the Laurel Highlands Knitting Guild Workshop at the Ramada Inn in historic Ligonier on Sunday, May 17, 2009, 9 am - 4 pm. Lisa Carnahan of LISA KNITS will also be here on Saturday, with a trunk show of her designs that can be embellished with Eileen's buttons. Discover the possibilities and turn your creations into one-of-a-kind works of art (sample shown upper right).



Eileen's colorful hand-crafted polymer clay buttons come in a variety of shapes and sizes -- milleflori, stripes, geometrics, faux-marble, faux-stone, embossed -- you'll need to stop by to check out her fabulous collection for yourself! In addition, Eileen has delightful, bright handpainted birch needles with unique handcrafted polymer clay ends, available in sizes 6 - 13, and clay bead jewelry. We invite you to bring along your handpainted yarns and unfinished knit, crochet, & punch needle objects in need of embellishment for Eileen's advice and assistance -- here's your chance to meet a true artist-in-action!

**\*\*\* LAUREL HIGHLANDS KNITTING GUILD WORKSHOP \*\*\***

The Laurel Highlands Knitting Guild is delighted to sponsor a workshop with nationally-known knitting instructor, Shanta Moitra, on Sunday, May 17, 2009, 9 am - 4 pm. Shanta has taught throughout the country for The Knitting Guild Association and also for regional knitting guilds. The workshop topic is entitled "Beyond Basic". The three-hour morning session will focus on intermediate cast-on methods such as purl cable cast on, invisible cast-on, decorative edgings, and other important considerations in beginning a sweater. The three-hour afternoon session will cover buttonholes / spacing, buttonbands, invisible bind-off, tips for picking up stitches, grafting & joins, grafting I-cord and special touches to finesse the end of the project. There will also be a mini-market with buttons, jewelry, and items from SOUP TO KNITS and Bull's Eye Buttons with artist Eileen Petre, and yarns & knitting supplies from Kathy's Creations. The fee for this event is \$35.00, which includes lunch. For further details, please contact Kathy Zimmerman at Kathy's Creations 724-238-9320...

**\*\*\* NEW PUNCH NEEDLE EMBROIDERY CLASS WITH HELEN \*\*\***

Can't say it any better, let's play with the 6-strand! If you would like to experiment with the 6-strand punch needle, come join our expert Helen.

**"6- Strand Punch Needle Class" with instructor Helen Stetina; Saturday, May 9, 2009, 1:00 - 4:00 pm; \$35 registration fee (payment required upon registration)**

Helen will provide weaver's cloth, canvas, lots of fun threads, tons of ideas, and models to study. Student should bring a 6-strand punch needle (or order one from Kathy), a 4" embroidery hoop, small sharp scissors and enthusiasm. For questions / comments on classes or custom kits, please contact Helen via e-mail: guppy0613@comcast.net

**\*\*\* READER'S KNIT CLUB \*\*\***

Join the Reader's Knit Club for an evening of knitting & fellowship on **Mondays, May 4, 2009, and June 1, 2009, from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm** at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Route 30, Greensburg, PA...

\*\*\* ANNOUNCING A VERY SPECIAL HAPPENING \*\*\*

Florals, butterflies and dragonflies are very fashion-forward themes this season. Gardens are a way of showing that you believe in tomorrow, as the flowers of all tomorrows are the seeds of today. We are so pleased to announce a special project that was the "seed" of our own Tracey Earhart, and is rapidly gaining national (yes, we mean NATIONAL) attention. On Saturday, July 18, 2009, 9 am - 5 pm, Tracey and her "Punchette" students will come together in the Downstairs Room at Mommy Gear, located behind Kathy's Kreations to work on "A Woolly Garden Rug", with proceeds to benefit the Westmoreland County Food Bank. "Mommy Gear" has graciously donated the use of the room. There will be a potluck lunch at 12 noon.

Tracey is the area's only Certified Oxford Rug Punch Instructor and the day is open to all of her previous students. Each student will punch a 10" X 10" square, which will be assembled into a large rug. The rug is garden-themed, and each student may choose templates of veggies, fruits, flowers, birds, bees, butterflies, etc., or design their own. The rug will be on display at Kathy's Kreations during the month of August. ALL of the proceeds from the rug will go to the Food Bank, with the final drawing on Labor Day Weekend. The "Woolly Garden Rug" will help provide food for many families.

Kathy's Kreations is also having a non-perishable fruit and veggie drive (to continue the theme of the rug) now through Labor Day. We will be collecting canned goods, dried fruits / veggies or juice. You may drop off your donation during business hours. There is also a basket of vintage pattern booklets which have been donated by Kathy and several customers -- the patterns are free with a donation to the Food Bank "piggy banks".

We wish to acknowledge and thank the following business for their support of this project & fun day of rug punching and sharing:

Mommy Gear -- donation of the Downstairs Room for the day

Barb Carroll of The Woolley Fox -- donation of yarn & website publicity

Amy Oxford, Oxford Rug Punch Tool inventor -- donating yarn & website publicity

Halcyon Blake, Halcyon Yarns -- donation of yarn & publicity

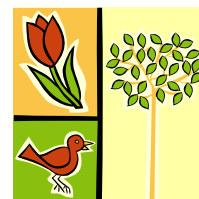
Kathy's Kreations -- donation of yarn & website / general publicity

Tracey -- monks cloth, event planner, rug assembly, beverages for the stitching event

For more information, please e-mail Tracey Earhart at [halfmoonhollow@gmail.com](mailto:halfmoonhollow@gmail.com) with "community rug punch" in the subject line for a flyer. All volunteers must pre-register by calling Kathy's Kreations at 724-238-9320. If you wish to learn how to rug punch in order to participate, classes will be held at Kathy's on Saturday, May 30, 2009 and Saturday, June 20, 2009 (times to be announced).

Attention, crocheters! We are now stocking crochet threads and hooks for doilies, Christmas snowflake ornaments & angels, and filet crochet. For your crocheting pleasure are RED HEART "Lustersheen" (\$5.50, 113 grams, 335 yards, 100% acrylic, CYCA yarn classification 2); DMC "Baroque" (\$4.50, 75 grams, 417 yards, 100% supermercerized cotton, CYCA yarn classification 1) and DMC "Cebelia 10" (\$5.50, 50 grams, 100% double mercerized cotton). SUSAN BATES Steel crochet hooks US 7 / 1.5 mm and US 9 / 1.25 mm (\$2.50 each) are here, as well as SUSAN BATES bamboo handle crochet hooks (\$3.50).

BERNAT "Organic Natural Cotton" (\$3.50, 100% organic cotton, 50 grams, 84 yards, CYCA yarn classification 4) is now available for placemats, dishcloths and summer home decor items...



\*\*\* "KNIT KNITE" AT KATHY'S KREATIONS Tuesday evening, May 12, 2009, and June 9, 2009, from 7 - 9 pm (rsvp please) \*\*\*

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



\*\*\* FUN FRIDAYS, May 8, 2009 and June 12, 2009; 10 am - 2 pm with instructor Joyce Bischoff; rsvp (limited registration) \*\*\*

All knitters & crocheters welcome! Our instructor Joyce is available for help with your questions, skill-building and how-to's. 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.

\*\*\* UPCOMING KNITTING AND CROCHET CLASSES \*\*\*

"Beginner Knitting" with Tracey Earhart; Saturday, May 30, 2009; 9:30 am - 12:00 noon; registration fee \$25.00\*

Class supplies include US #7 or #8 needles & worsted weight yarn; class size limited to 4 students, ages 10 and up.

"Mother-Daughter Learn to Knit" with Tracey Earhart; Saturday, May 9, 2009, 9:30 am - 12:00 noon; registration fee \$25.00\*

Class supplies include US #7 or #8 needles & worsted weight yarn; class size limited to 4 students, ages 10 and up.

"Crochet for Beginners" with instructor Nancy Premoshis; Saturday, May 9, 2009, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm; registration fee \$15.00

Class supplies include worsted weight yarn, US size F or G crochet hook; instruction booklet additional purchase

"Socks for Beginners" with Tracey Earhart; Saturday, May 9, 2009; 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm; registration fee \$25.00\*

Students must have basic knitting skills; call for details about class supplies; class size limited to 6 students.

\*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](mailto:kathy@kathys-kreations.com)

**Private knitting, crochet, felting, punch needle and rug punch lessons available by appointment, with a discount to students purchasing their project supplies here.**

**Kathy's Kreations has been the helpful hands of experienced knitting for over 29 years!**

Sandi Wiseheart, editor of Knitting Daily, said in her February 25, 2009, editorial: "Sometimes we forget: Knitting is supposed to be fun. It's what we choose to do in our free time, it's what we do for ourselves -- to calm ourselves, to enjoy the rhythm of stitches, to revel in the feel of yarn slipping through our fingers. I like to remember this, especially when I'm frustrated and ready to throw a project, needles and all, all the way across the room... Ask for help when you run into problems. Knitting shops are full of kind, helpful people who have a vested interest in your success". We care about our customers and appreciate your support of this local, independent, full-service yarn shop -- stop by soon! Thank you for your business! KEEP KNITTING! Kathy