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MAY 2018 UPDATE



Dear Stitchers,

Spring is in the air! Here in the Laurel Highlands (where our shop is), this means spring days can be unpredictable, requiring "plan ahead" dressing. Layering pieces are essential, since outfits need to be easily modified for changing temperatures and weather conditions by adding or removing cardies, shawls, cowls and vests. It's no wonder that these are our favorite projects to make at this time of year!

The change of seasons demands easy fitting knits in cool fiber blends -- garments to mix and match that transition easily from office to leisure time. The easiest, breeziest of seasons is here, and it's all about updating your wardrobe for warmer days (finally!). Let's embrace the wonderful qualities of cottons, linens and warm weather blends. Lightweight and airy, these yarns create knitwear with gorgeous drape and stitch definition.

According to *Who, What, Wear*: "The spring/summer 2018 fashion trends are nothing if not bright, bold, and really quite beautiful ... color is key (whether bold or pastel) ... the 80's won't quit ... and ... shifting gears from the street's athleisure boom, there's a prettier, softer mood in the air, and anyone who likes to dress up will be thrilled." Expect to see vibrant pinks, reds and yellows!

As we drift into summer, whether you're spending time by the pool, out on the porch, or in your yard, take advantage of the time outdoors to do some spring stitching. Some of our best knitting happens out on the deck! Kathy's Kreations has the ideas, solutions, services and products to help you create some fun projects for warmer days -- come check us out!

MAY IS "MAKE SOMETHING DELICIOUS MONTH!"

**10% off all purchases of in-stock, regularly-priced DELICIOUS YARNS
throughout May 2018**

Ask to see our DELICIOUS model garments

Free "Fork" yarn tasting with every purchase of DELICIOUS YARNS while supplies last

Hours: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday through Saturday, closed Sundays

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018 SPRING FLING

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Join the merchants of Ligonier for colorful townwide sidewalk sales

100 block of East Main theme: "Good Day, Sunshine!" -- look for our yellow balloons!

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*** GREAT NEW STUFF ***

Spring flair -- we love it for its light, bright, chic simplicity! Styles are classic, yet classy. Silhouettes are basic, but modern. Elegant essentials in fresh colors lift our spirits. It's time to pick up our knitting needles and crochet hooks to create a new wardrobe of garments and accessories that are like a breath of fresh air. Be inspired by these fun products...

Knit Simple Spring / Summer 2018 (\$6.99, shown upper left) features 25+ cool and casual knits to love making and wearing all season long. Nothing says spring like nautical knits -- it's a "shore" sign of spring! There are 8 easy, breezy nautical looks for your knitting pleasure -- fashion-savvy snappy stripes in classic navy and white look equally sharp on sand or at sea. Our favorite is the Breton Stripe pullover shown on the cover, based on the iconic traditional shirts worn by French sailors, but updated with thick and thin stripes. The editors tell us (and we agree): "You've earned your stripes -- summer is the time to flaunt them!" This issue also features fun projects for kids with "clouds" designs for trendy tots, including a charming mobile for babies. For home decor, there is a delightful blanket throw with three variations of playful pinwheels. Handknit socks are perhaps the most popular take-along summer project among our customers -- they are lightweight, portable and conveniently fit in a small tote for 'on the go' knitting (don't leave home without it!). Pamper yourself with these easy-to-knit treats for your feet with no-turn heels! And, crocheters, there are two gorgeous crochet shawls for you. Crocheted shawls are the accessory of the season, providing just the right amount of cover-up for bare shoulders...

The hottest-selling accessory we've seen in a long time is the ADDI "Flexi Flips" (\$24.50 per set) -- they were the hit of our booth at last month's Creative Arts Festival in Pittsburgh. We are pleased to report that we have a large supply of most sizes in stock. Available in sizes 0 through 8, these are specially designed 21 cm circulars that rest comfortably in the hand, and act as flexible double-pointed needles. Each set includes three "FlexiFlips" of the same size and are packaged in a handy reusable storage tube. Due to the overwhelming popularity of ADDI "Flexi Flips", the distributor Skacel, is introducing "Bamboo Flexi Flips" this fall. We have a selection already on order, but anticipate these will be also quite popular and in great demand. Please let us know if you would like to pre-order a specific size and we will be glad to reserve your request when they arrive later this year...

Travel & summer are *interchangeable* -- it means vacations for many of us with visits to see family, the beach, the mountains or simply more road trips. So, don't forget to take along a set of *interchangeable* knitting needles or a set of crochet hooks for stitching opportunities. Our latest arrivals are CHIAGOO Twist complete sets, CHIAGOO Spin bamboo sets, and KNITTER'S PRIDE Dreamz & Karbonz sets (complete and starter sets). If you already have one of these sets, we have just replenished our stock of extra cords and needle tips after a very busy Creative Arts Festival, Spring Break weekend and LYS Day. Experienced knitters always pack a couple of extras in their favorite sizes, just in case your desired sizes are "busy"...

New from BERROCO YARNS is "Millefiori Light", which takes all the shimmer and shine of worsted weight "Millefiore" and condenses them into a DK-weight version that's perfect for spring. The single-ply lightweight blend of wool and acrylic comes in your favorite shades of its big sibling. With the same great colors and gradients, Millefiori Light offers self-striping that is perfect for shawls and garments of all types, like the stunning slip-stitch *Broderie* shawl (shown lower right, Ravelry pro download \$6.00)...



*** MORE GREAT NEW STUFF ***

Welcome a new baby or get cozy on the couch with the Garter Stitch Basketweave Blanket pattern by Kathy Erhard (\$4.00, shown upper right). Designed with a minimum of purl stitches and oodles of texture, the Garter Stitch Basketweave Blanket with its seed stitch border is a fun-to-knit project, perfect for new and experienced knitters to display their skills. Kathy's Kreations has just the perfect yarn for this project -- we suggest machine washable HIKOO "Simpliworsted" (\$16.50, 100 grams, 140 yards, 55% merino superwash/28% acrylic/17% nylon, CYCA #4) for easy care...



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WONDERLAND YARNS series of "watercolor" style yarns highlight fluid, graceful shifts in color to create a beautiful landscape that enhances your stitchwork. The newest "A Year In Color" collection explores the birthstone for each month. We currently offer the fit-for-royalty "Queen of Hearts" base (\$31.95, 4 oz., 410 yards, 80% superwash fine merino/10% cashmere/10% nylon, CYCA #2) in garnet, amethyst and aquamarine, just in...

New shades of BERROCO YARNS "Remix Light" have arrived (\$12.50, 100 grams, 432 yards, 30% nylon/27% cotton/24% acrylic/10% silk / 9% linen, CYCA #3). This is a yarn with a lot of character! This soft, wool-free mix is a DK weight version of worsted "Remix" -- a tweedy, nubby blend of flecked 100% recycled fibers. Machine-washable "Remix Light" is perfect for season-spanning sweaters and accessories with a wonderful, textured look. This is Kathy's pick for her "At The Lake" pullover design (\$4.00)...

Are you looking for a "feels wonderful" machine-washable cotton yarn for summer garments, shawls, and more? Look no further than BERROCO YARNS "Pima 100" (\$12.50, 100 grams, 219 yards, 100% pima cotton, CYCA#4). Pure pima cotton is spun with a nice, light twist into a 4-ply yarn for superior softness and stitch definition. Unmercerized cotton lends a matte finish to the heathery color palette. Our newest color range includes pristine pastels and rich brights...

No knitting or crocheting project tote is complete without gadgets and swag. Our newest include HIYA HIYA coiless pins in your choice of rainbow colors or pastel pink (\$3.50, pack of 12), KNITTER'S PRIDE needle gauge/needle check with magnifier to measure gauge (\$3.50), BRYSON DISTRIBUTING tape measures that look like tiny cabled sweaters (\$7.50), SUSAN BATES sock-shaped point protectors (\$2.95, set of four), HIYA HIYA "Darn It" tapestry needles (\$3.95, pack of 3), SUSAN BATES Universal knit count combination stitch marker with row counter, KA large yarn bobbins for intarsia (\$2.95, pack of 4), cute little handcrafted knitter-themed refillable sticky note holder & pen set by CHAR'S CARDS (\$5.00) and a complete re-stock of KNITER'S PRIDE "Waves" crochet hooks up to size 12 mm. Gotta-haves, especially with the travel season almost upon us...

Over the past few months, we have been introducing the new palette from DREAM IN COLOR yarns. Always dyed in the USA, DREAM IN COLOR yarns are inspired by the richly-textured hues found in nature. The latest addition is the graceful neutral palette, which we had dyed for us in amazing "Cosette" (\$32.50, 4 oz., 270 yards, 70% superwash merino wool/20% cashmere/10% nylon). The latest additions feature both tonals, dip dyes and speckles (shown lower left). Color shines on this luxurious blend which is buttery to the touch and creates a soft halo when worked. Did we mention this yarn can be gently machine washed? Lovely...



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*** MAY KNIT ALONG ***

Our May knit-along finds us knitting up a lightweight accessory by DELICIOUS YARNS called *Tipsy Ribbed Cowl* that is perfect for "May Merriment" on our knitting needles. We are grateful to Marcy and Jacqueline for granting permission to share this pattern with you free this month (see pages 6 & 7). Purchase a skein of "Sweet Sports" from our shelves and join us to make this yummy little cowl with a simple stitch for extra texture. We hope that you will join us every Friday in May at Kathy's Kreations from 10 am - 2 pm for this group project, the continuation of previous KALs, or any other works in progress purchased here. If you can't join us in person, please follow us on the May 2018 shop thread at "We Love Kathy's" on Ravelry...

*** INQUIRING KNITTERS WANT TO KNOW ***

Lee T recently asked: "What do I use to sew up the seams of my CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS "Baby Blossom Sweater" made with TRENDSETTER "Blossom"?"

Kathy's answer: For seaming "Blossom", a plush novelty yarn with slub accents, try using embroidery floss in the same shade. This will not only make it easier, but practically invisible if you use mattress stitch for seaming...

*** UPCOMING KNITTING CLASSES ***

Our *Building Blocks* class series with instructor Karen McCullough continues on **Tuesday, May 8, 2018, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**. Each month, Karen introduces you to a new skill with a different block from Michelle Hunter's *Building Blocks* book. This month's pattern stitch is *Make One*, a method of increasing stitches with a smooth finish that does not leave a hole...

Explore "*Knitting in the Round*" by treating yourself to a new accessory for next winter or getting an early start on holiday gifts. This classic ribbed hat will be suitable for the men in your life (page 8, upper left) or add one of the Kathy's Kreations trendy new faux fur pompoms to finish the hat with feminine flair (shown upper left). Select 200 yards of one of Kathy's Kreations beautiful worsted weight yarns and choose one of the following size 7 needle configurations: one 40" circular needle for Magic Loop, two 24" circular needles, one 16" circular and five double-pointed needles, five double-pointed needles, or one package of ADDI Flexi Flips. Or, bring several of these needle choices to try out different methods. Join instructor Kathy Erhard on **Saturday, May 19, 2018, from 9:00 am - 12 noon** here at Kathy's Kreations and take a look at knitting small projects without seams. Class fee is \$25 for the class, which includes the pattern. Please call 724-238-9320 to register...

In our series of lace classes, students will master lace knitting one section at a time. Join our instructor Kathy Erhard as she demonstrates lace skills and work along to make your own gorgeous lace shawl as a wearable showcase of your skills. Our next class is scheduled for **May 19, 2018 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm** at Kathy's Kreations, and will be held the third Saturday of each month from **May through October**. It's not too late to join the group and take your lace skills from casual to experienced as the series continues!

Beads add sparkle and shine to lace, as they catch the light and call attention to your delicate hand knits. Sign up for this month's class and learn how to embellish your work with these shimmery accents. Students are using the gorgeous HiKoo by Skacel RYLIE (50% baby alpaca, 25% mulberry silk, 25% linen) yarn, so see Kathy for this yarn or a suitable substitute and bring a size 5 24" circular needles. Class will be held on **Saturday, May 19, 2018 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm** and the fee is \$20 per session. Please call 724-238-9320 to register...

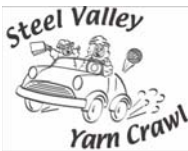


*** SPRING FLING SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018 ***

Let's paint the town! Join the Ligonier merchants for a good, old-fashioned block party at a colorful "Spring Fling" event on Saturday, May 5, 2018, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, rain or shine (each block has a different color "theme"). The East Main Street 100 block businesses will be decked out in "Good Day, Sunshine!" bright sunny yellow to welcome you to town -- look for the yellow balloons! Kathy's Kreations will be having an outdoor sidewalk sale (weather permitting) featuring knitting bling, jewelry and handmade gift items. Indoors, we will offer refreshments to enjoy while you shop and the latest new yarns, knitting & crocheting "swag", stitching accessories, project ideas and more.



In addition, you may also enter to win a Sunny Gift Basket, courtesy of the East Main merchants. Visit all the shops any time during the entire month of May, collect your stamps on your Sunshine card to play, and drop off the card here at Kathy's Kreations or at Second Chapter Books. The drawing will be held on Thursday, May 31, 2018. It's our way of welcoming you to East Main Street and Ligonier -- please join us!



*** STEEL VALLEY YARN CRAWL AUGUST 3 - 12, 2018 ***

Please mark your calendars for the 5th annual Steel Valley Yarn Crawl slated for August 3 - 12, 2018. Join us for ten fun-filled days "crawling" your way through participating yarns shops in the Pittsburgh and western PA!

This self-guided tour is a great way to see what our local fiber arts community has to offer and to meet other yarn crafters. It is an excellent opportunity for fiber enthusiasts to discover new projects, classes and yarns as they peruse the offerings at each store (in no required order). The crawl will feature a "passport" to get stamped at each store. To add to the fun, you will have lots of chances to win PRIZES! PASSPORTS AND TOTE BAGS WILL BE AVAILABLE HERE ON FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2018, FOR \$12.00, SO BE SURE TO GET YOURS EARLY, AS SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED! This year's bag features an extra bonus gift -- a carabiner that's ideal for organizing stitch markers and other stitching gear. Each bag purchased at Kathy's Kreations will feature a free knitting charm that doubles as a stitch marker or zipper pull. Stay tuned for updates about this event...

*** KNITTER'S DAY OUT 2018 ***

Knitter's Day Out is a day and a half of classes, shopping, and camaraderie devoted to knitting and fiber art. It has been held annually since 1986. Join us at Central Penn College in Summerdale, PA (near Carlisle) on Friday and Saturday, September 28 & 29, 2018. Kathy's Kreations will be one of 25+ vendors in the Knitter's Market -- we hope to see you there! Registration details will be available in June 2018 at www.knittersdayout.org

*** CROCHET CLASSES ***

Interested in learning crochet terminology, abbreviations, symbols and charts? Learn how to create a foundation chain, "magic circle", and single crochet at "CROCHET 101" on **Saturday, May 12, 2018, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**. We will also practice maintaining even edges. Join instructor Karen Voshall to learn the basics! Registration fee \$20.00 -- call 724-238-9320 to sign up.

Choose your beginner crochet project from the many lovely CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS *First Projects* series with instructor Karen Voshall (scarf, mitts, or cowl) at "CROCHET 102" **Saturday, May 26, 2018, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**. Class size will be limited, so that you will receive individual attention. You may purchase a pattern, suitable yarn, and crochet hook before class. Registration fee \$20.00 -- call 724-238-9320 to sign up.



Tipsy Ribbed Cowl

ingredients:

Yarn:
Delicious Yarns Sweets Sport
1 skein (100 gms, 310 yds)
(Shown here in #24 Cherry Fudge)

Needles:
US #4 24" or 32" circ needles
(or size needed to achieve gauge)

Other Stuff: Markers

details:

Gauge: 20 st = 4" in st st

Finished dimensions:
Short – 24" x 7"
Long – 36" x 7" (as shown in picture)

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Tipsy Ribbed Cowl

Cast on 132 (200)
PM, join in the round, being careful not to twist stitches.

Work in k1, p1 ribbing for 4 rounds.

Pattern stitch:

Rounds 1-6: K1, (p1, k3) to the last 3 sts, p1, k2.

Rounds 7-12: K2, (p1, k3) to last 2 sts, p1, k1.

Rounds 13-18: K3, (p1, k3) to last 2 sts, p1.

Rounds 19-24: (P1, k3) to end of round.

Repeat from Rounds 1-24 once more.

Starting with P1, work in k1, p1 ribbing for 4 rounds.

BO loosely, knitwise.

Weave in ends. Block as desired.

Enjoy!





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

"SPRING FLING!" GOOD DAY, SUNSHINE SIDEWALK SALE and special events on East Main Street 100 block; Saturday, May 5, 2018; 10:00 am - 5:00 pm.

***** FIRST MONDAYS *****

Join the "First Mondays" group for an evening of knitting, crocheting and fellowship, at Panera Bread Greengate in Greensburg, PA. Next meeting dates are Monday evenings May 7, 2018 and June 4, 2018; 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm.

***** "KNITTING IN THE AFTERNOON" AT KATHY'S KREATIONS Tuesdays, May 8, 2018 and June 12, 2018; 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm (rsvp please, all skill levels welcome) *****

Join us for stitching & lots of fun conversation. Please call ahead to rsvp in case of a scheduling change...

***** SATURDAY SIT-N-KNIT May 12, 2018 and June 9, 2018; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm; (rsvp please, all skill levels welcome) *****

Join us at Kathy's Kreations for fellowship and stitching for projects purchased here.

***** FUN FRIDAYS, May 18, 2018 and June 15, 2018; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm *****

Come in for the yarn and leave with friendships! Join our "knitting community" for fellowship, stitching, and how-to's for projects purchased here. Whether this is your first project or your hundredth, this is the place for you to learn, grow and enjoy being with other knitters and crocheters just like you. Please call ahead to let us know you will be coming, as space is limited.

***** MAY KNIT-ALONG (KAL) *****

Stop by on Fridays in May from 10 am - 2 pm (rsvp please) to work on our newest KALs with your stitching friends to cheer you on. Make something delicious with our "Topsy Ribbed Cowl" from DELICIOUS YARNS. Not working on the KAL? You are still welcome to come -- simply bring any knit or crochet project purchased at Kathy's Kreations and join the group (free!). Follow us on "We Love Kathy's" Ravelry group May 2018 thread...

***** "BUILDING BLOCKS" TUESDAY May 8, 2018, 10:00 am - 12 noon *****

***** "CROCHET 101" Saturday, May 12, 2018, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm *****

***** "KNITTING IN THE ROUND" Saturday, May 19, 2018, 9:00 am - 12 noon *****

***** "BUILDING WITH LACE" Saturday, May 19, 2018, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm *****

***** "CROCHET 102" Saturday, May 26, 2018, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm *****

Private knitting and crocheting lessons available by appointment. Learning to knit or correcting mistakes are not the only reasons to have a one-on-one tutoring lesson. Learn new techniques like lace or short rows, or get help with a pattern before starting -- our instructors can do it all! Additional group classes are forming -- ask us for details. We would be glad to do a specific class topic for groups of 4 or more. Kathy's Kreations has been the helpful hands of experienced knitting for more than 38 years!

It's National Small Business Month! Thank you to all who shopped here last month during LYS Day (what a wonderful surprise to see so many of you!) and who continue to choose Kathy's Kreations often for your stitching needs. KEEP KNITTING AND CROCHETING! Kathy