

# November



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NOVEMBER 2017 UPDATE

Dear Stitches,

The countdown to the holidays has started. It's officially time to make things for gift giving -- Christmas stockings, scarves for the family and mittens for the colder weather ahead. We've got project ideas, big and small, for everyone on your handmade gift list. The holiday season is always closer than it seems, so get started now to avoid the last minute rush!

It's nice to receive a gift, but it can be even more gratifying to give one. We can't think of a more thoughtful gift for friends, loved ones or for a charity than a gift you've knitted or crocheted yourself. A handmade gift is much more personal than a purchased one, because of the thought, time and caring that you've put into it. It's like giving a hug with every stitch. Get gifty and make someone happy!

What else are makers making for the chilly days ahead? The wool trend continues, head to toe. Big gauges, simple silhouettes, intriguing details, and a palette of neutral colors will charm your needles and set the tone for the autumn season and beyond. Oversized sweaters not only look great, but their cozy feel is what makes them so appealing -- it's comfort dressing at its finest. Sleek ribbed knits and colorful stripes with a 70's vibe are very much a current fashion story. Stripes are quite timeless, and we are seeing them in everything from sweaters to baby blankets to hats. Stripes are also an easy introduction into colorwork.

TAHKI / STACY CHARLES tells us: "Cabled pullovers continue resurfacing on high fashion runways and in designer collections year after year. Cables are a fall standby for knitters, to make everything from hats and mittens, to scarves and cowls, to sweaters and ponchos. At this point, they're always in for fall. The detailed stitchwork and intricate details are a wonderful showcase for beautiful yarns. And cables, after all, are one of our favorite techniques!" We're crazy for cables, too -- we love the crisply defined stitches and cozy fabrics they create!

Between your creativity, and our project ideas and yarn collections, there's plenty of warmth to go around! We're celebrating a handmade season, literally, with our "Hands of Uruguay" yarn promotion...

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

Knitwear is the queen of this winter's wardrobe. From cashmere to merino wool, garments that embrace texture enfold us like a warm cocoon. From pullovers with interesting neck or sleeve treatments to jackets featuring typical Aran motifs, one trend to watch is the staying power of classic garments and accessories with cables and braids, two design elements that never go out of style. Fringes and fur embellishments enliven both garments and accessories this season, as well as texture in the form of stitch motifs, beads, bobble and wrapped stitches. There's also a buzz about Icelandic and Scandinavian-inspired sweaters right now. Check out our latest offerings...

Knit 22 modern designs with a traditional twist! There are a number of stylish knits you'll want to wear right now. The Fall /Winter 2017 issue of *knit.wear* (\$14.99, shown upper left) features two fresh collections: Winter Whites and Cypress & Plum. Winter Whites presents a fresh canvas for classic techniques with a modern twist. All of the projects in this story are made in either white or cream and photographed against a white backdrop to capture the spirit of the season. The Cypress & Plum story draws its inspirations from Dutch Master paintings. The projects are worked in rich jewel tones and feature a range of silhouettes and techniques from the traditional to the unexpected. Explore the most chic designs coupled with engaging articles. In her technical article, Roxanne Richardson shows you how to add mock cables to your knits without affecting gauge. As editor Meghan Babin tells us: "*Knit.wear* is an escape -- and a reminder to slow down and savor each moment of the making." Uh-huh!

Collector's issues are always keepers, and *The Best of Knit Simple Holiday Knits* (\$9.99) is no exception. This special issue features knits for men, women and children plus home accents that celebrate the spirit of the holiday season. With more than 60 projects to choose from, knitters will find plenty of ideas for everyone on their gift list, all designed to knit up quickly in anticipation of the holiday season. They've covered all the bases, everything from festive home decor to garments and accessories for the entire family. You're sure to find a gift (or three or four) for everyone on your list -- and maybe even yourself! We love the gingerbread house on the cover, and have personally knit the guy's colorblock hat from HiKOO "Kenzie", adding savvy stripes to the cozy ribbed cuff...

New from DREAM IN COLOR is a special collection of elegant hand-dyed yarns especially curated for gradient projects like the "Find Your Fade" shawl. Check out our "bird cage" displays for stunning shades in DREAM IN COLOR's most popular shades of "Smoochy with Cashmere", "Jilly", and "Cozette", all co-ordinated to play well with each other...

Behind every great yarn, there is an artist. In the case of the fiber artists at SCHOPPEL WOLLE, their yarns are some of the most well-known and unique colorful yarns being used by knitters and crocheters around the globe. We proudly introduce two new additions to the product line. "Jeans Ball" (\$18.95, 100 grams, 440 yards, 75% superwash wool / 25% nylon, CYCA #2, shown lower right) is a classic wool-blend sock yarn that comes in an array of tonal colors that are sure to inspire AND, they go great with your favorite pair of jeans. "Zauberball Cotton" (\$20.95, 100 grams, 462 yards, 100% cotton, CYCA #2) is the eagerly-anticipated 100% organic cotton version of your favorite magic ball! Dyed in some of your favorite classic "Zauberball" colors, you'll love this breathable, non-wool alternative for shawls, lightweight tops, and pullovers, in the same long, exciting color repeats you love in the wool version...



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

A gorgeous new design has arrived from LISA KNITS, *The Carefree Wrap* (\$5.00, front shown upper right and back on page 8, lower right). This lovely garter stitch wrap is part shawl, part ruana. It was specially designed by Lisa Carnahan to fit well at the shoulders and stay in place. It features a clever construction beginning with a central diamond on the back and working outward with short row shaping over the shoulders and downward on each front. If you are intimidated by the cast on, Kathy Erhard is offering a class on November 4 for how-to's to get started.

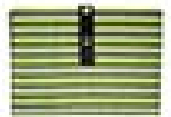


This shawl can be worked with two of our favorite chunky weight yarns. The solid version shown here is knit with three hanks of supersoft HiKOO "Oh!", a chainette 100% baby alpaca yarn. It can also be knit with two balls of JAMES BRETT "Marble Chunky" 100% easy care acrylic. This is a wonderful project for charity or holiday gift knitting, and, of course, you will need to make one for yourself because you need to be ready for chillier weather ahead. No worries -- it knits up quickly with the chunky yarn...

Discover the magic of "Lykke" birch knitting needles and crochet hooks (lee-kuh, meaning "happy" in Norwegian)! In addition to the 5" interchangeable knitting circular set (\$125.99), we have added the single-pointed knitting set (\$152.99), 3.5" interchangeable knitting set for 16"/20" 24" lengths, 6" double-pointed knitting needles (sizes 0 - 5 US, \$103.50; sizes 6 - 13 US, \$127.50), and the 6" length crochet hook set in sizes US E -M (\$99.99). All come organized in stylish gray denim pouches. Be sure to add this to *your* wish list...

New large size pattern holders have arrived from KNITTER'S PRIDE (\$24.95, shown on page 5, lower right). For those of you familiar with the Magna Chart Knitting Pattern Holder in the black case, this item is now available in attractive hand block printed fabric prints. This indispensable pattern holder is a convenient way to keep and display patterns and charts while working on a project. If you have ever been to a Fun Friday knit along, you probably noticed several attendees using this convenient tool for keeping patterns close and easy to read. Easy to fold and unfold for storage, it lays flat when folded but can stand upright when folder is opened, vertically or horizontally. The snap closure ensures that materials inside stay neat and in place with extremely strong magnets. The handy pocket holds patterns and charts. The dimensions in the open position are 20" X 12", but folds closed to 10" X 12". We also have matching organizers in coordinating fabrics for fixed circulars (\$16.95), double-pointed needles (\$14.95), straight 10" needles (\$11.50) and straight 14" needles (\$14.95). This is a great holiday gift idea for stitching friends (and yourself, of course!)...

We invite you into the DELICIOUS YARNS "kitchen" for a taste of yarn in colors that are garden-fresh and a savory feast. "Sweets Sport" (\$28.50, 100 grams, 310 yards, 100% superwash merino wool, CYCA #3) is a kettle-dyed merino wool that is mouth-watering -- prepare to get hungry! We are featuring easy knit and crochet cowls as our November KAL, with patterns available free with the purchase of this yarn...



Our Fall Fling workshop with Michelle Hunter was a great learning experience. Michelle's yarn of choice for her *Building With Lace* book lace sampler shawl from the workshop, shown left, is HiKOO "Rylie" (\$28.50, 100 grams, 274 yards, 50% baby alpaca / 25% mulberry silk / 25% linen, CYCA #3). We have just received a long-awaited large shipment of this luxurious blend of all-natural fibers chose for added drape and shine. Each type of fiber takes the dye differently, adding a soft, interesting visual texture. Stunning...



\*\*\* NOVEMBER KNIT ALONG (KAL) \*\*\*

Crisp, cool mornings are a gentle reminder that change is in the air! Temperamental temperatures can throw a wrench into our sweater-wearing plans, which is a good reminder of how essential knitted and crocheted accessories are at this time of year. Colder days are on their way, so let's stitch up a new cowl or shawl to keep warm and cozy. We love all three of these

projects and couldn't decide which to feature, so you have your choice of two knit and one crochet this month. These cuddlers also makes ideal holiday gifts!

"Dropped Stitch Cowl" (shown upper left) is a free pattern with the purchase of either new arrival from DELICIOUS YARNS "Sweet Sports" (see page 3) or "Frosting Fingering" (\$26.50, 450 yards, 100 grams, 100% superwash merino wool, CYCA #2). This is a quick-knit easy project that is knit in the round with a combination of knit, purl, and dropped stitches. The end result is a scrumptious cowl that looks good any way you wear it! Ask to see Kathy's work in progress, knit with "Sweets Sport" in the green tea colorway. The crochet counterpart is the "Groovy Crocheted Cowl" which uses half double crochet stitches. This pattern is also free with purchase of DELICIOUS "Sweets Sport" yarn. Be sure to read the back of the yarn label tag for nutritional information -- this yarn is high fiber, gluten-free, fat-free, zero calories, no guilt. It's good for you!

Let your inner artist out to play with the "Xandra" Shawl (shown page 5, lower left). This striking wrap was knit by Shawn Sweeney in 3 main colors of fingering yarn with a 4th color as a "pop". Choose a palette of skeins from our new gradient assortment from DREAM IN COLOR and create a unique one-of-a-kind masterpiece. The garment description states: "Garter stripes alternate with a lovely, simple-to-knit lace while regular color changes keep you hooked as you eagerly anticipate the next combination. There's no complicated shaping to keep track of -- simple increases and decreases form a biased wrap that is as easy to wear as it is entertaining to knit."

\*\*\* 2017 HiKOO HAIKU CONTEST \*\*\*

SKACEL COLLECTION will be running a HiKOO-themed haiku contest for a lucky customer, with the winner receiving \$500 worth of HiKOO yarn from their favorite LYS (Kathy's Kreations, we hope!). The contest begins now, and will end on December 15, 2017. There is no purchase necessary. You simply send in the submission form (available at Kathy's Kreations) along with your haiku, and send it on its way to SKACEL.

OK, the first question we had is "what's a haiku?" "Haiku" is a traditional form of Japanese poetry renowned for its small size as well as the precise punctuation and syllables needed on its three lines. Haiku poems consist of 3 lines which rarely rhyme. The first and last lines have five syllables and the center line has seven syllables. Haiku poems are typically about nature and usually about a specific season, but SKACEL would like you to include something about your favorite HiKOO yarn (several are available around our shop for inspiration)...

\*\*\* NEW DREAM CLUB \*\*\*

The November 2017 Dream Club kit from DREAM IN COLOR pairs the ever-popular "Smoochy with Cashmere" with a beautiful scarf, *Las Colinas*, designed by Veronica Jobe (shown lower right, \$75.00 kit). This wrap/scarf with three contrast color sections and one main color uses graduated textured stripes to tie together the whole project. We really love this month's four-color combination -- it makes a great use of shades that play well together! DREAM picked colors that will be wearable by anyone, both warm and cool colors for the season. Wrap it, tie it, or hand it across your shoulders -- it looks great no matter how you style it...





\*\*\* COLORFASTNESS \*\*\*

With the increasing popularity of projects which combine multiple colors in the same pattern, our friends at SKACEL COLLECTION encourages knitters and crocheters to always test for colorfastness on a swatch before blocking the final garment. These pointers can help to prevent heartaches for countless handmade masterpieces no matter the yarn, brand or craft:

"Even yarns that are superwash have the potential to bleed when mixing high contrast colors such as whites and reds, whites and blues (particularly navy), and all light colors paired with dark / rich colors. Remember, superwash prevents felting, not bleeding.

Yarn care should be thought of in the same way as sorting laundry. If a red sock were to sneak into a load of whites, the likely result is everything transforming into a lovely shade of pink. Have you inadvertently washed a new pair of blue jeans with a light colored garment? Yarn is no different.

If your wet blocking swatch test reveals the potential for bleeding, consider the following alternatives:

- Steam blocking -- this will greatly reduce the risk of contrasting colors bleeding.
- A VERY brief wet blocking in plain, cold water. Again, test this method on a swatch first.
- Avoid Wool Wash and other detergents that can break down the fiber and lift color out of the yarn\*
- Dry Cleaning -- always ask your cleaners first to test a swatch BEFORE cleaning.
- Color Catchers -- While they can prevent bleeding, it is not a guarantee. Please make sure to test them with a swatch prior to using them with your finished garment."

Kathy recommends that you place the wet test swatch onto a couple layers of paper towels. If the colors bleed onto the paper towel, it is not colorfast. Kathy recommends EUCALAN as a cleaner of choice for handknit or crocheted items (it is NOT a detergent).

\*\*\* PROJECT JOURNAL \*\*\*

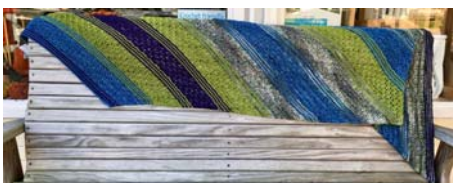
Do you keep a journal or log of your completed projects? A simple idea is to use a three-ring binder with plastic sleeves. Inside the sleeve, have the project pattern, any helpful notes regarding yardage, a photograph and the yarn label with care instructions. With her notes, April H includes a small amount of the project yarn wrapped around a bread tag in case it is needed for mending...

\*\*\* LOCAL YARN STORE DAY \*\*\*

Do you know about the first annual Local Yarn Store (LYS) Day, April 21, 2018? This coast-to-coast event is designed to drive yarn buyers into the brick-and-mortar shops. Think of it as a nationwide yarn crawl. Think of all the added things that a LYS offers that an on-line store cannot. Touching the yarn, seeing the colors, seeing sample garments and projects and getting personal assistance are in-store experiences that you can't find on the internet. Stay tuned for more information on our plans for this upcoming event, which happens to coincide with our Spring Break 2018!

\*\*\* SEEING RED \*\*\*

The color red is having a major fashion moment as the power color of fall 2017, seen everywhere from coats to sweaters to boots. You can scale this trend to your liking with pops of color with scarves, hats or mittens, or go big with a show-stopping sweater. Mix in something a little sporty to make your entire outfit more interesting. Americana vibes and vintage-inspired everything are also top fashion trends seen on the runways...





\*\*\* DOWN TO THE LAST SCRAP \*\*\*

Our sincere thanks to Andrea Springer, the Knitting Savant, for graciously sharing her column from *The Pennsylvania & West Virginia Register* September-October 2017. These coasters make great last-minute small gifts for the holidays. Andrea writes:

"The smallest things often bring the most pleasure -- a glass of fresh brewed iced tea on a hot day, a good book or having measured exactly enough yarn to successfully complete a Long-Tail Cast-On of over 100 stitches without having to start over because the "tail" was too short. When that happens, it's a good day.

I've been knitting dish cloths recently, trying to work through my stash and make use of leftover odds and ends of cotton yarn... However, there are occasions when even your leftover skein is down to scraps. My cotton yarn bag had several small balls -- about 20 yards each -- that needed a purpose, and the sweating iced tea glass sitting beside my chair suggested the need of a coaster. It's been a match made in heaven and an "instant gratification" project, because they can be worked up in about an hour.

I love seeing these little balls of yarn becoming useful objects and their colorful look around our home. I'm working up a few for the cup holders in our cars that always collect damp and dirt (Car cup holder instructions appear at the end). They're absorbent, easy to clean in the washing machine and a nice spot of color, too. I hope you enjoy digging into your own colorful cotton yarn stash as much as I have!"

LAST SCRAP COASTERS (shown upper left)

MATERIALS: Worsted weight cotton, about 20 yards or .3 oz. per coaster

NEEDLES: US size 6 double-pointed needles

NOTIONS: Yarn needle

GAUGE / MEASUREMENT: 4-1/2 stitches /inch; measures 4-1/4" across

ABBREVIATIONS: K - knit; k2tog - knit 2 stitches together

BASIC COASTER: Using your favorite "stretchy" cast on (i.e., the Slip Knot Cast On or Twisted German Cast On), cast on 60 stitches onto one double-pointed needle. Distribute stitches evenly onto three needles (20 per needle). and join in the round, being careful not to twist. You will only use double pointed needles from this point forward. Purl 1 round. Begin working in rounds:

Round 1: \*K8, k2tog; repeat from \* around.

Rounds 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 & 12: Knit.

Round 3: \*K7, k2tog; repeat from \* around.

Round 5: \*k6, k2tog; repeat from \* around.

Round 7: \*K5, k2tog; repeat from \* around.

Round 9: \*K4, k2tog; repeat from \* around.

Round 11: \*K3, k2tog; repeat from \* around.

Round 13: \*K2, k2tog; repeat from \* around.

Round 14: \*K2tog; repeat from \* around.

Cut yarn leaving a 6" tail. Using a yarn needle, thread tail through remaining stitches and secure. Weave in ends. Block by wetting and drying flat.

Car Cup Holder / Last Scrap Coaster: To make a smaller coaster to fit in the bottom of a car cup holder, cast on 48 stitches and start the pattern on round 6.

--- Andrea Springer blogs at [www.knittingsavant.com](http://www.knittingsavant.com) where she helps folks remember that they have everything they need to be successful in knitting and in life. You can share comments or ideas with her at [andrea@knittingsavant.com](mailto:andrea@knittingsavant.com) or follow Knitting Savant on Facebook and Twitter.

Kathy Erhard will be teaching the "Trendy Cast Ons" class on Saturday, November 4 (see details page 8) -- come learn some new cast ons that will work for this project!

\*\*\* FALL FLING WRAP-UP \*\*\*

October's Fall Fling Weekend with guest instructor Michelle Hunter is now a pleasant memory. Michelle taught us some clever techniques from her book, *Knitting With Lace* (\$20.50, available on our bookshelves). The photo at the upper right features Michelle (center) with her stunningly gorgeous lace shawl from the book (close-up, lower photo). If you were unable to attend, no worries -- the book is available on our bookshelf along with Michelle's previous books, *Building Blocks*, *Building With Color* and *the Best of Knit Purl Hunter*. We will be offering a series of classes based on *Building With Lace* early next spring -- stay tuned for more information...



Knitters are also foodies. We have had several requests for Karen V's soup recipe from Friday evening's Meet & Greet, which Karen has graciously shared:  
Loaded Baked Potato Recipe

- 6 russet potatoes
- 2/3 butter
- 2/3 cup flour
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 6 cups milk (Karen used 2%)
- 3/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1 cup sour cream (Karen used Daisy light) or yogurt

Bake the six potatoes at 350 degrees for one hour. Let cool until you can handle them, then scoop out the insides into a bowl. Set aside. On your cooktop in a large soup pot, make a roux over medium heat with the butter and flour. Cook, stirring, until the roux is light brown. Add the chopped onion and celery. Let soften in the roux. Gradually add the milk to the roux, stirring to combine along with the salt and pepper. Turn the temperature down to low. Add the sour cream, and extra milk if too thick. Add potatoes. Adjust salt and pepper to taste. Enjoy!

Toppers (optional): chopped bacon, chives, shredded cheese, croutons, chopped tomato, chopped roasted red pepper, or blanched broccoli.

\*\*\* SAVE THE DATES \*\*\*

**Thursday November 9 - Sunday November 12, 2017:** Kathy will be a featured teacher at Knittreat, which moves this year to beautiful WISP Resort in McHenry, MD. In addition to having a mini-market, Kathy will be teaching two slipper classes, "Easy Ribbed Slippers" and "Checkerboard Slippers". For more information, visit [www.knittreat.com](http://www.knittreat.com)

**Thanksgiving Weekend Open House Friday November 24, 2017 and Small Business Saturday November 25, 2017** Join us for this special event and gift basket giveaway (eligible to win with purchase)...

**Town-wide Open House Sunday December 3, 2017 12:00 noon- 5:00 pm**

Ligonier is so magical during the holidays. Enjoy the carolers and do your holiday shopping!

**Friday, April 6 - Sunday April 8, 2018:** Creative Arts Festival (formerly known as The Pittsburgh Knit & Crochet Festival), the area's premier knitting Conference and Market, will be held in Hall A at David L. Lawrence Convention Center. Look for Kathy in the Market!

**Friday, April 20 - Sunday April 22, 2018:** Spring Break hosted and taught by Kathy Zimmerman. The weekend workshop will feature "Knit To Fit", previously taught at Stitches events plus added information on adapting commercial patterns, sizing, and more!



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

Join the "First Mondays" Club for an evening of knitting, crocheting and fellowship, at Panera Bread Greengate in Greensburg, PA. Next meeting dates are Monday evenings November 6, 2017 and December 4, 2017; 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm.

\*\*\* "KNITTING IN THE AFTERNOON" AT KATHY'S KREATIONS Tuesdays, November 14, 2017 and December 12, 2017; 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm (rsvp please) \*\*\*

Join us for stitching & lots of fun conversation. All skill levels of knitters & crocheters are welcome! Please call ahead to rsvp in case of a scheduling change...

\*\*\* SATURDAY SIT-N-KNIT November 9, 2017 and December 9, 2017; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm; (rsvp please) \*\*\*

Join us at Kathy's Kreations for fellowship and stitching for projects purchased here. Open to all skill levels...

\*\*\* FUN FRIDAYS, November 17, 2017 and December 15, 2017; 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.

\*\*\* NOVEMBER KNIT-ALONG (KAL) \*\*\*

Stop by on Fridays in November from 10 am - 2 pm (rsvp please) to work on our newest KALs with your stitching friends to cheer you on. This month, we feature DELICIOUS YARNS "Drop Stitch" knitted cowl and the "Xandra" shawl by AMBAH -- as well as WIPs from previous KALs. Not working on the KALs? 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 November 2017 thread...

\*\*\* "BUILDING BLOCKS" TUESDAY NOVEMBER 28, 2017, 10:00 am - 12 noon \*\*\*

Add to your knitting knowledge and learn some new techniques! Each month, instructor Karen McCullough introduces you to a new skill with a new block from Michelle Hunter's *Building Blocks* book. By the end of the series, you'll have a gorgeous lap throw. Registration fee \$10 plus materials, call 724-238-9320 for more details...

\*\*\* "TRENDY CAST ONS" SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm \*\*\*

Shawl knitting has never been more popular. Come learn how to begin your next shawl project with some trendy new cast ons. Instructor Kathy Erhard will explain the secrets to making the Disappearing Loop, Fan, and Chinese Waitress Cast Ons (can be used to begin the center of the Carefree Wrap, shown lower right). Please bring smooth worsted weight yarn, US size 7 or 8 circular and double-pointed needles, and US size F or G crochet hook to get your new shawl off to a great start. Registration fee is \$20, call 724-238-9320 for more details...

\*\*\* "HALF & HALF COWL" with instructor Marian Lech November 18, 2017, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm \*\*\*

The first half of this CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS ribbed cowl (shown upper left) is knitted flat to split over one shoulder or create an opening in the front or back. Then, it's joined in the round for a softly draping cowl or collar. Instructor Marian Lech will teach you to do the tubular cast on and bind off that gives this piece a sophisticated finish. Please bring 550 yards worsted weight yarn with US size 8 24" circular knitting needle or 385 yards bulky weight yarn with US 10 24" circular knitting needle, a few yards of smooth waste yarn, and a US size F crochet hook. Registration fee is \$20 plus pattern (\$6.50), call 724-238-9320 for more details...

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 37 years!

Follow your fiber dreams! Enjoy all the simple pleasures of your craft -- the joy at the touch of the yarn, the rhythmic motion of your needles / hook, the excitement of beginning a new project, and the peaceful contentment in working every stitch. Happy Thanksgiving!

KEEP KNITTING AND CROCHETING! Kathy

