



KATHY'S KREATIONS
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Dear Knitters,

What inspires you? Throughout the year, we've been celebrating the international year of natural fibers, one of our sources of creative inspiration. Seasons change, but great style, quality and value remain constants. When you start with the best materials, innovative project ideas, designer support, top-notch patterns and guidance from our knowledgeable staff, the end result is sure to be inspiring.

In her fall 2009 Interweave Knits editorial, Eunny Jang comments, "There is so *much* to handknitting -- satisfaction to be had from beautiful materials, from mastering tricky techniques, and from turning out something simple and wonderful. Knitting endures, even as we discover new fibers, rediscover old ones, spin new yarns, invent new techniques, and design unique sweaters".

Discover the wonderful world of fiber waiting for you at Kathy's Kreations. Here, you can learn to knit, crochet, spin, needle felt and make rugs. Look to us to find inspiring designs, impeccable value, and the true quality that stands the test of time, just as every project you make and every stitch you work. For us, it's about more than just the yarn and fiber -- it's about the relationships we build and nurture with it...

"KNITTING COMES NATURALLY"

**10% off all regularly-priced 100% natural fiber yarns
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"TOTE BAG TUESDAY"

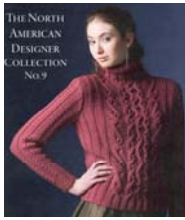
**10% off all regularly-priced items
you can fit into one of our new Kathy's clear vinyl totes
(bag purchase required)**

**Hours: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday through Saturday
12 noon - 4:00 pm Sundays through mid-October**

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*** GREAT NEW STUFF ***

Amber, cranberry, moss, pumpkin, russet -- anyone else inspired by the colors of fall? Our fall collection takes its cue from autumn's beauty -- knits with leaf motifs, vibrant colors, motifs and textures evoking all things Nature, organic eco-friendly fibers and sensational projects. Here's what's happening, what's here, what's now, so let's talk fashion...

VOGUE KNITTING Fall '09 (\$6.99) predict a warming trend, at least in their color palette of scorching reds and oranges to heat up the fall. Our favorite projects are ten fabulous hats -- smart, sophisticated and so very knittable. These witty, wearable designs elevate hats from an afterthought accessory to a fashion headliner (their puns, not ours). Nature, nurture and knitting go hand in hand as green fibers and great designs resonate throughout the season. There are even casual knits for that well-earned downtime -- staycations have never been so stylish. Our favorite quote to sum up the season comes from designer Rebecca Taylor: "Knits are a great way to add texture -- they're fantastic layering pieces. Creating knits is like creating your own fabric. The options are endless".

Bring organic home, and create sumptuous textures with 22 cozy knits from the fall '09 INTERWEAVE KNITS (\$6.99), the Natural Issue. There are simple to exquisite colorwork pieces, winter lace garments, clever construction techniques like the double-sided wrap that converts to a shrug, hoodies and cardies with dramatic collar / neck treatments, and traditional Fair Isle projects turned unconventionally on end...

Discover the wonderful world of miniatures with PIECEWORK MAGAZINE September / October 2009 (\$6.99). Nancie Wiseman presents darling rib & garter baby booties to knit from a vintage pattern, a highlight of this issue. Other knitted heirloom items include Quaker pinballs and a miniature lace tablecloth...

New from NASHUA HANDKNITS is Volume 2 Magazine (\$19.95). We are pleased that Kathy was one of six "top designers" selected for a style and profile. Her cabled T-neck pullover (shown upper left) is knit with "Julia" yarn. Kathy shares her technique for making Irish knots on page 5. This collection includes "Mad for Plaid" (classic and fashionable tartan knits), "Autumn Leaves" (leaf-inspired must-knit sweaters like Kathy's lace vest and matching hat from Creative Focus Worsted) and "Warm & Fuzzy" (cozy, easy to knit sweaters & accessories). An added bonus we love are shade cards for new NASHUA yarns included with the pattern directions, now here:

"Shenandoah" (\$7.95, 100% wool, 50 grams, 98 yards, CYCA 4) with subtle stripes adding depth and richness to garments in a feltable wool -- the new look in self-stripping yarns
"Paradise" (\$8.50, 50 grams, 87 yards, CYCA 4) featuring luxuriously soft baby alpaca and wool spun into a textured twist in a bright and modern palette

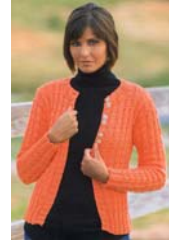
"Best Foot Forward" (\$14.50, 100 grams, 459 yards, 75% wool / 25% nylon, CYCA 2), a bright ikat-inspired striped classic sock yarn designed by Kristin Nicholas. "BFF" has a new meaning around here -- this yarn is flying off our shelves!

New booklets (\$10.50 each) include: "Champlain" for Aran weight designs; "Style" Easy-to-knit sweater for kids 0 - 12 focusing on true classics (Placket pullover, seed stitch jacket, basic shawl collar pullovers, classic guernsey); and "Style" Cardigans & Jacket s for Ladies' featuring swiny styles with "Granite" yarn (\$9.50, 50 grams, 82 yards, 70% wool / 30% acrylic, CYCA 4)



*** MORE GREAT NEW STUFF ***

They're here! Our TIMELESS TOTES durable clear vinyl bags in four sizes, that is. The pouch styles are perfect for holding gadgets /accessories, 7" X 9.5" (\$8.95) or 7.5" X 14" (\$10.95). The small (\$10.95, 8" X 11") and medium (\$15.95, 14" X 14") zippered Daisy bags are ideal project bags. All totes come with our signature teal color trim and shop info. This is a special custom bag you can only get here, one that you can use time and time again for projects and as a shopping bag (very earth-friendly). During September, we are having "Tote Bag Tuesdays" -- simply bring in your Kathy's bag (the one with our store info, any one of the four sizes) ON TUESDAYS ONLY and receive 10% off as much merchandise as you can fit in your Kathy's bag. There is no limit as to how many times or how many bags you can fill it up.



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Kathy is extremely pleased that KOLLAGE Yarns has selected several of her designs for publication (\$8.50 each). Customers can find these designs in Kathy's special binder in our pattern department. "Opal", #3601, knit with "Corntastic", (shown upper right) is an allover textured cabled design with paired button closures at the yoke. "Less Is More" #3602 (shown lower left) is a classic crewneck pullover from "Glisten" yarns featuring stockinette vertical panels alternating with simple mirrored rope cable. "Indigo Cardigan" #3604 (shown page 7 lower right) is a classic crewneck cardigan with lace diamond motifs and textured rib accents, also knit with "Glisten", which arrives later this month. These KOLLAGE yarns will be showcased during our "Yarn Harvests" throughout fall...

The remarkable ADDI CLICK is the precision-made interchangeable needle set you've been waiting for! The click system (\$149.95) provides 10 different sizes of ADDI Turbo tips, three different lengths of new, extremely pliable blue cords, and one connector piece which helps to either store stitches or combine your cords. The click tips require no tools to change; simply insert the cord deep into the tip, twist and release. Your tips will remain secure until you change them! Additional connector + cord are available (\$29.95 for pack of 3 cords plus 1 connector), the plug and knit system for never-ending knitting enjoyment...

CLASSIC ELITE YARNS is excited to announce the publication of "Made In Brooklyn", a pattern collection by Jared Flood, of brooklyntweed.net blog fame. This pattern-packed booklet (\$15.95) has 13 fabulous designs all with Jared's unique eye and sense of how to best create a design around the characteristics of a yarn. CLASSIC ELITE is also very proud to be distributing an interesting magazine collection, Veronik Avery's St-DENIS, to rave reviews (\$18.50)...

So many new yarns and patterns are arriving daily. Our faves are nifty-gifty sets in yummy yarn -- TAHKI neck warmers from gorgeous, quick-knitting "Presto" yarn and the Folkloric booklet; tweed sweaters made from TAHKI "Donegal Tweed" (our model garment is fabulous); LANTERN MOON new floral tape measures & silk needlecases; new kid's back to basics jumper dress from MOUNTAIN COLORS in new shades of "Twizzle" merino / silk blend; CLASSIC ELITE "Pebbles" yarn and SKACEL "Cornwall". Hope you'll stop in soon -- there is nothing like experiencing all this wonderful stuff in person!



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*** INSPIRATION FROM OUR BOOKSHELVES ***

The Harmony Guides have been a longstanding reference for handcrafters for more than thirty years, offering clear, concise instructions and photographs for a variety of stitches. One of the greatest challenges a knitter can face is finding the perfect edging or finishing for a project.

Knit Edgings & Trims, the newest resource book in the series, focuses on an abundance of edgings, whether you're looking for a highly textured lace edge or want to revamp a basic sweater silhouette with something unique. *Knit Edgings & Trims* (\$19.95, softcover, shown upper left) is the perfect portable one-stop source for stitch inspiration...

From the editors of *Spin-off Magazine* comes *All New Homespun Handknit* (\$22.95, softcover), with more than 25 designs showcasing the color, texture, and incomparable feel of yarn spun by hand. Each pattern includes the information needed to create the best yarn for the project or even substitute the appropriate commercial yarn. This is perfect timing as we introduce LOUET items for handspinners to our product lines. Knitters will find ideal projects for small amounts of very special yarn, ranging from simple items to knit in an afternoon to spectacular lace wraps...

Thanks to Barb Carroll of THE WOOLLEY FOX for bringing our attention to novelist Sally Goldenbaum and her vibrant new mystery series. *Death By Cashmere* (\$21.95, hardback) is a charming and delightful read about the Seaside Knitters who gather together, weaving friendships as warm as the thick wool sweaters they knit. But when a murder shakes up their small town, the ladies put their heads together to untangle the clues. *Patterns In The Sand* (\$23.95, hardcover) is another homespun homicide revealing more secrets in the cozy town than the close-knit circle could ever have imagined. These new fictional friends will teach you about the intricacies of women's friendships, the mysteries of small-town living, and the very best way to pick up dropped stitches on a lacy knit shawl...

Would you like to use yarn left over from other projects? Do you need a reason to buy just one or two skeins of a new, irresistible yarn? Are you looking for a quick gift? Something portable to work on? Instant gratification? If you've answered "yes" to any of these questions, *One More Skein* (\$19.95, softcover), the latest from Leigh Radford, is a beautiful collection featuring 30 unique projects that require only a small amount of yarn and a little bit of time, but deliver lots of style and satisfaction. Two needles and one skein of yarn -- the possibilities are amazing and this book is sure to inspire..

Knitting In The Sun (\$22.99, softcover) gives you more than 30 projects designed exclusively to knit and wear in warm weather (there's still plenty left, and several garments are ideal for work wardrobe layering). Whether you're new to knitting or a seasoned stitcher, you'll find fresh patterns and compelling designs to create gorgeous lightweight pieces that women can really wear in all seasons...

Our most requested classes are for sock knitting. *How To Knit Socks: Three Methods Made Easy* (\$10.95, softcover) is a handy reference from Edie Eckman on working socks with double-pointed needles, one long circular needle, or two circular needles, all in one book! This book has inspired us to schedule a bunch of sock knitting classes...

*** MORE INSPIRATION FROM OUR BOOKSHELVES ***

With *Knitted Socks East and West* (\$22.50, softcover) sock knitting expert Judy Sumner introduces us to a whole new world of knitting possibilities, reminding us how intriguing new cultures can be when explored by way of their stitches. Judy presents a collection of 30 exceptional sock designs featuring Japanese stitch patterns (some of Kathy's favorites), many never before seen by most Western knitters. Now, with these projects, let your own armchair sock-knitting journey begin...

The first small project book to focus exclusively on crochet, *Crocheted Gifts* (\$21.95, softcover) is the ultimate gift-giving guide resource for crocheters. You will love to make these 25 projects and be proud to give them away (if you can bear to part with them!). You'll sure to find the perfect present for any occasion and recipient -- or you next just-for-you treat -- in this assortment of irresistible designs...

For those of you in the know, *Knitting Daily TV* Season 300 premiered on Sunday, August 16, 2009 with our own Kathy Zimmerman joining host Eunny Jang for a guest designer spotlight. Kathy demonstrated lace and cable techniques used in her Katharine Hepburn cardigan from the INTERWEAVE PRESS book, *Lace Style*. Episodes 1-13 are available as part of a 4-DVD set currently in stock (\$39.95). Learn a variety of cast-on methods, basics for managing your yarns in colorwork, cable techniques, how to knit jogless stripes in the round, and more. Kathy's full-length video, "Classic to Creative Knitted Cables" will be arriving later this month...

*** SPINNING DEMOS ***

Now you can learn to spin your own yarns! Tracey Earhart will be demonstrating drop spindles, and spinning with our new LOUET roving during Fort Ligonier Days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 9 - 11, 2009. Private lessons with Tracey are available by appointment...

*** MORE YARN "HARVESTS" ***

Today's out-of-the ordinary exotic fibers come from an unusual place: the dinner table. Our yarn tasting during "the Stroll" was such a success that we've decided to do two more mini-harvests to showcase our "crop" of KOLLAGE YARNS. Corn and milk are the "it" alternative fibers of the moment. Samples of KOLLAGE "Cornstastic" (100% corn yarn), and 1/2 N 1/2 (50% milk/ 50% wool) will be available to try out on Friday, September 18 and Saturday, September 19, 2009-- intrigued to see how these knit and crochet? For more savory stitches, samples of KOLLAGE "Fantastic" (a fabulous 100% merino wool) and "Glisten" (a twinkly baby alpaca, silk, & estellina blend) will be available to try out on Friday, October 16, and Saturday, October 17, 2009...

*** KATHY'S KNOT STITCH ***

For Kathy's Irish knot, knit into the front and back of one stitch three times, then knit into the front once more -- 7 stitches made. Pass the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th stitches on the right needle over the first stitch as if to bind off -- 7 stitches decreased back to one stitch. Place the knot temporarily on a cable needle (couldn't you guess one of those would be involved?), wrap the working yarn singly around the base of the knot stitch, bring the yarn to the back of the work again, then return the completed knot stitch to the right needle. Before continuing, pull the wrap tightly to make the knot "pop"...



*** WHAT IS THE COLOR OF A CURE? ***

If the eyes are the window to the soul, then a retailer's window allows the world to glimpse the soul of the shop within. We are honored to present the artistry of Tracey Earhart in our displays. They inspire customers, reinforce our brand and provide a sense of what our shop is all about. Our "harvest" window whets the appetite of stitchers with a first impression of our new "crop" of fall yarns, patterns & accessories. Our annual "Knit For The Cure" display features projects in teal colors, in support of ovarian cancer awareness, and sapphire / navy blue, in support of colon cancer early detection.



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The following patterns join our current "Knit For The Cure" pink collection benefitting breast cancer research & treatment (patterns \$4.00 each), with more to be added:

"Climbing Cables Hat" (shown upper right) designed by Lisa Carnahan in memory of Bucky Carnahan, with profits to be donated to a southwestern PA cancer center
"The 'Not So Lacy' Lace Scarf", designed by Susan Shabo in honor of Michelle Brokenbek, to raise awareness and promote education about ovarian cancer (teal color support)

"Carol's Stitch Bits Scarf", designed by Kathy Zimmerman in honor of Carol Urban, to raise awareness and promote early detection of colon cancer (sapphire / navy color support)

*** DESIGN-A-SCARF CONTEST ***

It was our pleasure once again to sponsor the 2009 Westmoreland County Fair "Design Your Own Scarf" contest. Congratulations for winning entries to: 1st place Susan Zylka; 2nd place Karen Sredzinski; 3rd place Nancy Premoshis. Next year's original design scarf must be knitted or crocheted with Kollage yarns.

*** KNITTER'S DAY OUT 2009 ***

Knitter's Day Out is a one-day, one-evening event in the Harrisburg, PA area with the goal of promoting knitting. The 24th annual KDO 2009 will be held on Friday, September 25 and Saturday, September 26, 2009 at the Central Pennsylvania College. We are pleased that Kathy is one of the "headliner" guest teachers on Saturday. She will be teaching two three-hour classes -- one on slip-stitch colorplay and one on cables, featuring an original scarf design.

*** KNITTREAT ***

There is a change of location for this fall weekend fiber retreat, upgrading to the Bedford Springs Resort in Bedford, PA on November 5 - 8, 2009. Kathy will be teaching an original design, "The Bedford Springs Shawl", a seed stitch mohair shawl worked in your choice of edgings -- ruffle, frill, or scallop -- knit with KRAEMER YARNS elegant "Fountain Hill" yarn. For information, contact Barb at (412) 963- 7030.

*** BIG BUTTON EVENT ***

By popular demand, the Button Lady is coming back! Eileen Petre of Bull's Eye Buttons will be here on Saturday, September 12, 2009, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm. Eileen specializes in handcrafted polymer clay buttons in a variety of techniques from millefiori to faux-marble. Bring your projects in need of closure ideas to Eileen, who will help you to find the perfect button. In addition, she will have polymer clay & felted bead jewelry and knitting needles with bead tops. Please check out our LISA KNITS "Quick & Cozy" neck warmer model garments embellished with samples of Eileen's button artistry...

*** FALL FORECAST ***

According to trend guru Paul Pesslers for *Yarn Market News*, "Fall/Winter 2009/10 heralds the comeback of modernity, creativity, and personalization. Color -- whether '80s bright, classic, graphically opposing, subtly nuanced, passionate or sweet -- allows us the luxury of personal expression. Dynamic, subtle or natural, the seasons is yours to invent."

How will fashion trends trickle down from the runways to Kathy's Kreations? The news is good: Knitting and crochet are in the forecast, from head to toe.

- It's Cardi Time! From slouchy, elongated boyfriend style to prim waist-skimming button-downs, the front-fastening sweater is the silo of the season. Seen on Seventh Avenue in versions ranging from chunky cable to fine gauge, a cardi likely figures into the future of nearly every knitter this fall
- Sweater Suites: Remember the expression "sweater dressing"? Get ready for the welcome return of head-to-toe knits. It doesn't have to be all matchy matchy, although we love the pulled-together look of the new suit knits; the younger audience will be mixing up their knits, pairing funky (and easy-stitch) skirts with leggings or arm warmers. And don't forget the sweater dress -- it's comfortable and flattering, too.
- Dye! Dye! My Darling: Space-dyes, ombres, ikats -- it's a season worth dyeing for. The fashion world's love affair with hand-dyed looks translates naturally into handknits. You can dye your own with KRAEMER YARNS Natural Skeins and K1, C2 Kitchen Kollektion dyestuff, or we have plenty of fresh-looking variegated (more subtle semi-solids from MANOS DEL URAGUAY, MOUNTAIN COLORS and COLINETTE)
- Classics Comeback: Experienced knitters will be happy to learn that their favorite traditional techniques -- Fair Isle, argyle and folkloric jacquards -- are newly fashionable, with updated patterning, colorways and silhouettes. And get ready for winter lace (see Kathy's design lower right) and the return of the "story sweater".
- The Neck's Best Thing: Look for garments with flattering neck treatments -- drapery cowls, shawl collars and turtlenecks, mock and real -- that frame the face. And by all means, the hottest new wave of scarves and easy knit neck warmers (The Tahki "Presto" sets and LISA KNITS quick and cozy pattern). Good news for newbies -- hats are ultrahot as the must-do accessory of the season.
- Graphic Arts Education: Strong looks for autumn -- bold colorblocking and narrow or wide stripes -- convert easily into winning handknit looks. Apply favorite combos bright or subtle (consider school colors or team favorites like black'n gold) to simple scarf, shawl and sweater patterns for maximum impact.
- Color Report: Let the colors of fall '09 energize you -- tonal neutrals (camel, brown, beige); men's wear (gray, white, black); camouflage (olive, deep brown, khaki); royal flush (purple, deep pink, red); and dusty pastels (rose, sage, lilac), but don't be limited (turn a willingness to experiment into an artistic adventure).

*** PUNCH PROJECTS BENEFIT AREA FOOD BANK ***

Thanks to everyone who participated in and supported "The Woolley Garden Rug" project recently coordinated by Tracey Earhart, the area's only Certified Oxford Rug Punch Instructor, and "Patti's Rainbow Pillow" designed & punch needle embroidered by fiberartist Helen Stetina. A representative from the Westmoreland County Food Bank will be here on Saturday, September 5, 2009 to draw the winners, who will be notified by telephone...





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

Join the Reader's Knit Club for an evening of knitting & fellowship on **Monday, September 14, 2009 (note: 2nd Monday of the month because of Labor Day holiday) from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm** at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Route 30, Greensburg, PA...

***** "KNIT KNITE" AT KATHY'S KREATIONS Tuesday evenings, September 8, 2009, and October 5, 2009, from 7 - 9 pm (rsvp please) *****

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

***** FUN FRIDAYS, September 11, 2009 and October 16, 2009; 10 am - 2 pm with instructors Joyce Bischoff and Betty Lou Glasso; rsvp (limited registration) *****

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

***** UPCOMING SKILL-BUILDING CLASSES *****

"Tiny Treasures Bag" with instructor Jennifer Ferrence; Saturday, September 12, 2009 9:30 am - 11:30 am; registration fee \$20 includes pattern & beading materials

Learn the innovative I-cord cast-on developed by Jen, master basic increasing, a ruffled edging, a drawstring closure and a beaded embellishment that could also be a charm for a necklace or earring. This reversible, no-sew stash buster bag can be made over a weekend and makes a great gift. Class supplies include US size 13 dpns & 300 yards total (shop model used two strands worsted & one strand bulky combined).

"Short Row Garter Stitch Socks" with instructor Shanta Moitra; Saturday, September 26, 2009, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm; registration fee \$15.00 An innovative heel shaping and cuff adapted from a technique originated by Lucy Neatby.

"Boomerang Sock Heel" with instructor Lisa Carnahan; Saturday, October 24, 2009 10am -12 noon; \$25 registration fee includes LISA KNITS pattern of choice for boomerang socks Lisa has designed cuff down and toe-up versions in two different gauges (fingering and DK), adapting a traditional, "old" German method for heel shaping, updating it for today's knitters. Pre-class work requires knitting a sock to the beginning of the heel.

*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

Private knitting, crochet, felting, rug punch, drop spindle, and spinning lessons available by appointment. Kathy's Kreations has been the helpful hands of experienced knitting for over 29 years!

Fall 2009 promises to be a very exciting and inspiring season here at Kathy's Kreations. Remember the Rule of Threes: combine serious fiber, classic silhouettes, and lots of texture with nature, nurture & knitting for swing, swagger, and drape! KEEP KNITTING! Kathy