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SEPTEMBER 2011 UPDATE

Dear Knitters,

Now that the summer-to-fall transition is in full swing, cool mornings and chilly evenings coupled with pleasant afternoons herald the annual autumn wardrobe dilemma. Kathy has just returned from teaching at Stitches Midwest in Chicago, where she confirmed her thoughts about the perfect solution for "what to wear" as you settle into fall. The Stitches crowd was draped in all kinds of dazzling knitted lace shawls and scarves!

Shawls have a closet life longer than any singular fashion season, and are always a perfect fit. Aside from being practical as well as beautiful, lace wraps are fun to knit, lightweight, and ideal for layering at this time of year. Shawls work well for any season, and we've got patterns to suit all skill levels from beginner to experienced.

At Kathy's Kreations, we appreciate the time and effort it takes to knit or crochet a garment. While always striving to keep you updated on the latest trends, our goal is to assemble a collection of classic styles for you to make in quality fibers, with tools that make stitching a joy. We think that our collection embodies all that we love about knitting and crocheting --- simple designs that celebrate wonderful yarns. Our latest fall products are here, promising to be your "go-to" garments for years to come.

Stop in for inspiration, yarns, accessory tools and "how-to" demos from our knowledgeable staff. It's back-to-school, back-to-campus, back-to-fall, and we've got it all covered with a fabulous September promotion...

### "A-B-C SALE"

All regularly-priced **A**lpaca, **B**amboo, **C**otton & **C**otton blend yarns in stock are 10% off throughout September 2011

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Kathy is usually away on Wednesday, but the shop is open

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

The most appealing aspect of a knit or crochet project is that you can truly make it your own, from choice of color and yarn to sizing and fit. It's all up to you. As summer drifts into fall, style priorities change. Focus shifts to cozy warmth, but the latest products combine sophistication with fashion sense. Here's what new, what's now...

KNITTER'S MAGAZINE K103 (\$5.95) will inspire you to think about how much fun it is to combine color, pattern, shape and texture. The *Crazy for Knitting* theme asked designers to think "quilting" while designing a knit. The patterns pay homage to Amish quilts in a variety of colors and shapes including blocks, cathedral window, crazy quilt, counterpanes, patchwork, log cabin, miters and intarsia squares. Two of Kathy's designs are featured:

- "Stippled Blocks" (shown upper left) Kathy used intarsia squares embellished with garter accents. The subtle colors of ROWAN YARNS Purelife "Revive" (\$11.50, 50 grams, 137 yards, 36% recycled silk / 36% recycled cotton/ 28% recycled viscose, CYCA #3) make for a granite-look fabric. KNITTER'S says: "A tweedy yarn works into an under-stated intarsia block design. Small accents of garter ridges and slipped stitches make this classic even more stunning".
- "Petit Squares" (shown lower right) One row of petite log cabin squares is placed like a belt accent on a deep V-neck button-front vest. KNITTER'S says: "A little intarsia goes a long way -- just 10 rows of candy colors create a stunning belt accent. The quarter log cabin squares come together to prove the sum is definitely greater than the parts -- this is truly a confection in knit".

In addition to the block party, there are edgy attitudes. Dressmaker details are carried into knits -- ruffles, drapes, gores, yoke treatments, fringe and even decorative hems. Texture and color projects keep the knitting interesting and fun. The cover slip-stitch jacket was inspired by Kate Middleton's angora jacket seen the evening of the Royal Wedding, with a color change and 10 different sizes so you can get the fit you deserve. This issue is a true celebration of the needle arts. With nods to dressmaking, crochet, and quilting, we knit. While quilters and sewers work with fabric, knitters create our own...

VOGUE KNITTING Fall 2011 (\$6.99) is a little Brit traditional, in the mood for romance. Exciting trends taking hold are a return to the traditional cape in all its forms and lengths, as well as looser silhouettes. Color stories highlight the richness of reds, burnt umbers, deep crimson tones, deep teals, royal blues, and gleaming greens. To soften all that color, the grays have exhibited amazing staying power with black and white combinations to update traditional patterns in a new way. The influence of diverse British heritage is very much at play, with cables, lace and Fair Isle revisited.

Captivating twists pop for anything BUT your basic cable in the comeback color of the season: green, from Granny Smith apple to sage and moss, to olive and kelly. We love the graphic cable designs that will make everyone green with envy. Bold bands of color stripes invigorate uber-bulky oversized knits and toppers. In stark contrast, the dainty, elegant lace story is the picture of knit refinement. Add some fabulous mitts, scarves and hats and this issue has something for every knitter...



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

Some of our most frequently requested sweater projects are those knitted from the neck down. By popular demand, Kathy is teaching a class on this very topic on Saturday afternoon, September 24 (see last page for details), with each student working on a pattern of their own choosing. We have a large selection of top-down patterns for the entire family, plus these new arrivals:



- KNIT SIMPLE easy-knit designs (\$5.95 each): pattern 296 Girls' One-Button Cardigan; pattern 111 Children's Henley Top-Down Pullover; pattern 255 Henley Neck-Down Pullover for men
- CABIN FEVER #624 A-Line Cardigan (\$7.50, shown upper right), the perfect "go to" cardigan! Cap sleeves, 3/4-length or long sleeves -- it's your choice. Two lengths of the sweater according to height are offered as petite, average, or tall. You can make it your own by knitting it to the length you would like to wear. Size range 37" - 50" finished chest measurement, designed with 2" - 4" ease.
- CABIN FEVER #625 A-Line Plus Cardigan (\$8.50), same collared cardigan in two lengths shown above, with expanded sizing 46" - 64.5"; designed with 4" of ease

Kathy is pleased to introduce her latest pattern collection for KOLLAGE YARNS (\$6.25 each):

- At the Lake (shown lower left): this pattern sold out at Stitches Midwest Market within hours! It's the ideal jeans sweater featuring simple stockinette and garter vertical stripes, 3/4-length sleeves. Kathy was inspired to knit this during a weekend retreat at Deep Creek Lake.
- Roaming Rib Scarf (shown lower right, page 7): a textured, beginner-easy scarf knit from just one skein of KOLLAGE "Lofty" (\$16.50, 100 grams, 117 yards, 100% merino wool, CYCA #5) with size 11 needles. Short scarves are this season's trendiest neck warmer. Look for our JUL floating buttonholes closure to add a unique closure, an alternative to shawl pins and sticks! Andrea Marquis will be at Kathy's for a JUL trunk show on Friday afternoon, September 30th. Please stop by to see the bling...
- Twist of Fate (shown upper right, page 5): faux-cables separated by slip-stitch ribs adorn this stylish cozy. The unique feature of this scarf is that the end is drawn through a disc or round shawl pin. Three balls of "Lofty" and size 11 needles will make two scarves -- one for you and one to gift to a friend!
- Megan's Hiking Scarf (shown lower right, page 4): no collection of Kathy's would be complete without a cabled design, right? This classic Celtic beauty has a large central Aran Diamond cable bordered by smaller mirrored rope cables. The "Lofty" yarn has beautiful stitch definition and is suitable for guys or gals. We will be glad to demonstrate how to tie the fashion knot photographed on the model (yet another reason to shop at Kathy's Kreations!)



Lace shawls and scarflettes made from sock and fingering yarn continue to be the best-selling projects among our customers. We've recently received multiple reorders on DREAM IN COLOR "Smoochy", MADELINE TOSH "Tosh Sock", CLAUDIA HANDPAINTED YARNS "100% Merino Wool Fingering", and SKACEL COLLECTION / SCHOPPEL WOLLE "Zauberball Crazy". And there is pattern support for all of 'em...



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

Kathy was thrilled by an invitation to create a new stitch pattern for INTERWEAVE KNITS *Holiday Gifts* special issue (\$14.99). Her "gift of a stitch" to Knits' readers is ladylike lace (shown left). *Knits* says: "A wide, 17-stitch panel is set between narrower lace columns in this handsome stitch. It would look delightful running up the back of a knee-high stocking!" In addition to the 9 new stitch patterns that you can incorporate into hats, mittens and other projects, this issue is filled with 50+ exquisite knits and gift ideas. Discover socks, shawls, hats, mitts, knit toys, rustic log cabin knits and much more!

Editor Lisa Shroyer encourages us to "create your own holiday". This issue is about more than gift giving for the winter holidays -- the "holiday" can be making new traditions by hand or the escape quality of being engrossed in a project made by hand, with love. Regardless of what holiday knitting means to you, pure joy is packed into every project and stitch. Not only is there delight for the knitter as she or he works, hour by hour, on the stitches and the cables and the finishing and the boxing and the wrapping, but for the recipient as well. These projects are innovative and fun to make, in yarns that are special, embellished, patterned, and well appointed. "The truth is, knitting is a gift and a holiday all to itself ... it's the creative outlet and meditative practice that you need and deserve".

Handmade gifts deserve special recognition. Check out our latest gift tags from KNITTERELLA (\$4.50 each), with care instructions and space for personal notes to include with your treasures (Just for You, Sweet Baby in pink or blue, and Happy Holidays)...

TOT TOPPERS presents "Topped For A Year" (\$16.50), a booklet of 12 hat knitting patterns for wear no matter what the weather! Written to suit a variety of ages, boys and girls, some even include adult sizes. You'll find colorwork stranding, cabling, and cute little embellishments. Thorough instructions make these patterns suitable for beginners while designs feature a variety of techniques to satisfy a more experienced palette. "SnuggleBug Car Seat Cozy" (\$6.50) is cleverly designed to keep baby wrapped up tight and safely. Baby's legs are inserted first, then baby can be inserted into the car seat where swaddle wings fold over to be fastened with buttons or toggles.

SnuggleBug has a matching hat, and the set is worked in DK weight for warmth without bulk. Snuggling is never quite the same as in those first few months. "Sugar Bear Set" (\$6.50) cocoon is perfectly cozy and soft for brand new babies and will fit for as long as your little one is willing to stay inside it, like a pea in a pod. It's worked top-down, first flat to form the packet edge, then in the round to finish. The stitch pattern is easy to memorize and adds interest to the knit. Instructions for a matching unbearably cute cap is included, sized for children of all ages. It's worked in the round, bottom up, and "ear" toppers are worked separately in the round as well. Inspired by *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, the "Jimmy & Millie Monkey" sock monkey caps feature Jimmy's glasses and Millie's hot lips (\$6.50). Ear flaps are knit first, then worked into cast-on round. Ears are picked up and knit once hat is complete, and embellishments are knit separately and stitched on. Sized for "monkeys" of any age (newborn to adult) but looks cutest on babies and toddlers...



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

Coming soon is *Weekend Hats: 25 Knitted Caps, Berets, Cloches, and More* (\$22.95, soft cover). Rejoice in picture-perfect hats no matter what day it is! Discover the best in designer patterns with 25 comfortable and clever variations of the best head-turning, want-to-wear accessory for cooler days ahead. We are accepting advance orders for this books -- call or e-mail now to reserve your copy!



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Snuggle up in a gorgeous ombre circle scarf this winter! The "Dipped Infinity Scarf" by Laura Chau of COSMICPLUTO (\$5.50) features color changes to keep you entertained on this quick, easy knit with a fun and subtle stitch pattern. There are lots of ways to wear it -- hanging like a scarf, or wrapped like a cowl. "Just Enough Ruffles" (\$5.50) is also a fun, quick-knitting scarf with just enough ruffle, perfect for showing off super-soft yarns and handspuns! This scarf is shaped with short rows and gently curves towards the ends -- perfect for wrapping around your neck without too much bulk. Keep warm with a nice merino wool, or make it lighter in silk or cotton. Any way you work it, this scarf is just enough!

"Baby Mary-Jane Booties" by Grace Akhrem (\$7.50) are so sweet and precious, with that "girly-girl" factor. Using approximately 75 yards of fingering yarn and US 2 needles, these are perfect for welcoming a newborn. Leftover sock yarn, anyone? This is a great way to use up those odds and ends...

With front and back pieces shaped to fit a woman's figure, "Rivel Cardigan" (\$8.50), designed by Miriam Felton, is a high-waisted feminine cardigan that makes a great addition to any wardrobe. Knit it in a smooth wool for a more refined style, or a tweedy yarn for a more relaxed feel. The plaited cables wrap over the shoulders and the shoulder seams are moved to the back instead of on top of the shoulders...

From PAM POWERS KNITS comes "The Ruffled & Ruched Scarf" (\$7.50), a beautifully feminine neck warmer with knitted rose embellishment. Directions are included for both worsted and DK weights...

For fans of the "Lolita" vest, we've added more IMAGINE KNIT DESIGNS. "Square Peg, Round Holes" (\$6.50) is a simple updated poncho / capelet top-down pattern in chunky weight yarn. The details at the neckline and openwork at the bottom edge create interest. Sleeves are created with simple tacking. This would be an excellent "beginner's" choice for Kathy's top-down class on Septemeber 24th! "Suki" (\$6.50) is a casual vest with a flattering line. This simple worsted weight project requires no major seaming. The short row shaping in the front contains no wraps; the holes created add an interesting detail...

New shades of KERTZER Marble Chunky and Marble DK have arrived. In addition to using these for prayer shawls, these easy-care yarns are wonderful for afghans and throws. Pattern #426 (\$5.50) features a shaped and knotted decorative throw, diagonal squares throw with mitered squares, and a traditional ripple throw. Other new afghan patterns include PLYMOUTH YARNS "Small Wonders" Book 642 (\$7.50), a collection of 16 precious covers for babies...

\*\*\* EASY HAND-DYED SCARF \*\*\*

Courtesy of Eleanor Swogger, Merchandising Manager, KRAEMER YARNS -- thanks, Eleanor!

THE BASIC RECIPE: Choose two hand dyed yarns of the same weight (you will need about 340 yards total). With a needle at least one size larger than size recommended for the yarn, cast on a multiple of four stitches with one color of yarn. Adjust stitch count for desired width of scarf. Our scarf uses bulky weight yarn.



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS: 4.75" X 60"

GAUGE: 5 stitches per inch in rib pattern

MATERIALS: Two hanks KRAEMER YARNS "Shirley" (170 yards each hank, bulky weight);  
US 11 knitting needles

DIRECTIONS

Cast on 24 stitches.

Row 1: Slip 1 as to knit, K1, P2, \*K2, P2, repeat from \* to end of row.

Change to second color but do not cut color 1.

Row 2 and all following rows: Same as row 1.

Work in rib pattern, changing colors every two rows, bringing new color under old color when changing colors.

(Hint: New color will be at beginning of row when it is time to change colors.)

Work until scarf is 60" or desired length, working one row with desired bind off color.

Bind off all stitches in pattern. Weave in all ends

\*\*\* KNITTING TIPS & TRICKS FROM KRAEMER YARNS \*\*\*

It's important to properly pair needles with the yarn for any knitting project. Wood or bamboo needles are not as slick and may be a better choice for beginners. Some metal needles have a super slick finish that some knitters prefer, but may cause problems for some people because of the speed.

The shape of the points can make a difference as well. Split stitches, especially with a cotton or a loosely twisted yarn, may be prevented by using a sharper point. A long tapered point may be helpful in lace knitting when you have many decreases, some involving more than 2 stitches at a time.

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\*\*\* "ESSENTIAL SKILLS" WORKSHOP WITH KNITTING SUPERSTAR SALLY MELVILLE \*\*\*

We are thrilled and delighted to host a six-hour workshop with international knitting celebrity, knitwear designer, author and teacher extraordinaire Sally Melville! The topic is "Essential Skills" and the date is Sunday, September 18, 2011 (8:30 am - mid pm). This workshop explores and explains the many techniques we should all have in our knitting repertoire. Sally will discuss which choices are suited to each situation and why, and we'll practice them all with lots of hands-on experience. Sorry, the workshop class is already filled, but we will be glad to accept your name for our waiting list in the event of a student cancellation. Kathy's Kreations will be open 11 am - 5 pm on Sunday, 9/18/11.

\*\*\* LEGEND AND FOLKLORE \*\*\*

Knitting folklore says that if you knit a strand of your hair into your work, you will be forever bound to the person who receives that work. In my life, this means that a lot of people are forever bound to my cat... Author unknown

\*\*\* WHERE'S KATHY???

- Kathy has just returned from Stitches Midwest in Schaumburg, Illinois ( suburb of Chicago) where she taught classes Knit To Fit; Slip Stitch Sampler; Intro to Lace & Cable Combinations; and Ruffles, Frills & Scalloped Edgings. Kathy participated in the Teachers a la Carte Luncheon, a Meet & Greet with teachers stopping from table-to-table. Kathy's two K103 designs were featured at "From The Pages of Knitter's Magazine" when editor Rick Mondragon took attendees through the latest issue of Knitter's Magazine!
- 26th Annual Knitter's Day Out; Friday & Saturday, September 9 & 10, 2011; Central PA College; Summerdale, PA; vendor and teaching All About V-Necks, Make It Your Own (Fit & Sizing), and the Sideways Knit Cabled Hat (provisional cast on, short rows, and cable knitting); Kathy's classes filled; event details available at [www.knittersdayout.org](http://www.knittersdayout.org)
- Teaching Finishing techniques, seaming and blocking; Golden Dome Knitting Guild; Greensburg, PA; Thursday, September 15, 2011
- Fall Knitting Workshop hosted by Kathy Zimmerman and Carol Smith; September 30 - October 2, 2011; workshop is filled, ask for waiting list
- Bedford Springs Knittreat; November 3-6, 2011; Bedford Springs Resort & Spa; Bedford, PA; mini-market vendor featuring CLAUDIA HANDPAINTED YARNS and teaching "Button, Button", a technique workshop on buttonhole methods, buttonhole placement, "ribbing rules" and closure options. For information, call 412-963-7030 or e-mail [www.pghknitandcrochet.com](http://www.pghknitandcrochet.com)

\*\*\* BLING DAY \*\*\*

It is our pleasure to present our first-ever "Bling Day" on Friday, September 30, 2011, from 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm, which will kick off our Fall Workshop weekend. Andrea Marquis, sales rep for JUL Designs, will be here with a trunk show featuring a variety of shawl pins and closures, including our awesome "Floating Buttonholes", shown lower right, on Kathy's "Roaming Rib" Scarf for KOLLAGE YARNS. We cordially invite you to bring in your shawls, scarves, cardigans and jackets in need of closure ideas to try out some of these fabulously creative closures on your very own garments.

We have received many requests about the tee shirts that the shop gals have been wearing with PATTY ANN SHOP yarn ball, yarn baskets and yarn-tini designs. Patty Menta (THE Patty Ann) will also be here on "BLING DAY", with a selection of shirts for you to try. Patty specializes in custom tee shirts embellished with glitz, stones and studs.

\*\*\* FORT LIGONIER DAYS \*\*\*

Dates for Fort Ligonier Days are Friday through Sunday, October 14 - 16, 2011. Early bird merchant sidewalk sales begin Thursday, October 13th. In addition to our annual yarn sale, we will feature a variety of children's and adults' hats, scarves, mitts and accessories for purchase, including a bevy of pumpkin hats and Patty Menta's stone & stud tee shirts.

By the way, Friday, October 14, 2011, is the first annual **Day of Yarn** -- the perfect opportunity to "declare your love of yarn", according to the Craft Yarn Council, the day's sponsor. Every knitter / crocheter wearing a handknit / crocheted garment or accessory to Kathy's Kreations and mentioning that it is **Yarn Day** will receive a 10% discount on all regularly-priced yarn purchases (no limit, one day only!).



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

Join the "First Mondays" Knit Club for an evening of knitting & fellowship, at Panera Bread Greengate; Greensburg, PA. Meeting dates are **Monday, September 12 (2nd Monday because of Labor Day holiday)** and **Monday, October 3, 2011, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**. Come knit!

**\*\*\* "KNIT KNITE" AT KATHY'S KREATIONS Tuesday evenings, September 13, 2011 and October 11, 2011; 7:00 pm - 9:00 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! In the event of nasty weather, please call ahead to make sure we are meeting...

**\*\*\* FUN FRIDAYS, September 16, 2011 and October 21, 2011; 10 am - 2 pm \*\*\***

All knitters & crocheters welcome! Our instructor Joyce Bischoff is 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...

**\*\*\* LAUREL HIGHLANDS KNITTING GUILD MEETING; September 22, 2011, 7 - 9 pm \*\*\***

All knitters are cordially invited to the Laurel Highlands Knitting Guild meeting on Thursday evening, September 22, 2011, 7 pm - 9 pm, in Room A of the Ligonier Town Hall on the Diamond. You may attend twice as a guest before joining the group. Please bring along two colors of contrasting worsted weight yarn and corresponding knitting needles, to learn intarsia knitting from instructor Kathy Zimmerman...

**\*\*\* TAKE IT FROM THE TOP with instructor Kathy Zimmerman \*\*\***

**Saturday, September 24, 2011, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm; \$20.00 registration fee\* plus pattern and materials; for intermediate skill level knitters**

Are you intrigued by the thought of knitting a garment from the neck down? The advantage is that there is less finishing and you can check the fit for body and sleeve length as you go! Choose your project from our large selection of patterns and yarns, and Kathy will help you to get started...

\*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 as a store credit. 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, crocheting, felting, drop spindle, and spinning lessons available by appointment. We would be glad to do a specific class for groups of 4 or more. Kathy's Kreations has been the helpful hands of experienced knitting for over 31 years !**

Abraham Maslow once said: "A musician must make music, an artist must paint, a poet must write, if he is ultimately at peace with himself". To that, I will add: "And you are a knitter / crocheter. Knit. Crochet. Love your Craft".

Kathy