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APRIL 2014 UPDATE

Dear Knitters and Crocheters,

It's our anniversary month here at Kathy's Kreations (34 years) and we're celebrating by saying good-bye to winter and hello to a long-awaited spring! We've got easy, breezy knits for milder days ahead. It's time to put away our cold weather gear and stock up on cool, colorful yarns and get clicking. We'll help you transition to warm weather stitching with cotton, silk and linen blends, lightweight accessories, plus the latest tools and gadgets.

What "spring things" will be on your knitting needles and crochet hooks this season? Color, stripes, and colorwork techniques are a hot trend right now, as well as touches of metallic for shimmer, glimmer and shine. Wristlets (a.k.a. fingerless gloves) are an ideal transition from a harsh winter to cool spring -- we've got plenty of ideas for mitts in a variety of lengths to keep you well in hand. Shake off the winter blahs with a wrap in a cool pastel shade -- pastels and neutrals are back in a big way! Shawls are perfect for every season, but mostly so in spring -- not just for special occasions, but for all occasions. All-over lace is always a great choice for spring shawls, but a simple lace edging can dress up casual wraps. Put the "fun" back in functional with the latest project ideas for shells, tee tops, lightweight scarves and kids' wear. Add a little "spring" to your step with socks, the quintessential take-along portable project. Try working your socks on KNITTER'S PRIDE "Dreamz" double-pointed needles or magic loop circulars -- they have been getting rave reviews from our customers!

Every month, we select a special promotion featuring a particular fiber, project or yarn company. For April, we salute Kraemer Yarns, an American textile mill here in PA who spun the yarn for the Team USA Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony sweaters in Sochi, Russia. At the recent Pittsburgh Knit & Crochet Festival, we were honored to display a US Winter 2014 Olympic sweater in our booth, courtesy of Kraemer Yarns. If you would like to tour their textile mill and factory store, see the Olympic sweater and try your hand at hand-dyeing, please join us for "Kathy's Kreations Day" at Kraemer Yarns on Thursday, April 10, 2014 (details on page six).

Spring is in the air! Let your next stitching adventure start here...

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10% off all in-stock, regularly-priced
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***GREAT NEW STUFF ***

We hope that our latest collection excites you, gives you pause, is fun to make, and is enjoyable to wear and use. We invite you to explore the harmonized colors and textural contrasts of our yarns. Each of us can do so much with our imagination. Cast on something that sparks your creativity and let these new products inspire you. Welcome to the promise of spring...

knit.wear spring / summer 2014 (\$14.99) is filled with simple, elegant, season-spanning, fashion-forward handknits that are as much fun to knit as they are to wear. Our favorite is the Box Pleat Scoopneck (shown upper left). Neatly-fitted shoulders and a U-neck emphasize the focal point of this easy stockinette stitch top -- a strong pleat flanked by right and left pleats. Fitted in the back with princess seams, but with a boxy front, it's flattering for lots of body types. In this issue, there are 26 cool knits to help you find your edge -- funnelnecks and pleats, dynamic hems, floral motifs, interesting shapes and construction, tailored silhouettes, as well as contemporary lace. There are bolts, blocks and chevrons that will have you taking a new look at stripes. This is a thought-provoking issue, one that promotes innovation and ingenuity, style and simplicity...

Knitsimple spring / summer 2014 (\$6.99) celebrates warmer days ahead with 40 spring treats to stitch now. There are six sassy sets of wristlets (three knit, three crochet) that are our favorites of this issue. There are cowls, shawls and short sleeve tops made with sparkly yarns, spring-savvy wraps and great girly-girl accessories for younger gals all with a bow theme. For crocheters, there are "the new granny" afghans in bold shapes and mod shapes that re-vamp the classic granny square. For knitters, there are baby blankets with rich colors, geometric shapes, happy hues and plenty of hand-stitched love...

INTERWEAVE CROCHET Spring 2014 (\$7.99) presents 20 perfect projects to embrace spring with style. Within these pages, you'll find lovely transitional garments to crochet and wear as you shed the layers that helped ward off the bone-chilling polar vortex. Take a jaunt back to the days of speakeasies -- although evocative of the 20s and 30s, these projects move easily into the twenty-first century. You'll also find a handful of projects that let you explore the texture of crochet: a Tunisian solid stitch and a Tunisian lace stitch, as well as the marvelous asymmetrical Convergence Top featured on the cover. Bows seem to be everywhere -- there is a great pattern for easy "Clara Bows" that you can pop onto your shoes or sweater, in your hair, wherever. Chain-stitch bows also dance along the light & airy "Canary Wrap", crocheted in a sweet bow-and-shell pattern that gives an overall lacy striped effect. There is an interesting "don't miss" article on how we hold our crochet hooks. By being aware of our strengths and weaknesses, we may be able to prevent repetitive-motion injuries (it's worth the read)...

Stripes, stripes, stripes -- they are everywhere! BERROCO YARNS booklet #328 "Weekend Stripes" (\$10.50) is devoted to striped projects and accessories. Projects are worked in "Weekend" (\$6.50, 50 grams, 205 yards, 75% acrylic / 25% Peruvian cotton, CYCA #4) and "Weekend Chunky" (\$6.95, 50 grams, 119 yards, 75% acrylic / 25% Peruvian cotton, CYCA #5). We love the beach sandal / pedicure socks!

Just in time for our April KAL with Michelle Hunter, "Rylie" by HiKOO (\$26.50, 100 grams, 274 yards, 50% baby alpaca / 25% mulberry silk / 25% linen, CYCA #3) is a stunning new arrival. No wonder Michelle chose this yarn for her Progressive Needles KAL! If you are not yet familiar with "Rylie", you're going to fall in love...



*** MORE GREAT NEW STUFF ***

We are pleased to present three new designs from LISA KNITS (\$5.00 each). "The Angled Scarf and Fingerless Gloves" AC-037 (shown at upper right) features a U-shaped scarf knit with self-striping worsted weight yarn which fits comfortably and stays in place. The "U" is created by decorative cable angles across the back neck. The matching fingerless gloves are worked in a solid worsted weight yarn, CLASSIC ELITE YARNS "Color by Kristin" (\$10.50, 50 grams, 93 yards, 50% wool / 25% alpaca / 25% mohair, CYCA #4), with cable, rib and lace pattern stitches -- perfect springtime mitts!



Don't let the name fool you! "Autumn Luster Cowl and Scarf" AC-036 (shown page 8, upper left) is the perfect shoulder cozy for chilly spring mornings. The cowl is worked with one ball of BERROCO "Boboli Lace" (\$16.50, 100 grams, 350 yards, 42% wool / 35% acrylic / 23% viscose, CYCA #3), a beautiful self-striping sport weight yarn. The solid color scarf showcases a lovely lace stitch detail and is knit with K1,C2 "Ambrosia" (\$11.95, 50 grams, 137 yards, 70% baby alpaca / 20% silk / 10% cashmere, CYCA #3)...

"Perfect Playtime Hoodies" SW-054 (cardigan, shown lower left) combines comfort with good looks for kids. It's the hand-knitted version of the ever-popular hooded sweatshirt, in both cardigan and pullover versions. Knit with KRAEMER YARNS "Perfection Tapas" (\$8.50, 100 grams, 200 yards, 23% domestic merino / 77% acrylic, CYCA #4) it is the perfect grab-and-go sweater when kids head outdoors to play. Yipes, more stripes...

Last month, we told you about Kathy's "Slip Shape" shell in the Spring 2014 issue of *Knitter's Magazine*. The yarn for this slip-stitch beauty has finally arrived. We are pleased to introduce UNIVERSAL YARNS Good Earth (\$11.00 solids, \$13.00 multi shades; 100 grams, 204 yards; 47% linen / 53% cotton; CYCA #4). This soft cotton / linen blend is easy on the hands and a pleasure to knit and crochet. The gentle solids coordinate beautifully with the multi-color shade. The color palette is right in step with this season's latest "pastels" trend...

The subtle appeal of pale, sun-washed colors in natural fibers brings cool comfort to summer knits. New colorways in CLASSIC ELITE YARNS "Bella Lino" (\$11.50, 50 grams, 164 yards, 58% linen / 26% viscose / 16% cotton, CYCA #3), are here, reminding us that summer shore vacations will be coming up in a couple of months. It's time to get busy knitting your vacation wardrobe! "Bella Lino" is a yarn that really lives up to its name, literally "beautiful linen"! The colors in the long repeats of the linen-blend harmonize beautifully on a natural linen hued base, reminding us of all things beach-related -- sand, seashells, sunsets and ocean/lake views.

New colorways of KNIT ONE, CROCHET TOO "Ty-Dy Cotton" are here (\$16.50, 100 grams, 196 yards, 100% cotton, CYCA #4). There are so many possibilities for what to make with this gorgeous fiber -- layering pieces for now and shawls, tanks & tees for later on. For a limited time, we are offering a free "Lucia Tee" pattern with your purchase of this yarn, while supplies last...

Our latest "go-to" durable yarn choice for afghans, sweaters, accessories, kids' wear and more is HiKOO "Simplicity" (\$7.50, 50 grams, 117 yards, 55% merino / 28% acrylic / 17% nylon, CYCA #3). Most of our customers were introduced to this yarn as Michelle Hunter's fiber choice for her new "Building In Color" book colorwork panel afghan. "Simplicity" is a wonderful, soft, washable yarn with an amazing twist and is available on our shelves in some of today's most popular colorways...



Take a new approach to lace with intriguing, contemporary knitted lace stitches. Just for fun, try working one of your favorite lace scarves in a different weight of yarn and needles. For the less adventurous, please ask about our April KAL, the one-row scarf, bias stitch scarf or other ideas for summer scarves...



*** SPRING BREAK ***

Say good-bye to winter -- be a Spring Breaker! **Kathy's Kreations** invites you to join us on April 25 ~ 27, 2014 for our **3rd annual "Spring Break" Knitting Workshop Weekend**. Kathy Zimmerman, our own nationally-recognized knitting instructor and knitwear designer, will teach a nine-hour workshop at the Ramada Inn in historic Ligonier, PA. The weekend will kick off with a Meet & Greet on Friday evening. On Saturday, Kathy will teach a six-hour class "Stitchwork for Self-Striping Yarns". Students will work on a sampler scarf (upper left), experimenting with a variety of pattern stitches to enhance the beauty of hand-painted yarns. Several of Kathy's designs for Knitter's Magazine will be featured. On Sunday, Kathy will teach "Details, Details, Details", including beyond-the-basics finishing details to finesse your handknits with a professional appearance. The weekend package includes an after-hours knitting Soup & Sliders party and special shopping time at Kathy's Kreations (Friday evening); morning coffee breaks and two lunches at the Ramada; classes Saturday and Sunday; extended lunch break on Saturday with time to shop in the pretty little town of Ligonier and goodie bags. The price is \$225 per person.

Overnight lodging is not included and is optional for local participants. The Ramada has set up a special rate for us, so please make your own reservations by calling 724-238-9545. Space is limited on a first-come, first-served basis, so please e-mail or call 724-238-9320 and send a check for the full amount to Kathy's Kreations. Attendees will receive a 10% discount on all regularly-priced knitting supplies and yarn all weekend.

*** PITTSBURGH KNIT & CROCHET SHOW HIGHLIGHTS ***

Thanks to so many of you who stopped by at the Pittsburgh Knit & Crochet Show to say hi and shop with us -- your patronage is greatly appreciated! Our focus, as always, was to bring quality items to the Festival with an emphasis on American-made products:

- The KRAEMER YARNS authentic Opening Ceremony sweater display was a big attraction and photo opportunity for many -- a snapshot practically every minute! Thanks to Eleanor Swogger, Merchandise Manager for KRAEMER YARNS, Nazareth, PA, for being in the booth between teaching classes. We're looking forward to seeing you for our mill tour and hand-dyeing demo on April 10th! KRAEMER's "Perfection Tapas" yarn practically flew off the shelves for LISA KNITS Readers' Wrap patterns.
- We focused on bringing quality "Made in the USA" products to the festival. Our sincere appreciation to Claudia McClean of CLAUDIA HANDPAINTED YARNS, Harrisonburg, VA. It was Kathy's pleasure to represent CHPY at the Revolving Trunk Show programs. Claudia's yarn were featured in our booths and "Addiction" fingering merino yarn was a popular choice for the ever-popular CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS "Linen Stitch Scarf".
- Knitwear designer and instructor Lisa Carnahan of LISA KNITS was in our booths between her classes for a meet & greet. Lisa introduced her new patterns (see page three of this newsletter), and we were pleased that we sold out of several of her pattern booklets for "Annie's Attic". Lisa represented SKACEL at the Revolving Trunk Show, promoting Michelle Hunter's newest book, *Building In Color*, a class series which Lisa will be teaching here throughout the year.
- Artisan Marian Lech was on hand with her fabulous hand-crafted pottery yarn bowls, charming springtime baskets and unique Zoe B & Bella Brites buttons.
- Made-in-the-USA KOLLAGE Square Knitting Needles in both circulars and double-pointed versions were our best-selling items and were very well-received. In case you missed the show or we were sold out of something you wanted, we have re-stocked! So stop in for a pair of these VERY popular needles.
- The personal highlight of the Show for Kathy was to have her friend, New York Times best-selling author Debbie Macomber, attend her Revolving Trunk Show presentation. And, Debbie invited Kathy to a special one-on-one Sunday breakfast -- what a thrill!

*** HELLO, SCHEMATICS ***

Our thanks to Sharon Greve for graciously granting permission to re-print this article, which appeared in the March / April 2014 *Country Register*:

"Most knitting patterns provide schematics of the garments featured. So, what are schematics?

Schematics are mini-drawings which assist before, during, and after knitting. They're also very helpful in pattern selection. They show the exact sweater shape as well as including details not visible in the fashion photograph. They allow you to avoid unflattering sleeve styles. Schematics provide the shape for original designs. Just select your own stitch pattern, change the yarn, or even change the gauge. Voila! Your project is on its way!

The drawings are positioned in the way the sections are to be knitted -- knitting from bottom to top or printed sideways if knitted seam to seam. If a sweater is knitted in one piece, from cuff to cuff, the schematic will be shown on its side.

Schematic reading provides the knitter with the following helpful information:

FRONT/BACK SCHEMATIC

1. The width across the back or the width across the front at the bust.
2. The depth of the ribbing or lower edge details. It also tells the depth of a hem which is later turned up to the inside. The turning line will be indicated by a horizontal broken line.
3. The length to the underarm. Incremental marks are useful to shorten or lengthen the sweater.
4. The depth of the armhole to the shoulder.
5. The length from lower edge to first neck shaping.
6. The depth from front neck to back neck.
7. The depth from back neck to shoulder.
8. Shoulder width. This is determined by the number of stitches bound off for each shoulder divided by the stitch gauge.
9. Width of neck determined by the total number of stitches bound off for the neck divided by the stitch gauge.

SLEEVE SCHEMATIC (for 2 sleeves)

1. Width of sleeve which is measured above the cuff ribbing.
2. Depth of the cuff ribbing, measured before the stitch pattern begins.
3. Sleeve length to underarm. To change the sleeve length, the schematic shows where to add or subtract at the top of the sleeve in the straight portion just beneath the shaping at the underarm.
4. Sleeve cap depth measurement is determined by the number of rows needed to arrive at the top of the sleeve cap shaping, and is proportionate to the depth of the armhole.
5. Sleeve width at upper arm. This is figured according to the final number of stitches in the sleeve after all increases are made; sometimes referred to as 'Knitted Measurement.'

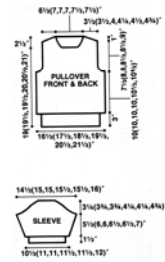
When the sweater pieces are completed, use a tape measure and the schematic for blocking. Pin down all the pieces, using the schematic measurement -- front on top of back, and sleeve on top of sleeve or pin each piece separately. Pat or slightly stretch the pieces to shape them correctly. When dry, the pieces will reflect the lesson in schematics.

Schematics are helpful previews."

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*** INQUIRING KNITTERS WANT TO KNOW ***

Question from Mitts March 2014 KAL: "How do I fix the hole where I joined to work in the round?" This often happens when working in the round on circular or double-pointed needles. Try trading the positions of the first and last stitches in the round. Here's how: Move the first stitch off the left needle onto a cable needle. Move the last stitch from the right needle onto the left needle; place marker for beginning of round. Place the stitch from the cable needle onto the right needle. On the next round, work the stitches in their new order...



*** WHERE'S KATHY? ***

April 5, 2014: 19th annual Knitter's Fantasy; Chaney High School; Youngstown, Ohio.

Kathy's Kreations will be at the Yarn Market, booths #19 & #20.

April 10, 2014: Join us at KRAEMER YARNS for "Kathy's Kreations" Day. KRAEMER YARNS sits proudly on Main Street in Nazareth, PA as a living, breathing testament to small-town Americana -- spinning dozens of varieties of yarn from natural and synthetic fibers that will become lovingly-crafted handmade items. Kathy's Kreations is sponsoring a free tour of the textile mill & yarn shop at 10 am -- you can meet us there! Tours are only available by special arrangements with a yarn shop carrying Kraemer Yarns so take advantage of this opportunity, which is not available to the general public. Please wear comfortable shoes, as we will be doing some walking and there will be a few steps. Attendees may take advantage of Kraemer's mill ends clearance bins, where select yarns are available at \$3.00 / skein, as well at the on-site yarn shop. The availability of mill ends is dependent upon which yarns are being spun at that time.

Merchandise Manager Eleanor Swogger will also do a hand-dyeing demonstration with yarns from KRAEMER's "Natural Collection". Time permitting, those of you who wish may try your hand at dyeing your own yarn! Although the tour is free, if you wish to dye yarn, it will be the cost of the base yarn plus dyeing materials. Cost will depend on which yarn is chosen.

*** MEASURING UP ***

To measure knitting or crochet length (ribbing, garment, sleeve, etc.), lay the piece on a clean, flat surface. Without stretching it, measure the center of the piece from the bottom edge to the lower edge of the knitting needle or edge of the crochet piece. To measure a shaped edge like an armhole or sleeve cap, measure straight perpendicular to the bottom edge.

(from *knitting daily.com*, 3/26/2014)

*** TENDER WRAPS III AFGHAN ***

Reversible seed stripes are back again. This simple one-row-to-remember pattern is used to create a not-too-big, not-too-small, easy-care blanket. It is fun to knit and makes a great gift. Thanks to KRAEMER YARNS for sharing this clever pattern, designed by Kate Lemmers.

FINISHED SIZE: 32" X 36" after blocking

MATERIALS: KRAEMER YARNS "Tatamy DK" 4 balls (approx. 100 yards DK weight yarn)

US size 6 circular knitting needle 36" length; tapestry needle for finishing

GAUGE: 20 sts and 28 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch

ABBREVIATIONS: K- knit; P - purl

PATTERN INTRODUCTION: For this pattern, we have a one-row pattern that is repeated over and over, great for a take-along project. This pattern works because it is over an odd number of stitches. We repeat the three stripes 12 times and then add far side border.

SEED STITCH PATTERN

Row 1: K1; *P1, K1; repeat from * across row.

When you look at your work, if the stitch on your left-hand needle is a purl stitch, then you will knit it. If the stitch on your left-hand needle is a knit stitch, then you will purl it.

DIRECTIONS

Cast on 185 sts. Work 1" of seed stitch, starting with a K1 and ending with a K1.

Begin pattern:

*K1, P1, K1, P1, K1, P 5, K5; repeat from * 11 more times, ending K1, P1, K1, P1, K1.

Repeat this row until piece measures 35". Work 1" of seed stitch, beginning and ending with a K1. Bind off loosely. Weave in ends. Wash on gentle and block out flat to dry. When dry, fold it up and it is ready to comfort your little one.





*** APRIL KNIT ALONG (KAL) ***

We will meet here **EVERY Friday in April from 10 am - 2 pm** (rsvp please) to work on our newest KALs -- your choice of CHURCHMOUSE YARNS "Trellis Lace Scarf" or Michelle Hunter's Progressive Needles Shawl KAL, "The Hole Story".

CHURCHMOUSE YARNS "Trellis Lace Scarf" pattern (shown upper left) appears in their April 2014 newsletter. A simple, linear pattern showcases the color changes in ROWAN "Fine Art" hand-dyed merino wool beautifully, and the larger rectangle size uses up one generous skein of fingering yarn (460 yards). You will need US size 9 knitting needles to get started. A diagonal dash detail (created by passing slipped stitches over) is reminiscent of sweet pea vines climbing up a trellis -- an elegant reminder that spring is finally here! Please check out our large selection of CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS patterns including the "Linen Stitch Scarf" and "Before and After Bias Scarf" for more spring scarf ideas.

For Michelle Hunter's Progressive Needles KAL sponsored by SKACEL, you may knit a gorgeous shawl along with Michelle, featuring the brand new yarn from HiKOO -- "Rylie". This luxurious yarn is a blend of baby alpaca, mulberry silk and linen. It is soft and strong with a lovely hand and is available in a variety of beautiful colors. Beginning on April 3, 2014, at 9 am Michelle will slowly release the mystery pattern at knitpurlhunter.com, introducing new stitch patterns and techniques that are all supported with FREE video instruction. The project uses two skeins of HiKOO "Rylie" and US #7 32" circular knitting needles. The gauge after blocking is 20 sts = 4:" in stockinette. Our April KAL projects will help you to jumpstart your spring wardrobe!

*** SPRING FASHION TRENDS ***

ROWAN YARNS tells us: "The Spring / Summer 2014 season looks to two opposing directions -- one heavenly and future facing, the other grounded and ancient in its appeal. We see a mix of delicate pastel lace designs, bold and beautiful stripes and inspiring color-blended stripes, rustic textures and hand-crafted artisan crochet. We see inspiration taken from Moorish tile art, antique floral lace patterns and geographical patterning that can be found in rock formations"...

TAHKI / STACY CHARLES says; "We've said it before, but it bears repeating: stripes never go out of style. The Spring / Summer 2014 fashion season is filled with all manner of stripes. There are endless color and texture variations with which you can play, guaranteeing that no two striped garments will look alike. Complimentary colorways and similar gauges make for really fun, experimental knitting"...

*** SAVE THE DATES ***

We are pleased to announce that Kathy's Kreations will be participating in the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl from August 1 - August 10, 2014. Please join us for ten fun-filled days "crawling" your way through participating yarns shops in the Pittsburgh and western Pennsylvania area! Bring family, meet up with friends, make new friends, and see all the great things each shop has to offer. It is an excellent opportunity for fiber enthusiasts to discover new patterns, classes and yarns as they peruse the offerings at each store (no required order). The crawl will feature a "passport" to get stamped at each store (minimum \$5 purchase). To add to the fun, you will have lots of chances to win PRIZES! Along the way, we hope that you will discover new ways to fuel your fiber passion and meet local fiber artists up close and delight in their wares. Best of all, re-ignite your love for all the yarns and fibers that western PA has to offer. This event is still in the planning stages -- stay tuned for more information as the dates draw nearer. Participating shops as of the writing of this newsletter include: Dyed In The Wool; Kathy's Kreations; Kid Ewe Knot; Natural Stitches; Wolf Creek Yarns; Yarns By Design and Yarns Unlimited.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

Join the "First Mondays" Club for an evening of knitting, crochet and fellowship, at Panera Bread Greengate; Greensburg, PA. Next meeting dates are Monday evenings **April 7, 2014** and **May 5, 2014; 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**. All skill levels of knitters and crocheters welcome!

*** **"KNIT KNITE" AT KATHY'S KREATIONS Tuesday evenings, April 8, 2014 and May 13, 2014; 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm (rsvp) *****

Join us for an evening of stitching & lots of fun conversation. All skill levels of knitters & crocheters are welcome! In the event of nasty weather, please call ahead in case of cancellation...

*** **FUN FRIDAYS, April 18, 2014 and May 16, 2014; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm *****

Join us for fellowship, stitching, and how-to's for projects purchased here. Please call ahead to let us know you will be coming, as space is limited. All skill levels of knitters & crocheters are welcome!

*** **SATURDAY SIT-N-KNIT *****

Come sit 'n knit! We will be gathering at Kathy's Kreations on Saturday mornings **April 12, 2014 and May 10, 2014; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**. Join us for fellowship, stitching, and how-to's for projects purchased here. Please bring your knitting, crocheting and any projects to show and share. Open to all skill levels...

*** **NEW BUILDING BLOCKS CLASS SERIES WITH LISA CARNAHAN *****

We are pleased to announce the sequel to the Building Blocks class series, taught by Lisa Carnahan. Lisa will be teaching a series of classes based upon Michelle Hunter's latest book, "Building In Color". If you are interested in expanding your colorwork knitting skills and increasing chart reading skills, please call or e-mail us to register. Our next session will be held **Saturday, April 19, 2014, 10 am - 12 noon**. The class topic is "Double-Ended Knitting", a technique where the work is not turned at the end of a row, which allows two consecutive rows to be worked on the same side of the fabric. Double-ended knitting is a perfect way to add single or odd-numbered rows of striping to flat knitting. This slipped-stitch panel requires the use of a US 6 24" circular knitting needle. Fee is \$10 plus purchase of project yarn and a one-time purchase of the "Building In Color" book by Michelle Hunter.

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*** **MITERED KNITTING CLASS WITH KATHY ZIMMERMAN *****

Learn the how-to's to create a basic mitered garter stitch square and for customizing your look to create the desired fabric. **"Mitered Knitting" will be taught on Thursday, May 8, 2014, from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm**. Class project is a "baby blocks" blanket or small throw. Class supplies include worsted weight yarn in two contrasting colors, locking stitch markers or small coilless pins, and US 8 knitting needles (straight or 16" - 24" circular). The baby blanket requires 800 yards worsted weight yarn (main color) and 200 yards each in three or four contrasting colors to complete. This project may be worked as a throw using self-striping worsted weight yarn, using approximately 1400 - 1600 yards. Registration is \$20.00 -- please call Kathy's Kreations at 724-238-9320 to sign up. Class size is limited...

Private knitting and crocheting lessons available by appointment. 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 over 34 years !

As we celebrate our 34th birthday, thank you for your continued patronage, trust, loyalty and support. It is our privilege to serve as your local yarn shop as we explore the wonderful world of needlearts together. However you welcome spring, we'll help you do it in style.

KEEP KNITTING AND CROCHETING!

Kathy