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JANUARY 2019 UPDATE

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Dear Stitchers,

For some of us, winter may seem to be long and dreary. But instead of counting the days until spring, we knitters and crocheters embrace this time as makers. A dose of creative, colorful and welcoming discovery is waiting for you at Kathy's Kreations. The weather outside is frightful, but we can make it easier with new knitting and crocheting projects to keep you warm all winter long! All it takes is a little creativity and know-how to turn an otherwise challenging season into one filled with contentment in the great indoors.

The simple act of counting stitches and rows helps us to lose ourselves in the rhythm of pattern repeats. The joy of watching a lovely piece of handiwork grow helps release tension and allows us to forget about reality for a brief time. Plus, knit and crochet never go out of fashion. "Special" is always in season!

Knitters and crocheters love taking our finished knits out of the closet, welcoming them back like old friends, and cozying up to their warm natural fibers. However, the New Year is also a time for inspiration and something fresh -- try adding a new trend to classic concepts and evolve your style. Some trends to watch this season are: lots of cabling, ponchos & capes, mixing yarns to create new variations, faux fur, combining different stitch textures (like stockinette and seed), getting cozier with "Easywear" (wearing oversized pieces), and bold color shades. Layering is front and center for winter, with a balance of texture and volume. This winter, we are celebrating individuality and style with a trend toward "real clothes" for everyday but keeping in mind fun, color and glamour.

Let's get started creating a cozy winter look while keeping warm! Treat yourself!

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"Knitting contributes to global warming" -- Heddy Parker

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*** GREAT NEW STUFF ***

What will you knit or crochet in 2019? We are dedicated to offering high quality products with great overall value. We've got everything you need to enjoy a winter's worth of fun, new projects like these goodies...

Our customers are knitting hats, hats, hats for the entire family! Here are some new-to-us patterns from TIN CAN KNITS, complete with Ravelry PDF download code so you can add to your on-line library, if you wish:

- "Fleet" (\$6.95) This jaunty nautical cap is perfect for your first journey into the world of knitted colorwork and charts. Sized from newborns through adult large. Choose 4 of your favorite co-ordinating colors in worsted weight yarn and enjoy! Add a McPORTER FARMS snap-on faux raccoon or fox fur pompom puff (\$12.50 - \$14.50) for added pizzazz!
- "Lowlands" (\$6.50) This simple striking beanie looks great worn either right side out, or inside out! From a garter stitch brim worked first, the body of this easy hat is picked up and worked in the round to the crown. Sized from newborns through adult large. Worked in worsted weight with great "stash buster" potential!
- "Tall, Dark & Handsome" (\$5.50) Knit this hat for the hard-to-please man (or woman) in your life. The subtle texture of this hat, cowl and scarf set is perfect. Choose a neutral color or bright; this set is sized from babies to adult large, making it a perfect choice for almost anybody...
- "Ridgeline" (\$7.50, mitten shown upper left) This graphic hat and mitten set is colorful and cozy! The hat is sized for baby through adult large, mittens are sized toddler through adult large. We think is a great DK weight yarn stashbuster project for learning or re-visiting stranded colorwork techniques...

And from designer Andrea Mowry of DREA RENEE KNITS comes these patterns, also complete with Ravelry PDF download code:

- "Drift Hat" (\$8.50) Expanding texture and a four-point crown shaping make this hat unique and perfect to pull on whenever you are heading out to explore. Whether it be as a tourist in your own town, or visiting a faraway place for the first time, this cashmere hat will keep you cozy wherever you drift off to. We recommend DREAM IN COLOR "Cosette" (\$33.50, 4 oz., 270 yards, 70% superwash merino/20% cashmere/10% nylon, CYCA #3) for this...
- "Hildie" (\$8.50, shown lower right) Knit this beautiful cabled piece as a stole that can be worn as a shawl, pinned as a capelet, or wrapped around the neck as the ultimate cozy scarf. Or skip the ribbing and graft both ends together for a cowl that is the ultimate cabled statement piece to get you through winter in style...

BERROCO "Ultra Wool DK" (\$12.50, 100 grams, 292 yards, 100% superwash wool, CYCA #3) is a lighter weight version of our ever-popular worsted weight "Ultra Wool". It has the same wonderful soft texture in a machine washable superwash wool with a wide range of colors to please even the most discerning palate! Heathered and solid colors offer your project the chance to shine with the wonderful touch and great stitch definition that this yarn provides.

We have received new shades of BERROCO "Vintage Chunky" (\$8.95, 100 grams, 136 yards, 52% acrylic / 40% wool / 8% nylon, CYCA #5), a machine washable blend which features a wide color range, an incredibly soft feel and yardage that goes on and on. A free copy of "Callison", a cable & seed stitch textured ear warmer, is available with your purchase of this yarn...

Interchangeable knitting needle sets from KNITTER'S PRIDE (Dreamz and Cubics) and LYKKE have arrived, as well as KNITTER'S PRIDE "Wave" crochet hooks, all in convenient organizer cases...



*** MORE GREAT NEW STUFF ***

We are adding new color-saturated tonal shades to our collection of fine URTH YARNS. Each skein is a work of art, a truly unique self-stripping artisan hand-dyed yarn. "Monokrom" (\$26.50, 100 grams, 435 yards, 100% superfine superwash merino, CYCA #2) is authentic in its simplicity. This luxurious machine washable merino collection will add depth to your project's stitch definition. "Kashmir Mono" (\$35.50, 50 grams, 220 yards, 100% cashmere, CYCA #2, shown upper right) brings softness and vibrance into perfect harmony. WARNING: Touching this yarn is meditative...



MOUNTAIN COLORS "4/8's Wool" (\$24.50, 100 grams, 250 yards, 100% merino wool, CYCA #4) is a good basic worsted weight yarn for a variety of projects from accessories to sweaters. New tonal teal colorways featuring subtle highlights have arrived in the Harmony series and solid "solitary" hand-dyed...

JAMES C. BRETT "Marble Chunky" is a colorful, machine washable easy-care yarn (\$15.50, 200 grams, 341 yards, 100% acrylic, CYCA #5). It is a great economical choice for cozy sweaters, comfort shawls, toasty accessories, and home decor projects. We have received a couple of new beautiful color combinations that will knit or crochet up fast. "Marble Chunky" is gorgeously soft on the needles, with a slightly velvety feel, giving garments fantastic drape. This "big value" is hard to resist, so we suggest that you dive in and try this yarn -- you won't regret it!

One of our favorite (and best-selling) yarn lines during the past year was DREAM IN COLOR and we continue to be big fans of their wonderful fiber creations. New shades of "City" (\$23.50, 4 oz., 200 yards, 100% superwash merino wool), Cosette (\$33.50, 4 oz., 270 yards, 70% superwash merino wool / 20% cashmere / 10% nylon, CYCA #3), and "Jilly" (\$22.50, 4 oz., 440 yards, 100% superwash wool, CYCA #2) are arriving soon to ring in the New Year. Look for Cloud to Ground, Whetstone, Indigo and Belle Epoch to name a few colorways -- you must stop in to see them to appreciate the richness of color in every single skein!

Every January, we like to look back on the year and think about the 10 top patterns. We tend to love all of our patterns, but here are our favorites from 2018 that truly stand out:

10. Find Your Fade by Drea Renee Knits
9. Mary's Scarf by Kathy Zimmerman
8. Narragansett Pullover (sweater) by Kathy Zimmerman for Interweave
7. Ruddy (shawl) by Taiga Hilliard
6. Building with Lace (shawl) by Michelle Hunter
5. Match Play (poncho) by Michelle Hunter
4. Just One More Row (scarf) by Kathy Zimmerman
3. Into The Woods (cowl / infinity loop) by Kathy Zimmerman
2. Ponchetta (poncho) by Elizabeth Smith
1. Butterfly / Papillon (shawl) by Marinja



As we move forward into 2019, CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS patterns continue to be our most-requested pattern design line. We have recently expanded our library for your knitting and crocheting pleasure. Many of our knitting customers are choosing to make the *Two-Point Cowl* (\$8.50, shown left), inspired by the ever-popular *Easy Folded Poncho*. This scaled-down version is totally seamless and slips easily over the shoulder. The simple shape makes it easy to re-yarn in another gauge. Pattern is written for sport or chunky weight gauge...



*** JANUARY KNIT ALONG ***

Baby, it's cold outside! Let's keep warm by knitting hats from WOOLLY WORMHEAD. We've chosen *Skelter* and *Chunkeanie* patterns for our January 2019 knit along. Whirling travelling-stitch columns and a perfect pom-pom conjure up frosty fun in *Skelter*, a split-brim hat that's both snugly and stylish (\$7.00, Ravelry Pro download, shown page 7 upper right). Worn low to cover your ears and hug the face, this promises to be

your new favorite winter warmer. The pattern includes both charted and written instructions in five sizes and worsted weight yarn. Techniques to learn include crochet provisional cast-on, knitting in the round and cabling without a needle. *Chunkeanie* (free on Ravelry, shown upper left) is a super warm and simple beanie that can be worn in two ways: long and tall or with a folded brim. It is worked bottom up in the round with chunky yarn, provided in three sizes. Our samples were knit with BERROCO "Ultra Alpaca Chunky" and "Inca Tweed".

Join us for fun knitting every Friday in January 2019 at Kathy's Kreations from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm for the group project, the continuation of previous KALs, or any other works in progress purchased here. If you can't join us in person, follow us on the Ravelry January 2019 shop thread at "We Love Kathy's"...

*** UPCOMING KNITTING CLASSES (call 724-238-9320 to register for all classes) ***

Join instructor Karen McCullough on **Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 10:00 am - 12 noon** to master colorwork knitting one panel at a time! Each month, Karen will introduce you to a wonderful new knitting technique from Michelle Hunter's *Building In Color* book. By the end of the series, you'll have a gorgeous blanket. Don't worry about jumping in late -- it is never too late for the color series. This month's topic features *Make One Purl*, an increase that is formed by knitting into a lifted running thread and results in a firm knit stitch. Although the Make One increase is almost always executed on the public side, there are instances when an increase must be made on the wrong, or purl, side of the fabric. Our lesson focuses on the Closed Star Stitch, a classic two-color design that uses the decorative Make One Purl option. Registration fee is \$10 per class plus materials. Let's make some color magic happen! The next class, *Elongated Stitch*, will be held **Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 10:00 am - 12 noon**.

Flat hats are a great way to make a quick project without the worry of having to work with circular or double-pointed needles -- a great next step for any new knitter! Once you've mastered 'knit' and 'purl' stitches, you'll be ready to tackle SKACEL's "Flat Hat" which is knit flat and then seamed. Anyone who learned to knit during our 10,000 New Knitters event will find this to be a great follow-up project. *Knitting For Newbies* with instructor Karen Voshall is a new series featuring projects with beginning knitters in mind. Boost your confidence by learning to knit SKACEL's "Flat Hat" (shown lower right) on **Sunday, January 13, 2019, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**. Please choose a skein of HiKOO "Sueno Worsted" from our shelves and bring US size 8 knitting needles, and stitch markers. Registration fee is \$20 plus materials; pattern and finishing needle free with registration.

Building With Lace is back! If you love lace and missed out on the first series of classes, here's another chance to make Michelle Hunter's *Building With Lace Shawl*. Starting from the initial cast on and working through all of the nine carefully chosen lace stitch patterns and beaded border, this class will teach you all you need to know. These lace patterns illustrate essential skills such as provisional cast on, reading charts, increases, decreases, lifelines, after-thought yarn overs, Japanese lace, Russian join, cabling without a cable needle, smocking stitches, Estonian nupps, applied borders, adding beads, and more (information continued on next page).



*** GREAT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ***

BUILDING WITH LACE CLASS (con't.)

A beautifully executed lace pattern is often the most admired of all knitted garments. Join instructor Kathy Erhard as she demonstrates lace skills full of interesting techniques and dazzling designs. Work along to make your own gorgeous openwork shawl, with our completed project now on display. Classes begin January 19, 2019 from 9:00 am - 12 noon at Kathy's Kreations and will be held on Saturday mornings of each month from January through October. Section #1 will focus on "Lace Basics" and will cover yarn over increases, various decreases and the central double decrease (photo, upper left, page 8). Please choose your favorite color of HiKOO "Rylie" from Kathy's Kreations or one of her other select yarns for this class, Michelle Hunter's *Building With Lace* book, and bring US size 5 24-inch circular needles. Registration fee is \$20 per class.



Whether you want to try something new or improve your colorwork skills, the *Vaip Cowl* (shown upper right) is a fun-to-work project with eye-catching colors and attractive designs. This cowl includes several different color patterns that will keep your interest as you knit, while providing the chance to perfect your Fair Isle stranded knitting technique. And for those who don't enjoy wearing cowls, this project may be worked instead as a scarf. Join instructor Kathy Erhard on Saturdays, January 19, February 16, and March 9, 2019 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Kathy's Kreations to learn the knitting skills that will make knitting with two colors, casting on, and seaming easy. Kathy's Kreations also takes all the guesswork out of choosing colors that will give your project the perfect pop of color. Please see Kathy Z for your choice of striking *Vaip Cowl* kit, available in a variety of color schemes from CLAUDIA HANDPAINTED YARNS. You will also need two US size 2 (2.75 mm) 24" (60 cm) circular needles and a tapestry needle. Registration fee is \$20 per class.

*** SPRING BREAK WEEKEND APRIL 5 - 7, 2019 ***

Kathy's Kreations invites you to join us for our **8th annual "Spring Break" Knitting Workshop Weekend** on April 5 - 7, 2019. Instructors Gaile Morrison and Rhonda Slinghoff from the Lancaster, PA area will be team teaching a two-day knitting workshop for intermediate and experienced knitters at the Ramada Inn in historic Ligonier, PA, hosted by Kathy Zimmerman.

Workshop class topics include Outlander-inspired Celtic mitts, an original design by Rhonda, and the "Fan Shawl", a fingering weight wrap suitable for variegated or handpainted yarn (modelled in photo lower left by Rhonda, on left, and Gaile, on right). On Friday evening, Gaile Morrison will lead an entertaining knit-along for "Gaile's Magic Scarf".

The weekend package includes an after-hours Soup & Sliders party and special shopping time at Kathy's Kreations (begins Friday evening); an informal meet & greet on Friday evening to get acquainted; an optional Friday evening knit-along; 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. Registration is \$250 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 to request a flyer with registration form.

KATHY'S KREATIONS will be open on Sunday, April 7, 2019, from 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm. Attendees will receive a 10% discount on all regularly-priced knitting supplies and yarn all weekend...



*** COMING SOON ***

Have you tried ADDI® FlexiFlips yet? Many of our customers rave about them -- it was our best-selling new accessory of last year. You can cast on to an effortless new method of knitting socks, cuffs, hats, and many other projects which are worked in the round, with the ADDI® flexi flips. AND NOW in BAMBOO! Made specifically for North America, these specially designed 21 cm circulars (3.5" tips with 1" cord) rest comfortably in the hand, and act as flexible dpns. Easy to use, stitches are distributed over two needles, and then knit with the third -- resulting in only two needle changes per row. Available soon in sizes 2.0 - 5.0 mm, matching *Natura standard* points are featured on both ends of the needle (\$32.50 / set)...

*** HELPFUL HINTS ***

- Heather Zoppetti tells us about friends that make it a habit to carry a ball of yarn and spare needles with them in their bag at all times. Then, in the off chance that someone asks them about their knitting, they take out their teaching supplies and make a new knitter on the spot!
- Our brioche instructor Marian Lech suggests that you learn to read your knitting -- take a look at your work often, especially if it is something new or different. Examine your knitted fabric to learn what various stitch patterns look like, what left-slanting and right-slanting decreases look like, check for mistakes or split stitches, etc. It's a good idea to stop and count your stitches after every row. Keeping an accurate stitch count helps assure the satisfactory completion of your project...
- Cable queen Kathy suggests substituting a smaller size double-pointed needle or small crochet hook for a cable needle, if yours goes mysteriously missing...
- Wash and dry your knitted sample swatch in the same manner you intend to clean your finished item, checking for any possible changes in the gauge or fabric afterwards. It's better to spoil a swatch than to ruin a completed garment. No surprises!
- For a change of pace on sock knitting, try working a toe-up pattern. No toe seams are necessary, as the toe is finished as you go. Fitting is easier because you can try on the sock as you work...

*** RAVELRY UPDATES ***

Our knitting friend Eleanor Swogger recently posted on the "Kathy Zimmerman Group": "I recently read that many knitters consider January to be 'Selfish January' because they reserve it to knit for themselves. What better way to do this than to pick a Kathy Zimmerman design and knit it for yourself? I have my choice picked out and have purchased the yarn from Kathy's Kreations, but plan to start on January 1 as I watch Penn State play in the Rose Bowl. Pick your choice and join in."

Kathy plans to participate in the fun -- how "self"ish is that? She has always wanted to make the "At The Lake" for herself. She chose BERROCO "Remix" cotton blend for the project. The inspiration for this pullover is Knittreat weekend, which is held annually in November at Wisp Resort, Deep Creek Lake, MD. Her New Year's resolution is to finish it to wear to next year's Knittreat.

Your project does not need to be a "commitment" project. Kathy has several accessory patterns like "Marvelous Mittens" (shown lower left, \$5.00), knit with just one skein of KRAEMER YARNS "Naturally Nazareth" (\$9.95, 100 grams, 200 yards, 100% domestic merino wool blend, CYCA #4). Sized to fit a ladies' medium, the finished mitten measures 7" around and 10" long to keep you warm and cozy. Oh yes, there are cables on the front to keep this an interesting knit! If you would like to join in on the fun, please visit the Kathy Zimmerman Group on Ravelry...



*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

As you enter dates into your new 2019 calendar, don't forget to save these!

- LIGONIER ICE FEST Saturday, January 26, and Sunday, January 27, 2019
Join us for the merchants' indoor sidewalk sales, frosty fun and a blizzard of activities like ice sculptures & carvings, horse-drawn carriage rides, kettle corn in front of the library, the firemen's spaghetti dinner and free concerts at the Town Hall!
- PITTSBURGH CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL / KNIT & CROCHET FESTIVAL
March 15, 16, & 17, 2019 DoubleTree by Hilton; Green Tree, PA (Pittsburgh)
15th anniversary celebration
Look for Kathy's Kreations in Market booths 25 & 26
- KATHY'S KREATIONS "Spring Break Weekend" April 5 - 7, 2019
- 2nd annual LYS DAY Saturday, April 27, 2019
- 6th annual STEEL VALLEY YARN CRAWL August 2 - 11, 2019
- KNITTER'S DAY OUT (KDO) Friday & Saturday September 27 & 28, 2019
- FORT LIGONIER DAYS October 11 - 13, 2019



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*** CHRISTMAS TREE 2019 PROJECT ***

OK, we are getting an early start for next Christmas. We were inspired by a Facebook post (with encouragement by knitting friend Darcy M.) of a really cool Christmas tree made from knitted dishcloths and ornaments. It originally appeared in the Navan Library, created by knitting / craft groups, residents of a nursing home, and Library users -- see <https://www.facebook.com/104989576229009/posts/2096494650411815/>

Anyone interested in participating in our table top version of a similar tree may knit green 100% cotton dishcloths (any size, any pattern, knit or crochet) or Christmas ornaments (snowflakes, pompoms, etc.) and drop them off here at Kathy's Kreations before October 31, 2019. All items will be donated to the local Food Bank after being displayed in our holiday window. Here's a vintage dishcloth pattern from our archives to help everyone get started...

*** KATHY'S TEXTURED DISHCLOTH ***

MATERIALS: PLYMOUTH "Fantasy Naturale" one hank; US size 8 knitting needles; 2 stitch markers; tapestry needle for finishing ends

GAUGE: 4-1/2 stitches = 1" (not critical)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS: approx. 9" X 9"

Slip-Stitch pattern (multiple of 3 stitches)

Rows 1 & 3 (right side): Knit.

Row 2 & 4: Purl.

Rows 5 & 7: Knit 1; *purl 1, knit 2; repeat from * to last 2 sts, end purl 1, knit 1.

Rows 6 & 8: Purl 1; *knit 1, purl 2; repeat from * to last 2 sts, end knit 1, purl 1.

Row 9 & 11: *purl 2, knit 1; repeat from * to end.

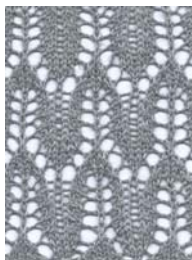
Row 10: *purl 1, knit 2; repeat from * to end.

Row 12: Repeat row 10.

Repeat these 12 rows for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 41 stitches. Knit 5 rows. Next Row: Knit 4, place marker (pm); work in slip-stitch pattern across 33 stitches, pm, knit 4. Continue in this manner, keeping 4 stitches at beginning and end of each row and working pattern over center 33 stitches between markers until piece measures 8" from beginning. Remove markers. Knit 5 rows. Bind off all stitches.

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Join the "First Mondays" group for an evening of knitting, crocheting and fellowship, at Panera Bread Greengate in Greensburg, PA. Meeting dates are Monday evenings January 7, 2019 & February 4, 2019; 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm.

***** "KNITTING IN THE AFTERNOON" AT KATHY'S KREATIONS Tuesdays, January 8, 2019 & February 12, 2019; 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm (rsvp please, all skill levels welcome) *****

Join us for stitching, lots of fun conversation and maybe ice cream --even if it's freezing outside!

***** SATURDAY SIT-N-KNIT January 12, 2019 & February 9, 2019; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm; (rsvp please, all skill levels welcome) *****

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

***** FUN FRIDAYS, January 18, 2019 & February 15, 2019; 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...

***** JANUARY KNIT-ALONG (KAL) *****

Stop by on Fridays in January from 10 am - 2 pm (rsvp please) to work on our newest KALs with your stitching friends to cheer you on. Our featured projects are two hat designs from WOOLLY WORMHEAD: "Chunkeanie" and "Skelter". Not working on the KAL? You are still welcome to come -- simply bring any knit or crochet project purchased at Kathy's Kreations and join the group (free!). Follow us on "We Love Kathy's" Ravelry group January 2019 thread and the Kathy Zimmerman Group KAL...

***** "BUILDING IN COLOR" Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon (knit)**

***** "KNITTING FOR NEWBIES" Sunday, January 13, 2019, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm (knit)**

***** "BUILDING WITH LACE" Saturday, January 19, 2019, 9:00 am - 12 noon (knit)**

***** "VAIP COWL" Saturday, January 19, 2019, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm (knit)**

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

A suggested New Year's Resolution 2019: Strive to make each item you knit or crochet better than the last. Who knows? The next wedding gift or baby layette you make may become a treasured family heirloom. May the beauty of winter provide you with warm moments that become happy memories. Best wishes for a colorful, knit-filled New Year!

HAPPY KNITTING AND CROCHETING!

Kathy