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July 2004 Update

Dear Knitters,

Summer is reason enough to reinvent your knitwear wardrobe, whether you prefer pops of color, or crisp, clean modern silhouettes, or classics with feminine flair. Summer is a time for play and the "now" designs are playful, fun, and full of surprises. This season, we are seeing soft surprises with subtle, flirty, feminine lingerie-inspired looks, but also bright, energetic, spirited colors. Lace, frills and crochet add a romantic look to the mix. Matching is trendy again, so make a bag or purse to match your outfit. Purses and totes continue to be popular and a great way to be just a little extreme.

Choose whatever pleases and inspires you. Kathy's Kreations is pleased to provide new garment and accessory designs which are both fashionable and timely. Pick up your knitting needles and crochet hooks and have a wonderful time making something for yourself soon.

"COOL OFF WITH COTTON!"

All regularly-priced 100% cotton yarns in stock
are 10% off during July 2004

10% TUESDAYS ARE HELD OVER BY POPULAR DEMAND!

10% discount on all regularly-price yarn purchases
(applies to in-stock, non-clearance, non-sale yarns only)
on **every Tuesday** in July

"AFTER THE SHOW" SALE

Our seasonal clearance begins July 19th,
making room for new fall merchandise coming in

**We are adding a new customer service:
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***** GREAT NEW STUFF *****

Kathy and crew (Lisa Carnahan, Michelle Hoke, and Nancy Caldwell) have recently returned from the Needlearts Trade Show previewing the latest styles for fall 2004. What was the buzz from those in the know? According to Kathy Lacher, Creative Director of CLASSIC ELITE YARNS, fall 2004 is predicted to be the season of the **SWEATER!** It will be "the most important item in our wardrobes". BERROCO YARNS told us, "Today's knitter demands yarns that perform and command center stage. Today's fashion yarns and styles are deliciously baroque, decorative, and ornate". Look for quality, shine and color to come, and future updates for the season ahead on our website. In the meantime, there is still a lot of summer knitting in store, so here's what we found for the lazy days of summer and transitional knitting beyond...

OAT COUTURE presents the Laguna Blouse (\$4.25, shown upper left) with instructions for worsted or chunky weights. This cleverly-shaped summer top with a wavy edge looks fabulous when worked in ROWAN YARNS "Summer Tweed" (\$9.25, 50 grams, 118 yards, 70% silk / 30% cotton), one of our favorites for year-'round knitting and wearing...

Get ready for glitz, glam, and "bling bling" -- there's plenty coming our way. "Vision" by TRENDSETTER YARNS leads the launch (\$16.25, 50 grams, 82 yards, 61% polyester / 22% polyester / 17% polyamide). This highly metallic thick eyelash is opulent, indeed. "Lurex Shimmer" from ROWAN YARNS (\$5.75, 25 grams, 104 yards, 80% viscose / 20% polyester) is a thin strand of matte & understated shine, perfect as an add-along. PLYMOUTH YARN ITALIAN COLLECTION "Combolo" (\$11.25, 50 grams, 47 yards, 66% nylon / 30% Tactel / 4% polyester) has a little of everything -- glitz, texture, and chenille. Support pattern S218 features a V-neck vest -- add some unusual buttons and you'll feel like a hip fashionista. New from FFF is "Jolliet" (\$9.25, 50 grams, 47 yards / 88% nylon / 12% polyester), a satiny look ribbon with a multi-color center that results in a unique, ruffled appearance. Knitting has never been this much fun...

On-the-go knitters and crocheters need sturdy yet beautiful totes for take-along projects. We've just added ELIZABETH AUSTEN's fine collection of bags for you to get organized and get going. The bags are made with quality quilted fabrics in a variety of nine styles to meet your needs (cat & mouse print, city bag shown lower right). There are also matching accessory bags for cosmetics, jewelry, eyeglasses, and needles...

From working women across the country to Hollywood's biggest stars, knitting is back in a big, big way. Women -- and men -- are getting into the zone and rediscovering the meditative, curative, creative art of knitting with the definitive collector's edition DVD, "The Art of Knitting" (\$19.95) is the first DVD to open the doors to this wonderful needleart with a searchable, surfable, non-linear encyclopedia of knitting, with one-on-one knitting instruction from the world's top experts. This clear, visual, chaptered demonstration of the intricacies of knitting is far more effective than text-based books. Whether you're a beginner or an advanced knitter, you will learn new techniques that you can play over and over again. It will inspire you. The lesson on Continental purl alone is worth the price...



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

Undoubtedly the biggest fashion statement for the next few months is the return of the poncho. Our favorite pattern is LISA KNITS AC-005 Poncho Pizazz (\$4.00), knit in bulky weight yarn. Our gorgeous model is worked in colorful SKACEL COLLECTION self-stripping "Unikat" (\$25.50, 100 grams, 176 yards, 100% merino wool). ANN NORLING Pattern #62 Top-Down Poncho (\$3.95, shown upper right), provides instructions for five gauges, with the size determined by how long you work the shoulders, This pattern can be made for a child to a large adult, with easy instructions given for a turtleneck option. We recommend trying one in a chunky yarn such as CRYSTAL PALACE "Musique" (\$6.25, 50 grams, 65 yards, 45% acrylic / 40% wool / 15% cotton). This wool blend multi-color yarn with cotton accent knits with a soft hand and lovely texture. You may also add novelty yarn leftovers for color, added pizazz, and fringe. And for the kids, KNITTING PURE & SIMPLE Children's Poncho #243 (\$4.25) is a worsted weight cutie that can be knit with or without a hood. Ponchos are *the* "must have" accessory for next season, so it's time to get started...



Also new from Ann Norling is "Pointed Stocking Cap" pattern #61 (\$3.95) sized from child to adult in six gauges, so you can use whatever yarn you like for these very trendy caps. "Crib-Blanket-Afghan IV" Pattern #39 (\$3.50) features two designs, a ladder stitch and garter with yarn-overs, in three sizes. The pattern includes instructions and yardage in 5 gauges. Love those multi-gauge patterns from ANN NORLING...

Scarves are still very popular -- new on the scene are a variety of component yarns from CRYSTAL PALACE which offer an alternative to the traditional eyelash mixer. "Fling" (\$7.75, 50 grams, 130 yards, novelty spaced nylon paper and lurex) is a great "add-along" yarn to mix with just about any yarn to add extra effect, while being very light weight. The little iridescent lurex accent fibers add a little glimmer and glitz. "Squiggle" (\$7.75 solids, \$8.75 prints, 50 grams, 100 yards, 50% nylon / 50% polyester) is a novelty spaced eyelash that looks great in combination with CRYSTAL PALACE "Tingle" thick tweedy eyelash (\$7.25, 50 grams, 47 yards, 100% polyester).

Donna McGranahan of SKACEL COLLECTION tells us that the trend for fall/winter scarves is for long fringe, usually 12" long or more with multiple yarns and touches of glitz & metallic for eye-catching effects. These yarns already can be found on our shelves...

ELSEBETH LAVOLD Designer's Choice Book 2, "The Sentimental Journey Collection" (\$16.50, softcover), features 14 imaginative designs with variations. Elsebeth developed a new yarn, "Cotton Patine" (\$6.25, 50 grams, 121 yards, 100% combed cotton) with discreetly melanged colors, that has a lovely hand and textures beautifully. The sweaters in this collection are elegant, romantic designs sure to be cherished...



The cutest "find" at the knitting market is a charming line of patterns for intermediate and experienced knitters, sized infants to adults, KNITWHITS (\$4.75 each). "Flore" style #010-006, a layered petal DK design hat, shown at lower left, is one of many which can be found in its own binder with our latest arrivals. This looks great in CLASSIC ELITE "Provence" DK weight mercerized Egyptian cotton yarn. Several of the hats feature both traditional and felted versions...



***** COMING SOON TO OUR BOOKSHELF *****

A large selection of wonderful knitting books, calendars and gift sets are set to start arriving throughout the next few months. We will be glad to accept your advance orders and reserve a copy for you. We will have a limited supply of autographed copies in a few titles -- please check with us regarding titles and availability.

Expand your idea of what a scarf can be! *Scarf Style* (\$21.95, paperbound) by Pam Allen, editor of INTERWEAVE KNITS, is a collection of 31 elegant, whimsical, and ingenious scarves. Expect to be surprised: a timeless scarf that uses cables and stitch patterns, a "scarf" that functions as a pair of portable sleeves with a turtleneck, a delicate triangular shawl based on traditional Estonian lace patterns, and a deconstructed striped scarf held together with brightly colored bobbles. This book taps the expertise of more than 25 knitwear designers who offer new ways to think about this most basic of garments. We are honored that Kathy's zigzag cable & bobble designs, "Forbes State Forest" (shown above left) was chosen to be included. Although each scarf is an individual interpretation by the designers, when the scarves are considered together, they represent an exploration of techniques that provide new ways to think about knitting and crochet...

Knitting one-of-a-kind sweaters just got easier. With *The Knitter's Handy Book of Sweater Patterns* by Ann Budd (\$26.95, spiralbound), you can choose a style, a size, and a gauge, and you're on your way. The six most popular sweater constructions (drop shoulder, modified drop shoulder, set-in sleeve, saddle shoulder, raglan and seamless yoke) are presented with easy-to-follow, charted instructions. Each style comes in fifteen sizes from 26" to 54" chest circumference and in five gauges. If you're counting, that's 450 patterns. And, if you add the cardigan and neckline variations, edgings, waist shapings, and color & stitch patterns, you've got more than 1,500 design options! Detailed instructions for 18 sweaters are included along with an illustrated glossary of techniques. If knitting sweaters is your passion, this is your definitive resource...

THE SHOP ON BLOSSOM STREET by Debbie Macomber (\$19.95) was inspired by Debbie's love of knitting. The story brings four very different women together in a knitting class, where the bonds of friendship grow as they face crises in their lives. These women make unexpected discoveries, about themselves and each other, that lead to love, acceptance, laughter and dreams. Discoveries only women can share...

The new crochet is anything but square! Judith Schwartz re-envision this traditional handcraft with *Hip To Crochet* (\$19.95, papercover), featuring 23 fashion-savvy garments & chic home accessories. Crochet is showing up everywhere, and this book will get you hooked...

Handknits are hot and this book will fan the flames! *Hot Knits: 30 cool, fun designs to knit and wear* by Melissa Leapman (\$19.95, papercover) is a trendy sweater collection for fashion-conscious knitters with busy lifestyles. This modern mix features fun details such as ruffles, leather lacing, fringed borders, worked in the latest colors and textures in an exciting variety of yarns. This book offers a new slant on an age-honored craft...

***** SLIP STITCH KNITTING -- EASY, FAST, AND FASCINATING *****

Would you like to add texture and color to your knitting, but want to keep it simple? Beautiful effects can be achieved with slip-stitch patterns, when worked either in a solid color or in 2 or more colors. Stitches are slipped holding the yarn in front of the work (facing the knitter) or behind the work (away from the knitter). This is typically abbreviated as "wyif" (with yarn in front) or "wyib" (with yarn in back).

The resulting knitted fabric is denser and firmer than stockinette stitch, so select a knitting needle one or two sizes larger than you would when working the same yarn in stockinette stitch. Slip-stitch patterns tend to draw the rows in more tightly, so more rows will be needed to reach the desired length. Pay special attention to gauge -- do a swatch, wash or block it, and measure your work frequently to re-check.

***** KATHY'S SLIP STITCH HAT *****

SIZES: Child's small (child's medium/ large - adults' medium/large in parentheses)

FINISHED HEAD CIRCUMFERENCE: 16" (20" - 24")

MATERIALS: worsted weight yarn approx. 100 (150 - 200) yards; US size 5 and US size 8
16" circular knitting needles; US size 7 double-pointed needles (dpns) OR
SIZE NEED TO OBTAIN GAUGE

GAUGE: 5 sts = 1" with larger needles in slip stitch pattern, worked circularly
Rosehip Stitch Variation (multiple of 4, stitch shown lower left)

Round 1: K.

Rounds 2 & 3: *slip 1 purlwise wyib (with yarn in back), P3; repeat from * around.

Round 4: K.

Rounds 5 & 6: P2; *slip 1 purlwise wyib, P3; repeat from * around to last 2 sts, end slip 1
purlwise wyib, P1.

Repeat these 6 rounds for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: With smaller needles, cast on 80 (100 - 120) sts. Join; being careful not to twist stitches. Work in K1, P1 ribbing for 3 rounds. Work in K1, P3 ribbing until piece measures 1" (1.5" - 2"). Change to larger needles. Work in rosehip stitch until piece measures 5" (6" - 7") or desired length from beginning to crown.

Crown Shaping:

Round 1: *K8, K2tog (knit 2 together); repeat from * around: 70 (90 - 110) sts.

Round 2 and all even-numbered round: P.

Round 3: *K7, K2tog; repeat from * around: 60 (80 - 100) sts.

Round 5: *K6, K2tog; repeat from * around: 50 (70 - 90) sts.

Round 7: *K5, K2tog; repeat from * around: 40(60 - 80) sts.

Continue decreasing 10 sts every other round as established until 10 sts remain.

Last round: *K2tog; repeat from * around: 5 sts. Cut yarn. Run tail through remaining sts. Fasten off. Weave in ends. Add pompom or braid embellishment to top of crown.

VARIATIONS: Work in two or more colors -- one for the ribbing, K 1 round before starting slip-stitch pattern, alternate 2 or 3 colors in the slip stitch portion for stripes, work the crown with the same color used for the ribbing, use all colors in a pompom.

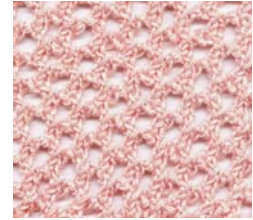


Experiment with your own colorway combinations and let us know what worked for you -- we love success stories! Please feel free to share this pattern with your knitting friends or use for charity knitting. Please do not use any portion of this pattern for commercial purposes or sell hats made from this pattern without permission of the designer.

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***** KNITTING TIPS *****

Delicate lace knitting is making a comeback. Before beginning your project with fingering weight yarn, Shanta Moitra recommends that you practice working the pattern stitch with a heavier weight yarn and larger needles to master the pattern and/or stitch chart. This will also save wear and tear on the project yarn, as re-knitting may be avoided. Of course, you will still need to swatch for gauge accurately with the project yarn. Jane Armstrong recommends that you place markers at the end of each pattern repeat -- this helps in troubleshooting missed yarnovers or decreases if the stitch count is incorrect. Thanks, Shanta & Jane!



Donna McGranahan of SKACEL COLLECTION shares this tip: "When working with chenille yarns, keep the smooth side of the pile towards you to control any problem with worming. Strip away fibers from the core of the strand and knot at the end to prevent shedding". Lisa Carnahan also tells us that you can get a fluffier outcome with thick eyelash yarns by working them against the pile. Thanks, Donna & Lisa!

Are you travelling, and forgot to pack scissors for take-along projects? No problem! Heather Kalidin uses the cutter on a dental floss container when scissors aren't available -- this works very well. Thanks, Heather!

If your bag or tote pattern calls for straps or handles made from the project yarn, make the handle first, then use up all the remaining yarn for the bag. This also applies to embellishing ponchos or scarves with fringe. Cut the desired amount of fringe before beginning the project. Kathy highly recommends that you place the strap, fringe, etc. in the bag with the project, so that it is accessible when you need it later...

***** JULY SCARF OF THE MONTH *****

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS: 5.5" X 54"

MATERIALS: SKACEL COLLECTION/STAHL "La Spezia" (50 grams, 121 yards) two balls;
US size 6 knitting needles OR SIZE NEEDED TO OBTAIN GAUGE

GAUGE: 4.75 sts / 6.25 rows = 1" after blocking

CAT'S EYE PATTERN (multiple of 4, shown upper right)

Row 1 (RS): K4; *yarn over (yo) twice, K4; repeat from * to end.

Row 2: P2; *P2tog (purl two together), (P1, K1) into double yo of previous row, P2tog; repeat from * to last 2 sts, P2.

Row 3: K2, yo; *K4, yo twice; repeat from * to last 6 sts, K4, yo, K2.

Row 4: P3; *(P2tog) twice, (P1, K1) into double yo; repeat from * to last 7 sts, (P2tog) twice, P3.

Repeat rows 1 - 4 for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 26 sts. K 5 rows for garter stitch edge.

Set up pattern: K3, work in cat's eye pattern across 20 sts, K3. Continue in pattern as established, keeping 3 sts at beg and end of every row for garter stitch edge, until piece measures approx. 53" or about 10 yards of yarn remains, end with row 4 of pattern. K 5 rows. Bind off all sts. Block lightly to measurements.

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***** PRIVATE KNITTING CLASSES *****

Lisa Carnahan will be available for private knitting lessons on the following days: Thursday, July 22, 2004, Monday, August 2, 2004 and Monday, August 16, 2004. Please call ahead to reserve your appointment time...

***** THE NEXT BIG CRAZE *****

Get ready for the hottest fashion trend for fall -- ponchos! We've come up with easy knitted and crocheted versions for your knitting pleasure. We have dozens of patterns coming in for ponchos -- choose a colorful yarn and get started early.

KNITTED PONCHO

SIZE: One size fits all

GAUGE: 5 sts / 7 rows = 1" with size 8 needles in stockinette stitch

MATERIALS: 1000 yards worsted weight yarn; US size 8 knitting needles; size I crochet hook

Easy Textured Pattern Stitch:

Rows 1 & 3 (RS): Knit.

Row 2: P1, *K1, P1; repeat from * across.

Row 4: Purl.

Repeat rows 1- 4 for pattern.

DIRECTIONS (make 2): Cast on 147 sts. P 1 row. Work in easy textured pattern stitch until piece measures approx. 16", end with pattern row 4. Bind off all sts. Sew bound-off edge of first half to side edge of other half, starting at first row. Sew bound-off edge of other half to side edge of first half. Edging and fringe is same as crocheted version.

CROCHETED VERSION

SIZE: One size fits all

MATERIALS: 1200 yards worsted weight yarn; size I crochet hook

GAUGE: 5 sts = 2"

DIRECTIONS (make 2): Chain 93.

Row 1: work 1 single crochet (sc) in 2nd chain from hook, 1 double crochet (dc) in next chain; * 1 sc in next chain, 1 dc in next chain, repeat from * across, chain 1, turn.

Row 2: * 1 sc in next dc, 1 dc in next sc, repeat from * across, chain 1, turn.

Repeat row 2. Continue until piece measures approximately 16". Sew last row of first half to side edge of other half, starting at first row. Sew last row of other half to side of first half.

EDGING FOR BOTH VERSIONS: Join yarn at neck edge.

Row 1: * Chain 1, 1 sc in next st; repeat from * around, pulling in slightly to fit, Join with slip stitch.

Row 2: *Chain 1, 1 sc in each chain -1 space, repeat from * around, dec 1 st at corners. Join with slip stich and faten off. Join yarn at lower edge, * chain 2, slip .5", 1 sc in stitch, repeat from * around. Join and fasten off.

FRINGE: Cut three 16" strands, or desired length for fringe. Fold in half and draw through space at lower edge with crochet hook. Draw ends through loop and tighten. Repeat in every loop. Trim.

******* UPCOMING CLASSES *******

“Life Beyond Scarves” with instructor Tracey Earhart Saturday, July 10, 2004, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm; Class fee \$10.00 plus supplies; pre-payment requested upon registration

Ready to move beyond simple scarf-making? In this hands-on workshop, Tracey will help you explore several trendy projects that will tempt all hip Fashionistas — even ones with beginner knitting skills — to develop their skills and progress onto other projects.



“Nancy’s Funky Patchwork Cardigan” with instructor Nancy Premoshis Saturday, August 14, 2004, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm; class fee \$20.00 plus supplies; pre-payment requested upon registration

Modular knitting and patchwork techniques are popping up in all the latest magazines. Learn Nancy P’s how-to’s for making a custom-fit cardigan styled just for you! The patches are knitted together as you go to get a patchwork look without sewing them together. Based on the creative colorwork techniques of Valentina Devine, this class includes a pattern for you own unique creation of rectangles and strips with clever embellishments, including a holiday sweater. You will need approximately 1700 yards of worsted weight yarn in a variety of coordinating colors.

“Working With Fancy Yarns” with instructor Nancy Caldwell Saturday, July 31, 2004 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm; class fee \$10.00 plus supplies; pre-payment requested upon registration

Learn Nancy’s secrets for working fun summer accessories with novelty yarns. Choice of project will be fancy flip flops or a ponytail scrunchie (patterns and yarns not included in class fee; please bring your own flip flops). Let’s knit!

Private knitting lessons are also available by appointment during business hours. Students may pre-register for these events by call Kathy’s K creations at 724-238-9320 or e-mail at kathy@kathys-kreations.com Class supplies are not included in the cost of registration. No refunds will be given unless cancellation is made 48 hours prior to class, or in the event of inclement weather. Classes without a minimum of four students may be subject to cancellation or postponement at the discretion of the instructor.

******* FUN FRIDAYS *******

Escape for a knitting break — it’s **Fun Friday with instructor Joyce Bischoff!** Please join us in our classroom area on **Friday, July 30, 2004; Friday, August 27, 2004, and Friday, September 10, 2004 from 10 am - 2 pm**, for a fun-filled day of knitting comradery. Joyce will be here to answer your questions and provide expert knitting assistance. There is no charge to attend, but please call ahead to let us know you will be coming. Please bring your knitting, a snack or lunch if you wish, a folding chair if you’ve got one, and your sense of humor.

There is quite a bit happening here at Kathy’s K creations. We’ve doubled our space and added more shelving, more products, more natural lighting, and more exciting stuff for your knitting pleasure. We’ve got the latest yarns, patterns, and accessories for all warm weather occasions -- from daytime casual resort to glitzy dressed-up evening. We’ve got expert customer service (mail order and in-store) and can provide top-notch instruction from certified teachers & all the how-to’s to keep you knitting to your heart’s content. Keep those needles clicking and have a great July!

Kathy

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