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JULY 2020 UPDATE



Dear Stitchers,

Maybe it's the longer days, but the best part of summer for us is taking life with a little more relaxed pace. It makes our mood sunny and bright. That applies to our knitting and crocheting too. Sometimes, the best summer moments can occur when time slows down, and we can happily stitch away in the casual stillness of our own back yard. Put your feet up, pour another glass of iced tea, savor a cool breeze and cast on. It's where good things happen!

Taking a moment to enjoy what we love most about summer is what inspired the design choices in our latest gathering of beautiful yarns, tools and project ideas. This collection will intentionally allow you to discover your own unique stitching journey with an exciting new pattern, your favorite fiber or a happy colorway. Discover your next favorite project to love and knit or crochet throughout the summer season. Thanks for shopping here and allowing us to be part of your indulgent "kick back and relax" low-key time. Easy, breezy summertime -- oh, yes!

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*** GREAT NEW STUFF ***

Summer is all about dialing-it-down! The sunny season is in full swing, which has us in the mood for something fun to wear and easy to make! That's why, this month, we are featuring our favorite designs and coolest fibers. Add balance and harmony to your wardrobe with our collection of classic sweaters and tops inspired by the logical, straightforward rhythm of knitting. Knit or crochet the summer of your dreams with fabulous and elegant patterns. Lacy details and statement sleeves make knits that are perfect for every summer outing. Enjoy our easy-going pieces that embrace simplicity and harmony in every line. From breezy summer evenings to bright and sunny days, you'll find shawls, cover-ups, tees and more. Here's what's new, what's now...

April 1st marked our 40th year in business, our "ruby" anniversary. Unfortunately, due to virus concerns, we were unable to celebrate at that time. So, we cordially invite you to join us for the "Ten Best Days of Summer" July 31 - August 9, 2020 for our delayed event. Kathy Zimmerman has designed the "Anniversary Scarf" (\$5.00, shown upper left, modeled by the lovely Julie Jones) to commemorate the occasion. Kathy chose DREAM IN COLOR "Cosette DK" (\$33.50, 4 ounces, 270 yards, 70% superwash merino / 20% cashmere / 10% nylon, CYCA #3) for this project. DREAM hand dyed this colorway called *Ruby On Main and the Diamond* for us exclusively, and it is also available on single-ply fingering weight base "Jilly Cashmere" (\$32.50, 4 ounces, 440 yards, 70% superwash merino/20% cashmere/10% nylon, CYCA #2).

We are also pleased to introduce local indie dyer Stacey Rivers' hand-dyed yarns, RIVERRAT YARNS. Stacey will be here throughout our "Ten Best Days of Summer" celebration, so stop by for a Meet & Greet! Her yarns are amazing -- ask to see our Kathy's Kreations celebration colorway...

New shades of WONDERLAND YARNS/ FRABJOUS FIBERS "Queen of Hearts" have arrived (\$32.50, 4 ounces, 410 yards, 80% superwash merino/10% cashmere/10% nylon, CYCA #2). This delightfully fit-for-royalty luxurious adornment soft blend fingering weight yarn can be used to make amazing shawls, accessories or wondrous "treat for your feet" socks. Hand-dyed yarns have subtle variations in colors that are natural and vary from skein to skein. New colorways are Sleeping Gyrphon, Contrariwise and Ireland from the De-Stitch Nation tour collection...

URTH YARNS "Uneek Cotton" (\$26.50, 100 grams, 275 yards, 100% mercerized cotton, CYCA #3) is a hand-dyed self-striping mercerized cotton in rich colors perfect for any maker's projects! This beautiful yarn is offered in a range of vibrant hues to calming earth tones guaranteed to give any project a "Uneek" look! For project ideas, think summer tops, scarves and shawls. For a limited time, get a free pattern with purchase of this yarn for an easy knitted or crocheted (your choice) shawllette that uses just one skein!

You will love the new DREAM IN COLOR Sock-It! Club sock sets (\$36.50, photo of the July club selection shown lower right). Now through November, we will be featuring bright, fun dip-dyed (so it stripes!) "Smoochy" sock yarn with a contrasting 100 yard heel-toe mini-skein. Sock knitting is very popular, especially in the summer months, when socks make the perfect portable project! DREAM IN COLOR's passion is to keep knitters and crocheters delighted by offering a full range of long-wearing, oh-so-soft yarns custom milled in North America and dyed to order. They are almost two decades in the industry and continue to create new and awe-inspiring colors for your everyday inspiration...



*** MORE GREAT NEW STUFF ***

EMMA'S YARN latest colorway *Mermaid Tavern* is a fun shade that will soon be here on base "Practically Perfect Sock" (\$26.95, 100 grams, 400 yards, 100% superwash merino, CYCA #2). This shade will make a cool pair of socks or a beautiful, drapery shawl with excellent stitch detail -- both projects will make great take-along stitching...



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Here are some words of advice from TAHKI YARNS: "We're finally in heat wave season and it's time to break out the best of our tees and tanks. When looking for a good hot weather outfit, we like to find pieces crafted from a lightweight 100% cotton yarn". We echo this sentiment and are featuring some of our favorite tees, vests and tanks this month. *Circles Vest* (\$6.50, Ravelry Pro download, shown page 7, lower left) is a button-front sleeveless vest worked in one piece from the bottom up. This vest incorporates a deep V-neck, empire waist accented with the "circles" pattern, and curved front hems. Waist shaping decreases and increases, worked just before and after the waistband, flow into the "circles" pattern. Since the vest is worked even to the waistband, the vest length can be easily changed. Set-in pockets are accented with the "circles" pattern and finished with a ribbed edge, armholes and garment edges are also finished with the ribbed bands. Worked in a cotton like TAHKI "Cotton Classic" (\$7.50, 50 grams, 108 yards, 100% mercerized cotton, CYCA #3) or cotton/wool blend like BERROCO "Arno" (\$12.50, 50 grams, 159 yards, 57% cotton/43% merino wool), this garment can be worn year-round...

It seems like summer has just gotten here, but you will want to start early to be ready for sweater weather and beyond. BERROCO recently introduced its exciting new fall line up, with mohair and mohair carry-alongs having a moment. Here are the new yarns which will be arriving soon:

- *Tiramisu* (\$12.50, 50 grams, 137 yards, 38% wool/28% acrylic/23% superkid mohair/11% silk, CYCA #4) : If you married the beautiful color flow of *Millefiori* with the softness and halo of mohair like our new *Aerial*, you get *Tiramisu*. This is a light worsted weight wool, acrylic, mohair and silk blend. Colors flow from brights to darks to make a beautiful self-striping fabric.
- *Artesia* (\$30.50, 100 grams, 475 yards, 40% alpaca/40% kid mohair/20% nylon, CYCA 5): This new chunky weight yarn is a blend of alpaca, kid mohair and nylon. Create accessories and garments that are soft, fuzzy and light with this unique hand dyed yarn. Use by itself or held together with another BERROCO classic workhorse yarn like "Ultra Wool" (\$12.50, 100 grams, 219 yards, 100% superwash wool, CYCA #4), "Sesame" or "Arno".
- *Aerial* (\$12.50, 25 grams, 284 yards, 65% superkid mohair/35% silk, CYCA #3, shown lower left): Airy and light, this new mohair and silk lace blend is a perfect yarn to carry along with any BERROCO basic yarn to give a soft halo to any project.
- *Coco* (\$20.50, 100 grams, 77 yards, 100% superwash merino wool, CYCA #6): Quickly make fun projects with this super-bulky weight yarn! BERROCO *Coco* is a crimped-look 100% superwash merino wool dyed with splashes of color for fast and fabulous projects.
- *Millefiori Light Luxe* (\$15.50, 100 grams, 350 yards, 50% acrylic/43% wool/6% nylon/1% other fiber, CYCA #3): Our *Millefiori Light Luxe* is just that subtle kiss of glam that you can give to all your favorite *Millefiori Light* projects (like our "Adriana" poncho on display). Colors ebb and flow in the *Millefiori Light* shimmer and shine yarn that you already love, but with a little sparkle. This subtle self-striping sport weight yarn is perfect for summer projects too, as well as trans-seasonal dressing later.



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*** JULY 2020 KNIT-ALONG (KAL) ***

We all love to knit something just a little lacy in the summer. Our knitting friend Ann P recently told us about one of her favorite patterns, *Paris By Day* from BAAH YARNS (\$6.00 Ravelry Pro download). She is so enthralled with it that she has made three so far, and has just cast on a fourth! This pattern is perfect for the intermediate knitter who is proficient with K2tog, ssk, and yarn overs. The shawl uses three skeins of fingering weight yarn -- try a cashmere blend for extra softness, loft and drape.

This is a one-size-fits-all rectangular stole with the flexibility of adding length by adding another skein of yarn. We are once again holding Friday knit alongs in the shop with limited RSVP occupancy, asking you to please mask up (face covering over mouth and nose), practice social distancing and use hand sanitizer. If you are unable to join us in person, we invite you to follow us on the Ravelry July 2020 shop thread at "We Love Kathy's" and like/follow us on Facebook at Kathy's Kreations Ligonier, PA...

*** PENNSYLVANIA ROAD TRIP MYSTERY SHAWL KNIT-ALONG CONTINUES ***

A fun knit-along among PA yarn shops (and beyond) kicked off on Saturday, April 25, 2020 and runs through the end of August! Your "tour guides" are Cynthia Spencer of REALLY CLEAR DESIGNS / STITCH YOUR ART OUT and her techy friend Valerie Reed who have designed an exciting shawl that you can combine with retail therapy by visiting local yarn shops as health safety concerns permit! They are both experienced knitters with a love of beautiful yarn, local yarn shops, and the wonderful community of people that share our love of knitting. They have decided to take inspiration from the things they have seen and experienced while living and traveling in their home state of Pennsylvania to make a stunning shawl with a variety of stitch patterns. Every stitch pattern they've included is inspired by a shape or pattern or color they've seen in the beauty that surrounds us all.

So far, we have virtually "armchair visited" the following PA locales with the first 3 legs of our journey and were inspired by: either Centre Hall or State College, Bedford or Fallingwater, the Pittsburgh National Aviary or Presque Isle State Park, Erie.

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

PLEASE NOTE: CLASS IS SCHEDULED TENTATIVELY AND WILL BE DEPENDENT ON HEALTH SAFETY CONCERNS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF PA DEPT OF HEALTH

Our continuing knitting class series based on books by Michelle Hunter and taught by instructor Karen McCullough continue. Take your knitting to the next level with new skills. *Building With Lace* is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 7, 2020; 9:30 am - 12:30 pm** and focuses on *Pattern Both Sides*. Lace fabric falls into two categories -- lace knitting or knitted lace. Decreases and increases must function together as pairs and remain in the correct placement and ratio to form the pattern. With knitted lace, decreases and increases are worked on both sides of the fabric. To maintain a visually consistent decrease line on the right side of the fabric, the decreases on the wrong side of the fabric must follow the same slant. Karen will demonstrate both left-leaning and right-leaning decreases. Class registration is \$20.00 for the class plus purchase of book and yarn from Kathy's Kreations.

AND, improve your knitting skills one square at a time with *Building Blocks*, designed to help knitters navigate through major knitting techniques and principles. The recommended yarn is HIKOO "Simpliworsted", a lovely blend of superwash merino and premium acrylic/nylon that is very soft and durable. We continue the lessons by learning *Left Twist*. Twists are extremely popular in Aran-style knitting and are incorporated into cable designs ranging from basic to very intricate patterns. Learning to execute a Left Twist opens the door to many gorgeous details. The class is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 7, 2020, from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**. Registration fee is \$15.00 plus purchase of book and yarn from Kathy's Kreations...

*** PINEAPPLE SUNSHINE CAKE ***

Our Friday knit alongs have resumed within limited capacity social distancing guidelines, with masks, hand sanitizer and frequent cleaning of hard surfaces. But, the good news is that we are safely getting together in a small group for this "new normal". Kathy baked a celebration cake to welcome back the group!



INGREDIENTS

CAKE: 1 box golden butter or yellow cake mix
4 eggs
1/2 cup vegetable oil
one 8 oz. can crushed pineapple with juice

FROSTING: one 8 oz. container Cool Whip, thawed
one small box instant vanilla pudding
one 8 oz. can crushed pineapple with juice

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 13" X 9" pan with cooking spray.
2. In a large bowl, combine cake mix, eggs, oil, and one can of crushed pineapple with the juice. Mix well.
3. Pour into prepared baking pan and bake for 25 - 30 minutes, or until toothpick inserted into center of cake comes out clean. Allow to cool completely on a wire rack.
4. In a medium size bowl, fold together whipped topping, vanilla pudding, and one can crushed pineapple with juice. Spread over top of cooled cake. Enjoy!

Gleaned from Pinterest, justeasyrecipe.blogspot.com

*** "KATHY'S 'WE ARE' BLANKET" ***

We are hopeful that sports will resume again soon, and that college kids will be able to return to campuses again. It's time to show our team spirit. Kathy has designed a quick knit throw in a doubled strand of bulky weight yarn for upcoming kick-offs and send-offs (photo lower right). Choose your favorite team's two shades and finish it off with a neutral border.

FINISHED MEASUREMENT: approximately 50" wide X 64" long

YARN: 9 skeins EACH in 2 colors PLYMOUTH YARN "Forget Me Not" (100 grams, 136 yards, 100% cotton, CYCA #5); 2 skeins in contrasting color for border
shown in navy (A) color 10, white (B) color 1 and gray (C) color 5

ACCESSORIES: US size 13 (9.00 mm) circular knitting needle 40" length; US Size M (9.00 mm) crochet hook for border; tapestry needle for weaving in ends

GAUGE: 10-1/2 stitches / 13 rows = 4" in Irish moss pattern stitch with US size 13 knitting needles; TAKE TIME TO SAVE TIME, CHECK YOUR GAUGE

NOTES: Blanket body is worked back & forth with two strands of yarn, one each color A & B. A long circular needle is used to accommodate stitches. Border is worked in single crochet with two strands of color C.

DIRECTIONS

Holding one strand each color A & B, cast on 130 stitches with long tail method or technique of choice. Work in Irish Moss pattern as follows (photo lower right):

Set-Up Row (WS): *P1, k1; repeat from * across.

Row 1: *P1, k1; repeat from * across.

Row 2: *K1, p1; repeat from * across.

Row 3: *K1, P1; repeat from * across.

Row 4: *P1, k1; repeat from * across.

Repeat rows 1 - 4 for pattern until piece measures 62" or desired length, ending with row 2 or 4. Bind off all stitches with a stretchy bind-off.

BORDER: With two strands C, work single crochet around all edges of blanket, working 3 single crochet stitches into each corner. Fasten off.



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Friday, July 31 "Michelle Hunter" Day
Saturday, August 1 "Kathy Zimmerman" Day
Sunday, August 2 "Churchmouse Classics" Day
Monday, August 3 "Casapinka" Day
Tuesday, August 4 "Joji Locatelli" Day
Wednesday, August 5 "HiKoo" Day
Thursday, August 6 "Dream In Color" Day
Friday, August 7 "Emma's Yarn" Day
Saturday, August 8 "Berroco Yarn" Day
Sunday, August 9 "Manos Del Uruguay" Day

It's ten fun fiber-filled days featuring

- door prize drawing -- enter with your purchase
- our special "Ruby On Main and The Diamond" yarn colorway from DREAM IN COLOR
- free knit or crochet pattern with purchase
- a small giveaway item with purchase
- free Kathy's Kreations tote bag with your purchase of \$100 or more (while supplies last)

Stacey Rivera of RiverRat Yarns will be on hand every day for a "Meet & Greet". We will be featuring her gorgeous hand-dyed yarns (shown lower right), including a colorway hand-dyed just for Kathy's Kreations ruby 40th anniversary celebration!

About Stacey Rivera: "Wanting to be an artist started when I was just a child, ever since I can remember, creating art was the only thing I ever loved to do! Being an artist was all I ever wanted and it was what inspired me every day!

I've been interested in many different art mediums. I like to draw, sculpt, paint, knit, design yarn, stamp, scrap, collage, mix media. It was not until I was in my early thirties that I truly realized that above all other arts, painting was my true calling. In my forties dyeing yarn called to me, taking the painting to a whole new medium... yarn and as always, doing what you love every day is a true blessing.

As an artist and a wife of a United States Marine, I gather inspiration from the situations I've lived and experienced, expressing them through my paintings, drawing and works of art."



*** SAVE THE DATES -- EVERYTHING HAS RE-SCHEDULED OR CHANGED! ***

Recent events surrounding the COVID-19 virus has required the postponement or rescheduling of important in-person fiber events (Pittsburgh Knit & Crochet / Creative Arts Festival and Knitter's Day Out). Ligonier has currently moved to the green phase of re-opening with many shops now able to have in-person shopping once again, still keeping yellow guidelines please (must wear masks covering nose and mouth, social distancing 6 feet apart, hand sanitizer before shopping, restrictions on in-store capacity, and other health safety guides). Here's the updated calendar for the summer...



- Many of us are knitting along on the Pennsylvania Road Trip Mystery Shawl KAL (knit along) which continues throughout the summer -- see <https://roadtripmystery.com/> Everyone participating is in varying stages of this beautiful project. We're so glad to have this knitting diversion and look forward to receiving more clues! Leg 4 had us armchair traveling into the woods at Galeton or stargazing at Cherry Springs State Park in Coudersport, while Leg 5 took us to the railroad tracks of Scranton or the national recreation area waterfalls of the Delaware Water Gap. Join us now -- it's not too late! The clues and fun continue through the end of August...
- LIGONIER COUNTRY MARKET is open on Saturday mornings and is expanding! Due to overwhelming requests, there will be a LIGONIER NIGHT MARKET ON THE DIAMOND from 5 pm - 8 pm on **Thursdays July 16, August 20, September 17 and October 15, 2020**. What does this mean for our customers? Kathy's Kreations **WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 8:00 PM** on those evenings as well! We were thrilled to see Enrico's Biscotti and the Out Of The Fire food trucks in front of our business block on East Main Street. The event was well-attended within social distancing guidelines, and this was a fun evening out in Ligonier...
- SUMMER IN LIGONIER ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW on the Diamond is going forward in a modified way on **Friday July 17 and Saturday, July 18, 2020**. Enjoy arts, crafts, merchants sidewalk sales, kids activities, balloon artists, face painting, kettle corn and more! Kathy's Kreations sidewalk sale will be indoors where the a/c keeps it at a cool 68 degrees for your shopping pleasure. We will have a large selection of clearance yarns, plus a bargain bin featuring vintage patterns for 50 cents each and books for \$1.00 each...
- KATHY'S KREATIONS delayed 40th anniversary celebration will be held **July 31- August 9, 2020** -- it's the ten best days of summer! The Steel Valley Yarn Crawl may have been cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns (next year's dates July 30 - August 8, 2021), but we are going forward with plans for a birthday bash with door prizes, our special "Ruby On Main and The Diamond" yarn colorway from DREAM IN COLOR and free pattern & a small giveaway item with purchase. See page 6 for a schedule of planned events...
- **LYS DAY Saturday, September 12, 2020** We appreciate our customer support and hope that you will visit us on this special day, while observing appropriate health safety guidelines. More about this special event in our upcoming August newsletter...



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- It is with disappointment that we report the following in-person events have been cancelled due to COVID-19 health safety concerns: Pittsburgh Knit & Crochet / Creative Arts Festival in late August, Knitter's Day Out in late September, and Fort Ligonier Days October 9 - 11, 2020. There is a possibility that Ligonier merchants will be able to go forward with sidewalk sales, which may be held indoors in a limited way...



*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

Your safety and well-being are our utmost concern. All in-shop events are slowly resuming in compliance with the extended social distancing guidelines. We are limiting the number of attendees at our Friday knit-alongs, so please call ahead for space availability. Please check in with our Facebook page (Kathy's Kreations; Ligonier, PA) and Instagram (#kathyknitz) for updated information. In the meantime, we are planning an exciting upcoming future event, Fall Fling! Here are the details:

*** FALL FLING WEEKEND 2020 ***

Kathy's Kreations invites you to join us our 11th annual "Fall Fling" Knitting Workshop Weekend, to be held **October 2 - 4, 2020**, hosted by Kathy Zimmerman. We are delighted to announce that TKGGA-certified Master Knitter and Technical Editor, Kathy Erhard of Export, PA will be our featured instructor (Kathy's photo upper left).

CLASS DESCRIPTION

Kathy will be teaching a nine-hour knitting workshop at the Ramada Inn in historic Ligonier, PA, with the topic *Twisted Knitting*. Travel back in time to 18th century Europe, to a valley located on the border of Austria and Germany, where the knitting tradition known as Twisted-Stitch Knitting was born. Resembling cables, Twisted-Stitch patterns comprise twisted knit stitches traveling diagonally across a purl background to create a captivatingly textured fabric.

In this class, you will learn about the origin and history of this tradition, characteristics of and methods for creating the stitches, and swatch several different stitch patterns. Traditional twisted-stitch patterns are represented graphically. This class takes a look at both historical representations of stitch patterns as well as current methods. You will learn all the skills you need to knit any charted twisted-stitches pattern, however, the *Bavarian Byways Beanie* project (shown page 8, lower right), which we will cast on and work in class, contains both written and charted instructions.

WEEKEND DETAILS

The weekend package includes an after-hours Soup & Sliders party and special shopping time at Kathy's Kreations (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 (includes yarn for class project).

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, and the workshop is already more than half-filled. Please e-mail or call Kathy at 724-238-9320 for more information.

Private knitting and crocheting lessons are once again available by appointment within protocol now that we are in the green phase, but are still limited. Kathy's Kreations has been the helpful hands of experienced knitting for over 40 years!

Shopping for someone else but not sure what to give them? Give them the gift of choice with a Kathy's Kreations gift card! Keep knitting and crocheting!

Kathy

