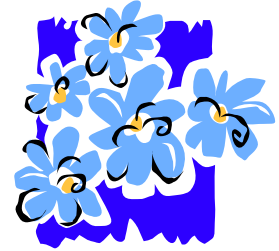


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JUNE 2019 UPDATE



Dear Stitchers,

There's no place like summer! Finally, we can enjoy the golden sun, the warm air, and a more leisurely pace. It's time to move from "cozy" to "airy" and boost your summer mood by embracing brilliant, vivid color palettes. We love the easy, breezy vibe of June!

Chances are that you are more on-the-go as the months heat up. Focus on smaller, more portable projects like pullover shawls and socks. They provide an opportunity to learn new stitches, discover a new skill, or experiment with new types of knitting needles or crochet hooks.

Current shawl designs embrace multi-colored, multi-textured patterning. We're seeing quite a few patterns combining three complimentary tonal shades. Join us for a fun knit-along this month with your choice of two lovely tri-color shawl patterns. Pick and pair shades for a unique, one-of-a-kind wrap. This season's hottest looks are about having fun and showing off your individual style.

A steady trend for several seasons, athleisure has taken a turn towards chic with its latest variations: mesh, lace and netting. The "crafty aesthetic" is also a big trend this season, as well as embellished knits and yarn wall art (an alternative fun summer project). *Flowing fringe* (aka the "fringe" factor) is popular once again. Add a feminine touch to your summer wardrobe by fringing a delicate stole or the lower edge of a vest. Don't forget about your outdoor space -- knit or crochet some cotton placemats for al fresco dining on the deck.

Let's greet the new season with a relaxed attitude and some lighter weight knit and crochet take-along projects like airy scarves, cool cotton tees, snazzy socks, and, the most popular of all, simply sensational shawls!

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*** GREAT NEW STUFF ***

Summer's here -- kick back, relax and bask in the fun of a new stitching project with warmer weather in mind! Summer knitting and crocheting offer an opportunity to explore new techniques and colors, and to experiment with lighter yarns and airy lace patterns. It's the perfect time to refresh your wardrobe with some bright and vibrant pieces like a dainty shawl or drapery sweater that reflect the "easy living" essence of summer. Natural fibers like cotton, linen and silk are always on our needles, especially as the days grow longer, sunnier and warmer. These fibers retain their structure and shape without pilling, and soften with every wash and wear. No wonder we love them so much!

The crisp, cool hand of linen makes for projects that are comfortable to wear, no matter the temperature. "Linen Stonewash" (\$10.50, 50 grams, 137 yards, 100% linen, CYCA #3, shown upper left) is a chainette construction yarn from BERROCO YARNS that is dyed with a unique process that lends a stone-washed effect in a sophisticated, muted palette. The chainette breaks up the normal new linen stiffness and creates a gentle sheen to the yarn that you'll love. The resulting fabric is lightweight, full of drape and is ideal for lace and texture. A lovely heathered look gives "Linen Stonewash" a rustic feel that will charm and delight crocheters and knitters alike...

Linen lovers are also enamored with UNIVERSAL / FIBRA NATURA "Flax" (\$8.00, 50 grams, 137 yards, 100% linen, CYCA #3). This is a versatile yarn suitable for home decor and wonderfully wearable garments. It is available in a wide range of solid shades and softens beautifully with each trip through the washing machine. It is a favorite choice for SKNITSB *Twisted* (\$6.50, shown lower right), a reversible rectangular top with a twist, literally. The linen gives it a divine drape...

What do you get when you combine the short staple fiber of extremely high quality merino wool sheep with the fine, soft downy wool undergrowth produced by the cashmere goat, then add just a bit of premium nylon for strength and luster? The answer is DREAM IN COLOR's "Smoochy with Cashmere" and "Cosette DK" (see photo page 8, upper left). These yarns are yummy in your hands and even nicer to wear. New shades of both are here, perfect for summertime shawls...

Looking for that special yarn? It's looking for you, too! Nothing says summer like cool cotton tees. Our favorite cotton is BERROCO "Pima 100" (\$10.50, 100 grams, 219 yards, 100% pima cotton, CYCA #4) which has a nice twist that provides gorgeous stitch definition. This light worsted weight yarn is perfect for warm-weather garments including tops, cardigans and pullovers...

Our friends at TAHKI YARNS tell us: "Classic textured tees and tanks are spring and summer staples. Ideally quick and enjoyable to knit, warm weather tops should also aim for a timeless sense of style that is universally flattering and easy to accessorize". Tap into that joyful stitching simplicity that we all love, and let a colorful yarn be the star of your sweater. "Tandem" is a wonderful multi-colored yarn with chainette structure that doesn't take away from the stitch patterning. It features a beguiling matte-sheen texture, revealing an inner shine that catches and releases the light. In a blend of cotton, viscose, nylon and acrylic, it's perfect for breezy summer tops and vibrant accessories like our *Willow* short sleeved cascading-front jacket...



*** MORE GREAT NEW STUFF ***

HiKOO "Kenzington" (\$24.50, 100 grams, 208 yards, 60% New Zealand merino wool / 25% nylon / 10% alpaca / 5% silk noils, CYCY #4) is an Aran weight, woolen chainette yarn with generous yardage which creates a springy, lightweight yarn. With amazing stitch definition and subtle tweediness, it will add a hint of texture to both simple and more complex stitch patterns. This yarn is featured in the beautiful *Equilibrium Loop Pattern* provided by SKACEL on page 7 (shown upper right)...



Need to add additional cords to your LYKKE interchangeable needle set? A shipment has arrived and we have sizes 20" - 24" - 32" - 40" - 47" and 60" available (\$3.50 each)...

Imagining all the wonderful possibilities in one beautiful skein of yarn is the core thrill of a new knitting project. A fabulous yarn calls out to you. A gorgeous color in a wonderful fiber leaves you almost breathless. A design idea helps you to put it all together, with the wheels of your imagination turning. Here are some of our favorite project picks for summertime stitching full of possibilities for your consideration:

- *Architexture* (\$5.00, Ravelry Pro download): Master the art of accessorizing with this design from one of our favorite designers, Jennifer Weissman. It is a fully reversible rectangular scarf with pointed ends. It is a collection of textures that enhance one another -- made all the more striking because they are knitted on the bias. The frequent changes in stitch pattern keep the project engaging from beginning to end. Although the pattern calls for fingering-weight yarn, sport and DK weight yarns would work beautifully too. So choose a lovely solid or semi-solid that will show off the variety of textures, and enjoy yourself as this elegant scarf takes shape in your hands. Our sample was knit by Shawn Sweeney in a stunning shade of DREAM IN COLOR "Jilly", a perfect choice...
- *Find Your Fade* (\$7.00, Ravelry Pro download): This stunning wrap from Andrea Mowry of DREA RENEE KNITS started the "fade" craze. "Starting at a single point and growing, shifting and fading into a piece that begs to be wrapped up in. This asymmetrical triangle shawl uses some clever increasing and decreasing, combined with relaxing garter stitch and simple lace so that you have a fun-to-knit canvas to play with mixing colors on! This shawl is all about making it your own. Let your creativity shine!" Our shop sample was knit by Kathy with DREAM IN COLOR "Jilly" and MAD TOSH "Tosh Merino Light". Kathy recommends that you choose two or three complimentary colors, begin your project, then bring your project into the shop to use as a "swatch" to help in selecting the next color rather than choosing all colors at once. Let the "swatch" speak and direct you as you go!
- *Diagonal Lace Scarf & Wrap* (\$6.50): *CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS* are our go-to patterns and this easy-to-knit, elegant scarf will provide lightweight coziness indoors or out, for cool evenings in sunny places. It's the perfect accessory and can be worked as a scarf with fingering weight yarn or as a wrap in sport weight yarn...
- *Tea Leaf Lace Scarf & Shawl* (\$8.50): Another *CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS* perennial favorite! Encouraging for new lace knitters and relaxing for seasoned lace knitters, this stitch is fairly simple and the clues in the knitting are quite easy to read. This simple rectangle can be styled in so many ways. Wear the shawl around your shoulders or as a lavish scarf, long, knotted or wrapped...



Amazing Day (\$5.00): When our friend Donna G shared her version of this stunning shawl, we were mesmerized. The combination of garter stitch, short rows and eyelet rows from designer JOJI LOCATELLI can create varied results. However, this shawl always guarantees that you'll have a good time knitting. Enjoy working away on this simple and fun project...



*** JUNE 2019 KNIT ALONG ***

We took an informal poll among our Friday knit-along friends, but they couldn't decide on just one project for our June KAL, so we are featuring two equally stunning choices. *Riotous*, a design by Jessica Correa for the 2019 LYS Day, is now available as a Ravelry Pro download (\$5.00, shown upper left). This shawl celebrates DREAM IN COLOR yarns and features "Smooshy with Cashmere". Designed for a 3-color fade, this shawl would be stunning knit up with a set of co-ordinating colors...

Originally designed for a mystery KAL, *Yours Truly Summer* designed by Michelle C. Meadows (free on Ravelry, shown lower right) is presented in a four-clue format for anyone wishing to enjoy the element of surprise. Create lasting memories by choosing one skein each in three colorways of fingering yarn from our large selection -- select shades that you feel drawn to and that remind you of a perfect summer day...

Join us for fun knitting every Friday during June 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 June 2019 shop thread at "We Love Kathy's"...

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

Colorwork can seem like a challenging task, but, luckily, instructor Karen McCullough will introduce you to a wonderful new knitting technique each month with panels from Michelle Hunter's *Building In Color* book. Don't worry about jumping in late -- it is never too late for the color series. Join Karen on **Tuesday, June 4, 2019, 10:00 am - 12 noon** to learn *Tuck Stitch*. The Tuck Stitch is a dropped-stitch technique used to create many lovely designs. Intentionally dropping and unraveling a stitch may seem a bit daunting at first, but have no fear -- the pattern will have you picking up dropped stitches like a pro! Work the classic Tri-Color Blister stitch panel from either text or chart form. These are fabulous skills to add to your bag of color knitting tricks, as this concept can be used to repair accidentally dropped stitches in future projects. Registration fee is \$10 per class plus materials.

Knitting, and knitted lace in particular, has its own language. To understand it, it helps to have an expert to guide you through the terminology and technical how-to's. In the *Building With Lace* series, join our instructor Kathy Erhard as she demonstrates lace skills and work along to make your own gorgeous sampler shawl as a wearable showcase of your skills. Our next class is scheduled for **June 8, 2019 from 9:00 am - 12 noon** at Kathy's Kreations and will be held on a Saturday morning of each month from **June through November**. It's not too late to join the group and take your lace skills from casual to experienced as the series continues!

This month, the lace patterns in Michelle Hunter's *Building With Lace* shawl adds a dramatic beaded accent. The open structure of lace knitting creates the ideal platform for beading. Embellishing the fabric with these little gems is not only fun to do, but also can change the appearance of the work in a beautiful manner. A traditional shetland lozenge pattern with a modern twist was the inspiration for this lesson. With a light sprinkling of beads, it's appropriately placed as the centerpiece of the shawl. The pattern introduces the left-leaning decrease technique as well. Students are using the gorgeous HiKOO by Skacel "Rylie" (50% baby alpaca/25% mulberry silk/25% linen) yarn, so see Kathy Z for this yarn or a suitable substitute and bring a size 5 (3.75 mm) 24" circular needle. Knitters can knit with confidence with "Rylie" as stitches stay in place if accidentally dropped off the needle. Fee is \$20 per class. Call 724-238-9320 to register...



*** CLASSES (con't.) ***

Spirals of cascading traveling stitches and a contrasting cuff, toe, and afterthought heel give **Falling Dominoes Socks** their eye-catching appeal (shown lower right). Join instructor Kathy Erhard on **Saturday, June 8, 2019** from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm at Kathy's Kreations to learn how to make these fun socks. Please see Kathy Z. for the DREAM IN COLOR "Smoochy" sock pairings and two US size 1 or 1.5 (2.5 mm) needles. Class fee is \$20 per session plus purchase of the pattern (\$5.00). Please call 724-238-9320 to register...

*** JUDY'S MAGIC CAST ON ***

Socks are a popular take-along project for knitting on the go, as they take up little room in a tote, yet provide hours of entertainment. Here is a cast-on method that works very well for toe-up socks and results in a neat foundation round:

- Hold two double-pointed needles in your right hand (these will be referred to as the front and back needle). Place the yarn over the back needle with the working end hanging between the two needles and the tail hanging in the back -- 1 stitch cast on.
- STEP ONE: Hold the two ends in your left hand with the tail around your index finger and the working yarn around your thumb.
- STEP TWO: Bring the tail forward and wrap around the front needle from front to back, and down between the needles -- 1 stitch cast on front needle.
- STEP THREE: Bring the working yarn up between the 2 needles, then over the back needle from front to back -- 1 stitch cast on back needle.
- Repeat steps 2 & 3 until the correct number of stitches have been cast on, ending with step three (same number of stitches on each needle). With stitches firmly held in position, begin toe-up sock directions.

*** KITCHENER STITCH ***

Here is a concise explanation of how to graft top-down sock toes with Kitchener stitch. First, break the yarn leaving a 12" tail. Hold the sock so that the heel is always facing away from you. Divide the stitches so that half is on each of two double-pointed needles, with the points facing in the same direction. Keep the first needle in front, don't turn the sock around when you work the stitches on the second (back) needle.

Set-Up (ONLY DO THIS ONCE, AT THE BEGINNING)

- Draw the yarn through the *first* stitch on the FRONT needle as if to PURL and leave it on the needle.
- Draw the yarn through the *first* stitch on the BACK needle as if to KNIT and leave it on the needle

STEP ONE

- Draw the needle through the *first* stitch on the FRONT needle as if to KNIT, and slip it off
- Draw the yarn through the *next* stitch on the FRONT needle as if to PURL and leave it on the needle

STEP TWO

- Draw the yarn through the *first* stitch on the BACK needle as if to PURL, and slip it off the needle
- Draw the yarn through the *next* stitch on the BACK needle as if to KNIT, and leave it on the needle

IN OTHER WORDS:

1. ONCE: Front needle -- purl -- leave on
2. ONCE: Back Needle -- knit -- leave on
3. Front needle -- knit -- off
4. Front needle -- purl -- on
5. Back needle -- purl -- off
6. Back needle -- knit -- on
7. Repeat steps 3 - 6 until all stitches gone.



*** WHERE'S KATHY? ***

- WORLD-WIDE KNITTING IN PUBLIC DAY Saturday, June 8, 2019 -- better living through stitching together! We will be doing our annual KIP from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm...
- SUMMER IN LIGONIER ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW July 19 - 20, 2019; 9 am - 5 pm -- join us for our annual sidewalk sale (indoor & outdoors, weather permitting)
- 6th annual STEEL VALLEY YARN CRAWL August 2 - 11, 2019
Participating shops include Darn Yarn, Dyed In The Wool, Kathy's Kreations, Kid Ewe Knot, McWalker Yarns, The Pittsburgh Yarn Company, Raggz Fiber Art, The Ross Farm Mercantile, Sewickley Yarns, Tonidale Yarn & Needlecraft, and Yarns By Design.
Passports will go on sale beginning July 1, 2019...
- KNITTER'S DAY OUT (KDO) Friday & Saturday September 27 & 28, 2019 -- visit Kathy "On The Road" in the Market at this day and a half of classes, shopping and camaraderie devoted to knitting and fiber arts...
- FORT LIGONIER DAYS October 11 - 13, 2019
- KNITTREAT at WISP Resort, Deep Creek, MD November 7 - 10, 2019
- SPRING BREAK with Jolie Elder April 17 - 19, 2020 -- registrations now being accepted for this workshop on *Versa Lace*; ask for details
- 3rd annual LYS DAY April 25, 2020

*** TIPS & TRICKS ***

When choosing yarn for a provisional cast on, keep in mind that the yarn should be easy to remove from the work. A good waste yarn is smooth (not fuzzy), the same thickness or thinner than the working yarn, and contrasts well with the working yarn. Kathy prefers a mercerized cotton, like TAHKI "Cotton Classic". Waste yarn can also be used to create a hole later in your work (mitten thumbs or afterthought sock heel), as well as a stitch holder. This works well for top-down sweater sleeve stitches because the waste yarn is flexible. It's also great for holding body stitches so that a piece can be tried on. To learn how to do an afterthought sock heel, check out Kathy Erhard's *Falling Dominoes Sock Class* on Saturday afternoon, June 8, 2019...

Bead tip from Michelle Hunter's *Building With Lace* book: It is a good idea to purchase extra beads because sometimes tubes can contain a few unusable beads. The added number will replace the bead or two that no doubt make their way into the carpet or between your chair cushions.

*** A POPULAR DESIGN BY KATHY Z ***

We were delighted to see an item in a recent *Knitting Daily* blog announcing "The 10 Most Popular *Interweave Knits* Cable Knitting Patterns". To quote: "As you might imagine, over the two decades that *Interweave Knits* has been in print, we've published a *lot* of cable knitting patterns. In fact, a quick search of Ravelry turns up well over 500 results from *Interweave Knits* alone! Whether subtle or bold, allover or in panels, braided or twisted, cables are one of the most satisfying ways to add texture to your knitting."

Included in this collection is a classic cardigan, *Plaits and Links* (shown lower right), by our own Kathy Zimmerman, published in the Winter 2012 issue. *Knits* writes: "This gorgeous cardigan is absolutely covered in cables, without ever looking crowded. A cropped silhouette with a richly textured band and the hem livens up the classic aesthetic of a cabled cardigan. Be sure to use a yarn that provided lots of stitch definition to make the different kinds of cables and the interstitial seed sections really pop". Glad to be included in this beautiful collection -- it's one of Kathy's favorites!



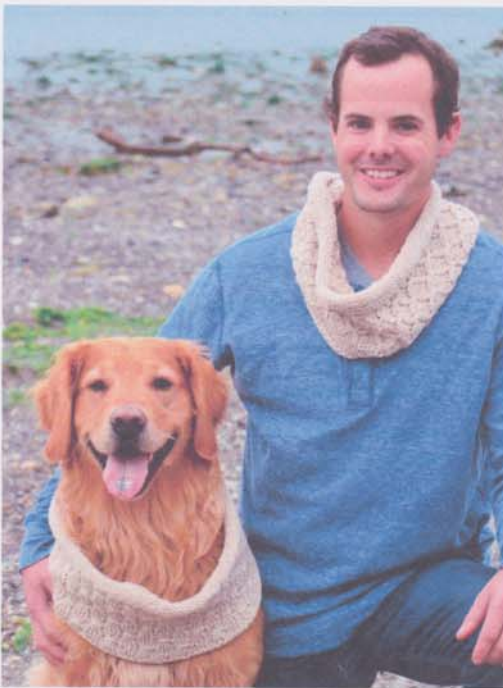


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Equilibrium Reversible Loop

Designed by Jodi Roush for *skacel collection, Inc.*



Barkley and Ben are both shown wearing color #1000 (Pavlova).

SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate

SIZE AND MATERIALS:

Finished piece measures approx 32" around x 8" deep

Featured Yarn: HiKoo® *Kenzington*, 60% New Zealand Merino, 25% Nylon, 10% Alpaca, 5% Silk Noils; 208 yds / 100g; (one hank).

addi Needles: 7 mm (approx US 10.75) 24" circular needle
or size needed to obtain gauge

Additional Materials: Tapestry needle

All yarns and needles distributed by skacel collection, Inc.

GAUGE: 3.5 sts = 1" in Stockinette Stitch

To save time, check your gauge and read all instructions thoroughly before beginning.

STITCH PATTERN:

Smock Stitch:

Insert the right needle between the 4th and 5th stitches on the left needle and pull the working yarn through to create a new stitch. Place the new stitch on the left hand needle and pull snug. Knit this new stitch together with the following knit stitch.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Loosely CO 108 sts. Join to work in the rnd, being careful not to twist stitches.

Purl 1 rnd.

Knit 1 rnd.

Purl 1 rnd.

Knit 6 rnds.

Rnds 1 - 3: *K1, P2; rep from * to end of rnd.

Rnd 4: *Smock St, P2, K1, P2; rep from * to end of rnd.

Rnds 5 - 7: *K1, P2; rep from * to end of rnd.

Rnd 8: K1, P2, *Smock St, P2, K1, P2; rep from * to last 3 sts, Smock St, P2.

Work Rnds 1 - 8 a total of 3 times, then work Rnds 1 - 3 once more.

Knit 6 rnds.

Purl 1 rnd.

Knit 1 rnd.

Purl 1 rnd.

Bind off all sts loosely.

ABBREVIATIONS:

approx approximate(ly)

k knit

p purl

rnd(s) round(s)

st(s) stitch(es)

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

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 **June 3, 2019 and July 1, 2019; 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm.**

***** "KNITTING IN THE AFTERNOON" AT KATHY'S KREATIONS Tuesdays, June 11, 2019 and July 9, 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!

***** SATURDAY SIT-N-KNIT June 8, 2019 and July 13, 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, June 21, 2019 and July 19, 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...

***** JUNE KNIT-ALONG (KAL) *****

Stop by on Fridays in June from **10 am - 2 pm** (rsvp please) to work on our newest KAL with your stitching friends to cheer you on. Our featured projects are your choice of tri-color shawls *Riotous* or *Yours Truly Summer*. 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 June 2019 thread and the Kathy Zimmerman Group KAL...

***** "BUILDING IN COLOR" Tuesday, June 4, 2019, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon (knit) *****

***** WWKIP DAY Saturday, June 8, 2019, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm *****

It's world-wide knitting in public day -- come join us outdoors (or indoors depending on the weather) from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm...

***** "BUILDING WITH LACE" Saturday, June 8, 2019, 9:00 am - 12 noon (knit) *****

***** "FALLING DOMINOES SOCKS" Saturday, June 8, 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 39 years!

This summer, make every day delightful with stitch twiddling, fiddling and maneuvering! Come find your summer knitspiration on our shelves. Dive into a stylish summer with just the right amount of sass, style and comfort. We've got fresh colorful styles that are ready for summertime fun! **KEEP KNITTING AND CROCHETING!**