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NOVEMBER 2018 UPDATE



Dear Stitchers,

A sense of excitement is in the air as we begin planning for the fast approach of winter and holiday celebrations ahead. Add a layer of stylish cozy to your wardrobe to be prepared for the changing season and serious sweater weather (hat, scarf, cowl, mitts -- you get the idea!).

In the current issue of *knit.wear* magazine, Editor Meghan Babin writes: "Simplified, enjoyable knits paired with gorgeous yarns are big trends this year (and hopefully for many years to come). The demand for comfort and ease has trickled down from ready-to-wear fashion to ready-to-knit projects". And that's where Kathy's Kreations comes in. As always, you can count on us for quality yarns and stitching tools, personal service and attention to detail in helping you with your knitting and crocheting goals.

It's simple to see why ponchos and kimono-style jackets are so hot right now. Practically all body types look good in them. With a straightforward boxy shape and little-to-no shaping, they are surprisingly flattering. It's an easy layering style for everyone to knit, wear and feel good in. Hop on the trend!

It's the time of year when we start concentrating on holiday knitting and crocheting, as we stitch some love into items for the special people in our lives. We have a variety of holiday gift project ideas from festive "deck the halls" home decor to garments and toasty accessories for the entire family. We'll help you find a gift (or three or four) for everyone on your list -- and maybe even yourself! Let the stitching begin...

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*** GREAT NEW STUFF ***

It's nice to receive a gift, but it can be even more gratifying to give one. We can't think of a more thoughtful gift for friends, loved ones or for a charity than a gift you've knitted or crocheted yourself. A hand-made gift is much more personal than a purchased one, because of the thought, time and caring that you've put into it. It's like giving a hug with every stitch. Knit the best holiday ever with our gorgeous new yarns. Get gifty and make someone happy!

Create classic sweaters for everyday wear! The challenge of blending rich knitting traditions with a modern look is not always easy, but the Fall/Winter 2018 edition of *Knit. wear* (\$14.99, shown upper left) showcases the best of both worlds. The need for comfort and simplification was the inspiration for this issue, exploring three different aspects of classic knitwear. Explore colorwork knitting in the "Modern Fair Isle" story featuring five stranded pullovers with pared-down colors and striking motifs. Curl up with the "Comfortable Cables" story which celebrates knitters' favorite techniques without overcomplicating things. You'll find knits that feature a prominent cable but keep the rest of the garment minimalist. Get "Back to Basics" with designs made for movie nights, commutes and traveling. These garments feature a bit of texture, a bit of ribbing, and occasionally, a wee cable. Finally, read an essay about a new knitter's journey to body- and self-acceptance through knitting her first garments. This issue aims to help the reader find peace, comfort and inspiration on its pages. It does all that and more...

MANOS DEL URUGUAY "Serena" (\$17.50, 50 grams, 170 yards, 60% baby alpaca / 40% pima cotton, CYCA #3, shown lower right) is a luxurious, season-spanning blend of super-soft baby alpaca and pima cotton in a sport weight. "Serena" is hand-dyed to create a marbled, subtly striated effect that forms a rich palette of glorious colors. The fiber blend and kettle-dyeing process gives the colors a heathered, stonewashed look. This yarn has fantastic drape, making it perfect for scarves, wraps, and cardigans. No two skeins are exactly alike, but each one is breathtakingly beautiful...

MANOS DEL URUGUAY "Alegria Grande" (\$25.50, 100 grams, 197 yards, 75% merino wool superwash / 25% nylon, CYCA #4) is a new worsted weight version of our wildly popular "Alegria" yarn. It has the same brilliant colors, the same softness and bounce, but this time for quick, fun projects. "Alegria Grande" is perfect for beginners and those who love to knit and gift beautiful accessories in quality machine washable wool blends...

Good projects start with great yarn. MADELINETOSH is known for their spectacular colorways which add to the beauty of their gorgeous yarns, with fibers that are a joy to knit and crochet. Using all natural fibers that are ethically sourced from mills around the world, MADELINETOSH YARNS are hand-dyed in Texas with low impact organic compound dyes, that are good for you and the Earth! And now, they have taken two strands of "Tosh Merino Light" and twisted them together loosely to create "Farm Twist" (\$24.50, 100 grams, 225 yards, 100% signature superwash merino wool, CYCA #3). This glorious heavy-DK/light-worsted weight yarn offers the same great hand-dyed colors, awesome stitch definition, and soft touch you've come to expect from MADELINETOSH.

We also have fresh supplies in new colorways of "Tosh DK" (\$26.50, 100 grams, 225 yards, 100% superwash merino wool, CYCA #3), also hand-dyed in exceptional colors but with a tighter twist. This yarn is incredibly soft, easy-care machine washable, and will be perfect for your next project, whether it's a garment or an accessory, or for kids or adults...



*** MORE GREAT NEW STUFF ***

The countdown to the holidays has started. It's officially time to make things for gift giving -- Christmas stockings, cozy hats for the family, warm scarves and toasty mittens for the colder weather ahead. We've got project ideas, big and small, for everyone on your handmade gift list. The holiday season is always closer than it seems, so get started now to avoid the last minute rush!



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Tin Can Knits

Sometimes, you just need something uncomplicated to knit. Our customers are making lots of hat this season. The TIN CAN KNITS *Easy Peasy* hat (\$5.50, shown upper right) is a simple beanie with two variations, with or without earflaps. This will quickly become your go-to hat for the whole family. Another favorite is KATHY ERHARD'S *Classic Ribbed Hat* (\$5.00). With sizes to fit the entire family, this cap will be suitable for the boys and men in your life. Add one of our McPORTER FARMS super-soft frosted faux rabbit fur pompom puffs to finish the hat with feminine flair (\$6.50 for rabbit, \$12.50 - \$14.50 for faux fox and faux raccoon). All of our puffs fasten with a snap, so they are interchangeable depending on your mood and outfit. Hats are the perfect gift to keep each of your loved ones warm and cozy all winter long. Bring on the holidays!

Shawls are a year-round wardrobe essential, and, since size is not critical, they make great gifts. "Gather" by Andrea Mowry of DREA RENEE KNITS (\$9.00) is a shawl that is easy to wear at any time of year and in any climate. Its open lace, great drape and generous size is perfect for a multitude of styling options. Pair your favorite fingering variegated yarn with a solid or tonal, and the color combinations are endless! Also new from Andrea Mowry is "Birds of A Feather" (\$8.50), a shawl that starts at a single point, growing and shifting from an ethereal mohair to silky smooth single ply into a piece that begs to be wrapped up in...

New shipments of URTH YARNS hand-dyed "Uneek Fingering" (\$25.50, 100 grams, 435 yards, 100% superfine superwash merino, CYCA #2) and "Harvest Fingering" (\$24.50, 100 grams, 435 yards, 100% superfine superwash merino, CYCA #2) have arrived. These yarns are showcased in our beautiful *Butterfly / Papillon* shop models, but would be equally stunning in the new "Gather" pattern, or in a "Find Your Fade" shawl. So elegant...

KNITTER'S PRIDE new rainbow Knit Blockers are a great way to block knitting projects (\$25.95/set). They are easy to use and speed up the blocking process. The novel design helps maintain even tension across the width of the blocking pins, working best on straight edges. These are made using strong plastic combs with sharp, sturdy, rust resistant stainless steel pins in two sizes to handle different shapes. These also make a great knitting friend gift or stocking stuffer...

We have received several new shades of wonderful "Sueno" yarn used by Michelle Hunter for our October *Match Play* KAL. This merino/bamboo blend gives fabric drape, fluidity and sheen along with excellent stitch definitions (\$16.50, 100 grams, 255 yards, 80% merino superwash/20% viscose from bamboo, CYCA #3). We are extending the knit along for another month, due to popular demand...



Technically, they are gnomes but we think they look like jolly elves. *Here We Gnome Again* (shown lower left, \$7.00 Ravelry Pro download) features gorgeous twisted stitch cables all over the hat and body. We plan to use DREAM IN COLOR "City" (\$23.50, 4 oz., 200 yards, 100% superwash merino wool, CYCA #4) for our little guy. Our thanks to Shawn S for displaying her finished project with us...

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*** NOVEMBER KNIT ALONG ***

November finds us wanting to knit a neck warmer that is luxurious yet relatively easy to make, keeping it simple. So, we chose the *Sapphire Scarf* by Christine Marie Chen (shown left), a ribbed scarf with simple textured detail knit with MANOS DEL URUGUAY "Serena". It's an ideal take-along project for on-the-go knitting, or when you feel like just knitting something uncomplicated at the end of a stressful day.

And, since so many of us are still working on Michelle Hunter's stunning *Match Play* Progressive Needles poncho from last month (completed project worn by Michelle lower right), we are also continuing that knit along. Join us for fun knitting every Friday in November 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 November 2018 shop thread at "We Love Kathy's". Want to learn more about Ravelry? Kathy Erhard is offering a class later this month -- see details on the next page.

*** 10,000 NEW KNITTERS ***

Kathy's Kreations is partnering with SKACEL for an exciting new event and we invite you to participate. In an effort to introduce our needleart to more knitters, SKACEL has prepared 10,000 NEW KNIT KITS it will be dispersing throughout the USA. Local yarn shops, the backbone of the yarn industry, will be receiving these kits. Kathy's Kreations is one of the official 10K Stores that will be serving as a home base for new knitters. We will be offering free kits to customers who are willing to teach someone to knit on Saturday, November 10, 2018. Each kit comes with one 50-gram ball of **Special Edition HiKOO Sueno Worsted**, a pair of US 8 ADDI® Linos straight needles, and a pattern to create beginner-friendly fingerless mitts! Our expert instructors will also be offering free "Learn to Knit" sessions throughout the day at 10:00 am, 12 noon, and 2:00 pm here at Kathy's Kreations. If you would like to volunteer to teach, or would like to sign up for a lesson, please contact us at 724-238-9320 to reserve a kit (quantities are limited) or schedule an appointment (requested, to ensure we have adequate help!)

*** UPCOMING KNITTING CLASSES ***

Join instructor Karen McCullough on **Tuesday, November 6, 2018, 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 *Short Rows*. Short rows are partially worked rows that add length to a specific area to create contour and shaping within a garment as well as beautiful design elements. Short rows are widely used in sock heels, shoulders, and back yokes, as well as creating special effects as in our gorgeous shawl project, *Butterfly / Papillon*. Registration fee is \$10 per class plus materials. Please call 724-238-9320 to register. Let's make some color magic happen!

When you find the perfect yarn at Kathy's Kreations, do you sometimes wonder what would be the best pattern for it? Ravelry, a free database of thousands of knitting and crocheting patterns organized by method of construction, techniques, and more has the answer to this and many other questions. With Ravelry, you can catalog your stash, needles, and patterns, follow your favorite designers, and discuss topics with other knitters and crocheters from around the world.



*** UPCOMING CLASSES (continued) ***



Join instructor Kathy Erhard and learn to use all the amazing possibilities that Ravelry has to offer with **Ravelry 101**. Class will be held on Saturday, November 17, 2018 from 9:00 am - 12 noon at Kathy's Kreations. Please bring your laptop or tablet. Class fee is \$20. Please call 724-238-9320 to register.

In our series of lace classes, students will master lace knitting one section at a time as we follow along with Michelle Hunter's *Building With Lace*. Join our instructor Kathy Erhard as she demonstrates lace skills and work along to make your own gorgeous lace shawl as a wearable showcase of your skills. Our next class is scheduled for Saturday, November 17, 2018 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm at Kathy's Kreations.

This month, *Building With Lace* studies applied borders. This shawl has an attractive saw-tooth edge complete with beads. In class, we will get additional practice reading "knitted lace" charts where the pattern is worked on both sides of the shawl, review how to add beads to knitting, and learn how to add a lace border that is worked onto both of the edges. There is no seaming required. This class has students working on various sections of the shawl, so you are welcome whether you have started your shawl or not. Be sure to bring all your questions for the lace section you are working. Class fee is \$20 per session plus materials. Call 724-238-9320 to register.

*** STEEL VALLEY YARN CRAWL SAVE THE DATE ***

Thanks to everyone who visited our shop during the 5th annual Steel Valley Yarn Crawl this summer. We are pleased to announce that next year's dates will be Friday, August 2, 2019 through Sunday, August 11, 2019. Hope that you will plan to join us for the crawl again!

*** THE BEST KNITTING TIP I EVER GOT ***

We were inspired by an Internet article by Terry Matz about tips for newbie knitters. We checked in with a couple of our instructors, and got some great advice which we hope you will find interesting and useful. Thanks, ladies!

- Lisa Carnahan, our resident expert on the subject of tips, tells us that her most frequently-asked question as a designer is: "What size sweater should I make?" Lisa suggests that you measure a sweater (can be "store bought") that fits you comfortably, in the way you would like your handknit garment to fit regarding ease, length, shoulders, sleeves, etc. Use these measurement as a guideline and make adjustments on the schematic if there is one.
- Lisa suggests that, if you are having problems getting gauge despite trying a couple different needle sizes, try working with a different type of needle (bamboo vs. metal, wood vs. plastic) as it can sometimes make a difference.
- If traveling by air and needing to be careful about scissors, bring along a small container of dental floss. Lisa says the cutter works great to cut yarn in a pinch!
- When knitting socks, Lisa knits a round of red yarn into the toe to signal hand wash, air dry (STOP); yellow yarn for machine wash, air dry (CAUTION); and green for machine wash & dry (GO). Wash socks inside out so that any fuzzy halo will be on the inside, not the public side. This will help your socks to maintain their "just knit" appearance and to wear longer.
- Karen McCullough recommends knitting with circular knitting needles for straight flat projects working back and forth, not just in the round. It's easier to handle a lot of stitches on circular needles because of the added cable length. You reduce the risk of dropping stitches by pushing your work to the middle of the cable. It is also easier on your wrists and hands since there is less stress on the joints and the stitches glide better.

*** EASY KNITTED CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENT ***

Knit a few of these tiny Christmas tree ornaments to use as cool additions to your gift wrapping, as a seasons' greeting for a friend, as a coaster or hang them on a wreath or tree. This clever pattern was gleaned from Pinterest, Ferby's Corner Knitting.

MATERIALS: approx. 15 yards Worsted weight; US size 4 (3.5 mm) knitting needles; tapestry needle for finishing

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS: approx. 4" X 4"

Note: Slip the first stitch of every row as if to knit and place working yarn between the 1st and 2nd stitch for a neat selvedge edge. Work all k2tog decreases loosely.

Abbreviations: K - knit; K2 tog - knit 2 sts together; st(s) - stitch(es)

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 21 sts, using long tail cast on method.

Row 1 (right side): K 21.

Row 2: K19, k2tog.

Row 3: K18, k2tog.

Row 4: K17, k2tog.

Row 5: K16, k2tog.

Row 6: K15, k2tog.

Row 7: K14, k2tog.

Row 8: K13, k2tog.

Row 9: K12, k2tog.

Row 10: K11, k2tog.

Row 11: K10, k2tog.

Row 12: K9, k2tog. This completes the bottom of the tree, now shape the middle section.

Row 13: K8, k2tog, cast on 5 sts.

Row 14: K1 (this is your selvedge st), p4, k7, k2tog, cast on 5 sts.

Row 15: K16 (this includes selvedge st), k2tog.

Row 16: K15, k2tog.

Row 17: K14, k2tog.

Row 18: K13, k2tog.

Row 19: K12, k2tog.

Row 20: K11, k2tog.

Row 21: K10, k2tog.

Row 22: K9, k2tog.

Row 23: K8, k2tog.

Row 24: K7, k2tog. This completes the middle section, now shape the top of the tree.

Row 25: K6, k2tog, cast on 3.

Row 26: K1 (selvedge), p2, k5, k2tog, cast on 3.

Row 27: K10 (including selvedge st), k2tog.

Row 28: K9, k2tog.

Row 29: K8, k2tog.

Row 30: K7, k2tog.

Row 31: K6, k2tog.

Row 32: K5, k2tog.

Row 33: K4, k2tog.

Row 34: K3, k2tog.

Row 35: K2, k2tog.

Row 36: K1, k2tog.

Row 37: K2tog. Pull yarn through last stitch in length desired to make tie and fix knot around it. Weave in ends.

NOTE: The size of the motif can be modified by using a different weight of yarn and corresponding needles.



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*** KNITTING SOUP ***

Sound intriguing? No, it doesn't contain strands of yarn and bits of knitting needles -- it's soup that cooks all day while you get to knit! It's yummy, easy to make and ready to go after a long day of knitting. And, you can give your knitting all your concentration! It can be any kind of soup that you make in the crockpot, but our favorite is adapted from one which appeared in the January-February 2018 PA & WV REGISTER from Deb Heatherly called "Sewing Soup". It was the hit of both Fall Fling and Fort Ligonier Days!

Ingredients

- 1 bag frozen hash browns (chunky, not shredded)
- 2 cans cream of chicken soup
- 1 box chicken broth
- 1 tsp. dried onion flakes
- salt & pepper to taste
- Mix all ingredients in a crock-pot. Cook on low for 6 - 8 hours and stir in an entire block of softened cream cheese before serving (this is optional -- we forgot to do this and it tasted great!). Top with grated cheese, bacon bits, chives, parsley or other additions of your choice.

*** ON THE GO STITCHING ***

When in public or traveling, don't leave your knitting or crocheting behind -- take it out in public! Someone always comments and then you'll have new friends. If you take along an extra pair of old knitting needles or a crochet hook and some leftover yarn, you may meet someone who wants to learn to knit. It's nice to be able to leave them with tools and yarn...

*** WHERE'S KATHY?" ***

KNITTREAT November 8 - 11, 2018

Join Kathy at the beautiful Wisp Resort in McHenry, MD (Deep Creek Lake) for the 2018 Knittreat! Kathy will be teaching classes about cabled and textured ear warmer accessories during the event, as well as offering a mini-market. For registration, please visit www.knittreat.com For anyone attending Knittreat that weekend, Kathy and Event Co-ordinator Elaine Smith will be participating in "10,000 Knitters" on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at WISP Resort in McHenry, MD (Deep Creek Lake)...

PITTSBURGH KNIT & CROCHET / CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL

Join us for the 15th Annual Pittsburgh Creative Arts Festival on Friday, March 15, 2019 through Sunday, March 17, 2019. This is the largest event of its kind in the Greater Pittsburgh area. We are excited to announce that the Festival moves this year to the DoubleTree by Hilton in Greentree, PA. This venue features free parking and close proximity to the Market and classes, which makes it easier to get around. You can find us in Booths 25 & 26 in the Greentree Ballroom. Be sure to save the date -- hope to see you there!

Details can be found at www.pghknitandcrochet.com

*** SHOP SMALL BUSINESS DATES ***

Kathy's Kreations will be participating in Small Business Saturday® on November 24, 2018. This holiday tradition encourages shopping local on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. We will be holding our annual Holiday Open House on Friday and Saturday, November 23 and 24, 2018. Join us for snacks, a free pattern giveaway for all visitors, an opportunity to win our Holiday Basket of Goodies door prize with every purchase, and more!





*** 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 November 5, 2018 & December 3, 2018; 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm.

*** "KNITTING IN THE AFTERNOON" AT KATHY'S KREATIONS Tuesdays, November 13, 2018 & December 11, 2018; 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 cold outside!

*** SATURDAY SIT-N-KNIT November 10, 2018 (it's learn to knit day!) & December 8, 2018; 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. It's also 10,000 Knitters Day in November -- learn to knit or teach someone how!

*** FUN FRIDAYS, November 16, 2018 & December 21, 2018; 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...

*** NOVEMBER KNIT-ALONG (KAL) ***

Stop by on Fridays in October 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 "Sapphire Scarf", an uncomplicated ribbed neck warmer and the continuation of "Match Play", Michelle Hunter's newest poncho design in the Progressive Needles Knit Along series. 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 November 2018 thread...

*** "BUILDING IN COLOR" Tuesday, November 6, 2018, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon (knit)

*** "RAVELRY 101" Saturday, November 17, 2018, 9:00 am - 12 noon (knit)

*** "BUILDING WITH LACE" Saturday, November 17, 2018, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm (knit)

*** HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE *** Friday, November 23, 2018

*** SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY *** Saturday, November 24, 2018

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!

We're wishing you a November filled with smiles. Colors are changing, temperatures are dropping -- all perfect timing to stitch something cozy and warm. Make it a special holiday season -- merry gifting!

HAPPY KNITTING AND CROCHETING!

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