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OCTOBER 2017 UPDATE

Dear Stitchers,

Doesn't autumn always feel like a new beginning? Fall seems to spark a creative fire within us. The days are crisp and clear, nights are cool, and knitters and crocheters want to fill our project baskets with new yarns in glorious colors. It's a time to create -- get ready to stitch!

If you're in the mood for something new or just need a fresh idea for holiday gifting, check out our latest arrivals. Spoiler Alert: you're going to love our fall collection of yarns, project ideas, patterns, needles, and gadgets! Join us as we launch "Fresh Baked Yarn Club" from DELICIOUS YARNS, a variety of hand-dyed beauties from DRAGONFLY FIBERS, a new "pop-Up Club" from DREAM IN COLOR and a mystery HiKOO knit along with Michelle "Knit Purl" Hunter. In addition, we have added LYKKE double-pointed needles sets, KNITTER'S PRIDE interchangeable "Zing" knitting needles and CHIAGOO "Twist Minis" and "Spin Bamboo" interchangeables.

What's happening in fashion this fall? From oversized cardigans to the shawl trend that's not going away, fall knits are remarkable in that they are full of texture and fascination. Key knitwear trends for this season are ribbed patterns, updated Aran cables, Scandinavian motifs, polo necks, sophisticated cape sweaters, loose-fit cardies, poncho/ruana shapes, bulky sweaters, stripes (textured and colorwork), heavier gauge yarns, and patterning occurring on the sweater sleeves only. Textures in brioche, bobbles and knit/purl are popular too -- the chunkier the texture, the better. Long scarves, long coats, and sweaters are getting extra buzz, whether bundling up for a chilly day or simply for comfortable transitioning. Cables are marvelous essentials in neutral-toned braids and twists. Marls and speckled yarns with little splatterings of color are garnering lots of attention, and work well for larger projects like baby afghans to smaller-scale accessories like cowls. Oh, yeah, did you hear that mohair is back?

"OCTOBER IS MOHAIR MONTH!"

**10% off all purchases of in-stock, regularly-priced
mohair and mohair blend yarns
throughout October 2017
Hours: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Monday through Saturday**

Fort Ligonier Days special extended hours

Thursday, October 12, 2017 Merchants' Early Bird Sidewalk Sale 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday, October 13, 2017 and Saturday, October 14, 2017, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday, October 15, 2017, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

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*** GREAT NEW STUFF ***

Exaggerated cozy layers and relaxed-fit separates are looks that will keep you warm and stylish this fall season and beyond. Fly through your knitting with needle sets, inspiring kits, helpful magazines, and new yarns from your favorite companies. We've carefully selected the top products from our friends around the industry and recommend the following as marvelous must-haves for your stitching pleasure...

Giving is the essence of the holidays, and there is nothing better than a handmade present made lovingly by you. An item knitted for someone else carries a powerful message of love and hope, whether it's given to a dear friend or donated to a stranger in need. In this spirit, the editors at INTERWEAVE KNITS *Holiday* (\$14.99, deluxe edition shown upper left) have gathered a collection of projects featuring 22 joyful designs for hand-knitted holidays. Wrap up in style with 17 extra-special accessories for memorable get-togethers with friends and family, to warm hearts as well as hands, feet, heads, necks, and shoulders. There are charming toys for big and little kids, home decor, whimsical knits and enchanting designs for the whole family. Make it a hand-knit holiday!

Knitscene Winter 2017 (\$7.99) is peppered with 17 captivating knits, products and articles to fascinate every knitter. Create contentment, color and "Craftsmas"! Get inspired by *hygge*, the Danish art of cozy living. Knit projects that will help you realize your own version of this Scandinavian philosophy. Bring life to your wardrobe when the winter winds blow with bold, colorful accessories and sweaters. The focus is on stylish silhouettes, intriguing shapes and textures, instructional tutorials, design simplicity and uncomplicated instructions that are fast and easy to follow...

Knit Simple Holiday 2017 (\$6.99) is full of charming inspiration to help you compile your annual gift list. Get a head start on all the presents you plan to hand-make by whipping up a few of the quick one- or two-skein "Stash-Busting Gifts" with projects for all ages and styles -- and maybe even a little something for yourself. Our pick is the sleek and snug one-skein messy bun hat, but we also love the easy rainbow shawl on the cover. Your kids will be "Game Day Ready" with a blanket and toy ball that reflect his or her favorite sport (we love these!). It will be a gift that your child will cherish for years to come. And what's a holiday without decorations? Simple-to-make pompoms and tassels make projects come to life. There is a "Square of the Month" Knit-Along afghan that is really splendid, a versatile crochet mesh pattern pop-over top, and stylish market totes to knit & crochet...

Our trade show order of DRAGONFLY FIBERS yarn, aka the colors of happiness, has finally arrived in an array of weights. These gorgeous hand-dyed yarns need to be seen in person to truly appreciate their beauty and soft feel! According to Ravelry reviews, they are also perfect next-to-skin sweater yarn, suitable for knit or crochet .

"Djinni" (\$29.50, 4.2 oz., 420 yards, 80% superwash merino/10% cashmere/10% nylon, CYCA #2) sock yarn on a tightly plied base is made of superwash merino mixed with cashmere for extra softness, and nylon for durability. The yarn is dyed in vibrant colors, has superior stitch definition, and can work in a variety of projects. "Djinni"'s squishy goodness makes glorious socks, a luxury for your feet! "Traveller" (\$25.50, 4 oz., 280 yards, 100% superwash merino, CYCA #3) is a heavy DK weight, very soft, perfectly hand-dyed in rich shades and takes up color like crazy (firecracker shade, shown right; pattern suggestion page 7). "Valkyrie" (\$25.50, 4 oz., 200 yards, 100% superwash merino, CYCA #4) is a smooth, bouncy, and lustrous heavy worsted weight yarn, suitable for outer garments and accessories...



*** MORE GREAT NEW STUFF ***

Every now and then, there is a tool that is so useful, so essential, that we wonder how we ever got along without it. One challenge that we stitchers face is working from detailed or complicated lines of chart instructions. Charts are graphic representations of knitting instructions. They are effective to illustrate instructions in a more precise and condensed manner than detailed written instructions can. They also give us a "sneak peek" of what we can expect as we work our project, and are applicable to cable, lace, color work, or textured knitting patterns. But, some of these charts can be very complicated with line after line of tiny boxes with symbols for each particular stitch. How can we keep all this straight? Post-It notes, paper clips, highlighter tape or a ruler along the line are all effective, but can sometimes be inconvenient.



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CLOVER

The value in any tool is in what it accomplishes for us. We are excited to introduce the ingeniously clever CLOVER Pattern Chart Marker set (\$16.50, shown upper right). The set is complete with two markers, 9" and 12", to accommodate any size chart or book page. The marker is constructed of heavy duty, durable vinyl. It folds in half and is magnetic. This allows us to fold it over our pattern sheet and the magnetic function holds it securely in place until we need to move on to the next line. Markings on the tool allow us to keep track of where we are. This is one of those essential problem-solving tools that makes the creative process so much more enjoyable. Use it once and it will become a permanent part of your knitting supply kit...

WONDERLAND YARNS "March Hare" (\$24.50, 100% merino wool, 113 grams, 184 yards, CYCA #4) is a go-to worsted that covers it all: softness, elasticity, and wearability. This yarn is soft and springy with a plied, smooth texture. It is hand-dyed in magnificent tonal colors, perfect for cozy sweaters and warm, colorful accessories of all kinds. The marmalade and tumtum tree shades are a good choice for pumpkin hats...

HiKOO "Rylie" offers a luxurious blend of all-natural fibers -- lusciously soft baby alpaca is enriched with the elegant drape and gleam of mulberry silk and the rustic tactile appeal of linen. "Rylie" (\$28.50, 50% baby alpaca/25% mulberry silk/25% linen, 100 grams, 274 yards, CYCA #3) is a lightweight DK weight in soft colors, making it a transeasonal wonder. Each type of fiber takes the dye a little bit differently, adding an interesting visual texture. Dyed in soft pastels, beachy brights and glowing neutrals, "Rylie" is ravishing...

We know that you're going to love our newest addition to our fabulous hand-painted collection. Join us as we introduce DELICIOUS YARNS, with kettle-dyed yummy yarns that you will want to work with -- savory tones with a tang to keep things exciting, made up on soft and squishy fiber bases that are sure to make you drool. The varieties are mostly sweet-treat and confection-related titles which adds to the fun. The hand dyers at DELICIOUS YARNS utilize a number of "color stylings" with scrumptious little bites of contrast, which creates different variation of patterning as it's knitted up. It's sort of like a layer cake with chocolate and vanilla layers versus a marble cake with all the flavors mixed up -- get the idea? It's like a party on your knitting needles and crochet hook!

The Fall Installment of the Fresh Baked Yarn Club is here (\$104.00 kit, shown lower left). You'll want to dig in to the exclusive new flavors: Gummy Bear "Frosting", Banana Chocolate Chip Sprinkle, and brand new Half and Half styling in Chocolate Gummy Bear. Our kit comes with suggested pattern *The Girl From The Grocery Store* shawl by Joji Locatelli and it's just the kind of "recipe" you'll eat right up! It comes with a nifty backpack style project bag. Life's just more delicious in the Club...



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*** PROGRESSIVE NEEDLES KNIT ALONG ***

Join us and Michelle "Knit Purl" Hunter this October for the next installment of SKACEL's *Progressive Needles* mystery KAL, *Behind the Scenes*. Michelle's new hybrid design can be worn as a scarf, or buttoned to become a cowl. Here's a hint from our own cable queen -- it will be a great study in cables!

Michelle chose SKACEL's new HiKOO "Oh!", a luxurious 100% super baby alpaca aran/light chunky weight (shown upper left), as the muse for her upcoming knit along. This very fine feather-light quality alpaca is so soft that you will say "Oh!" when you touch it. This yarn is manufactured on one of the very few machines worldwide that can create a chainette construction directly from roving. Since the yarn is never spun, it allows for the fiber to be as soft as possible, while maintaining durability and strength. You'll love wearing it around your neck. The yarn and buttons are available now, but some shades are selling out quickly. The KAL clues begin on Thursday, October 5, 2017...

*** JUST NEEDLING YOU ***

Meet the world's smallest interchangeable knitting set -- CHIAGOO's Red Lace mini needle set (\$81.50). This next generation mini set comes with either 4" or 5" solid stainless steel tips (US sizes 000, 00, 0, 1, and 1.5) and super-flexible memory-free red cables in lengths with seamless joins. The 4" set comes with cords in 8", 14" and 22" lengths. The 5" set comes with cords in 14", 22" and 30" lengths. All MINI parts & pieces are available for separate purchase, including connectors (large and mini, \$3.50 each per set) and interchangeable adapters (large tip to small cable & small tip to mini cable, \$3.50 each per set)

Also new from CHIAGOO are Spin Bamboo Complete interchangeables sets (\$156.95) in sizes US 2 - 15 with your choice of 4" or 5" tips. The set comes with a compact, zippered book-style case with double rows of pockets. All SPIN & TWIST tips, cables and accessories are switchable...

KNITTER'S PRIDE "Zing" Interchangeable Needles are a joy to knit with (\$43.95, dpn set; \$53.50, 16" circ special set; \$71.50, interchangeable deluxe set). Made with high-quality aluminum, these needles are easy on both your hands and your yarn. The beautiful, size-specific colors and laser printed numbers will help you keep organized, while the perfectly tapered points and the smooth joins will keep you knitting comfortably for hours...

We introduced LYKKE "Driftwood" Interchangeable Needles to rave reviews during the August Steel Valley Yarn Crawl. LYKKE, pronounced "lee-kuh" means "happiness" in Norwegian. These sturdy, elegant lightweight needles made of polished birch will make you happy when using them. Double-pointed 6" knitting needle sets have arrived in US sizes 0 - 5 and US 6 -13 (\$103.50 per set)...

*** POP-UP CLUB ***

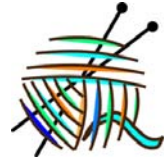
We love the October DREAM IN COLOR Pop-Up Club colorway! Dyer Veronica Van tells us that it's a total departure from their usual style, but they had fun dyeing it for us. We predict that our knitters and crocheters will have the best time stitching it into something amazing! The base yarn is "BFL Sock" (\$26.50, 85% Blue-Faced Leicester wool / 15% nylon, 4 oz., 420 yards, CYCA #2), which would make this ideal for socks and accessories.

DREAM dyers were once again inspired by nature -- this time a common but lovely plant, Mexican Bird of Paradise, that is in full bloom in their locale of Tucson, AZ (shown lower right). We can't wait to see what our customers are inspired to make with this gorgeous new yarn...



*** KNITTING TIPS AND TRICKS FROM KATHY ***

When working a sweater, some knitters knit both sleeves at the same time using two separate balls of yarn to make sure that both sleeves are shaped identically and measure the same length. With this principle in mind, Kathy also prefers to knit both fronts of a cardigan at the same time. It is important not to lay the work down with only one front (or sleeve) worked. Sometimes, that cannot be avoided. To ensure working the same number of rows on each piece, she uses this trick: Pin the pieces together using a locking stitch marker about every 2" as the work progresses. This makes it look like one piece and helps avoid mistakes. Shaping is the same on both pieces. It is easier to "mirror" the armhole shaping, front neck openings and shoulder shaping...



When picking up stitches around necklines with yarns that tend to split, hold the yarn at the back of the work and pick up stitches with a crochet hook. Put the hook through the stitch from the front, draw the thread through to create a loop and place the loop (new stitch) onto the knitting needle. Much easier...

When sewing a vertical seam (as at the sides of a sweater), always use the "tail" or strand at the cast-on edge to avoid an extra end to weave in. Plan ahead when you cast on to have a long tail to use for seaming...

*** IMPORTANT DATES ***

Fall Fling Friday October 6 - Sunday, October 8, 2017 with Michelle "Knit Purl" Hunter
We are pleased to report this workshop is filled, and look forward to a weekend of knitting fellowship and a great learning experience as we swatch patterns from Michelle's latest book, *Building With Lace*. A photo of Michelle wearing the stunning shawl project made from HiKOO "Rylie" is shown at lower left...

Friday October 13 - Sunday, October 15, 2017: It's Fort Ligonier Days! This is a three-day festival commemorating the Battle of Fort Ligonier. Join us in this fun-filled family event as we celebrate around Ligonier with over 200 craft and food booths, a top-ranked community parade, sidewalk sales, live entertainment and more. We will be selling handknit and handcrafted items at our sidewalk sale, as well as a large selection of yarns and accessories indoors. Early bird merchant's sidewalk sales will be held Thursday, October 12, 2017 for those wishing to get a head start on the proceedings...

Thursday November 9 - Sunday November 12, 2017: Kathy will be a featured teacher at Knittreat, which moves this year to beautiful WISP Resort in McHenry, MD. In addition to having a mini-market, Kathy will be teaching two slipper classes, "Easy Ribbed Slippers" and "Checkerboard Slippers". For more information, visit www.knittreat.com

Thanksgiving Weekend Open House Friday November 24, 2017 and Small Business Saturday November 25, 2017 Join us for this special event and gift basket giveaway (eligible to win with purchase)...



Town-wide Open House Sunday December 3, 2017 12:00 noon- 5:00 pm
Ligonier is so magical during the holidays. Enjoy the carolers and do your holiday shopping!

Friday, April 6 - Sunday April 8, 2018: Creative Arts Festival (formerly known as The Pittsburgh Knit & Crochet Festival), the area's premier knitting Conference and Market, will be held in Hall A at David L. Lawrence Convention Center. Look for Kathy in the Market!



*** PUMPKIN PROTECTION ***

Our sincere thanks to Sharon Greve for graciously sharing her timely column "The Dropped Stitch" from *The Pennsylvania & West Virginia Register* July-August 2017. Thank you, Sharon!

Sharon writes: "People have been making jack-o-lanterns at Halloween for centuries. As far back as the 1500s, the practice originated in Ireland from a myth revolving around a blacksmith named 'Stingy Jack.'

Stingy Jack invited the devil to join him for a drink. However, he didn't want to pay for the drinks from his own pocket, so he convinced the devil to turn himself into a coin that could be used to settle the tab. The devil did so, but Jack skipped out on the bill and kept the devil-coin in his pocket with a silver cross so the devil couldn't shift back to his original form. Jack eventually let the devil loose, but made him promise not to seek revenge on Jack and couldn't claim his soul when he died.

When Stingy Jack eventually died, God would not allow him into heaven. The devil kept his word by rejecting Jack's soul at the gates of hell. As a parting gesture, the devil gave Jack a single burning coal to light his way as he was sent off into the dark and windy night to 'find his own hell.' Jack put the coal into a carved out turnip. He has been roaming the earth with it ever since. The ghost lights seen in the Ireland swamps were said to be Jack's improvised lantern moving about as his restless soul wandered the countryside. He and the lights were named 'Jack of the Lantern' or "Jack O'Lantern."

In Ireland and Scotland, people made their own versions of Jack's lanterns by carving scary faces into turnips or potatoes, placing them in windows or near doors to frighten away Stingy Jack and other wandering evil spirits. The Irish legend immigrated to the New World where the American native pumpkin made perfect 'jack-o-lanterns.' By the mid-1800s, Stingy Jack's name was applied to pumpkin lanterns that echoed his own lamp, and the pumpkin jack-o-lantern got its name. Thus, Jack O'Lantern's days of wandering ended and his yearly reign began over America's windowsills and front porches.

CROCHET PUMPKIN DOORKNOB COVER -- old stash pattern

Materials: 1 skein tangerine/orange yarn; 1 skein avocado/green yarn (DK weight); US size 4 or E crochet hook

Gauge: 5 hdc = 1 inch; 2 rows hdc = 1 inch

Terms: Chain (ch), slip stitch (sl st), half double crochet (hdc), single crochet (sc), double crochet (dc).

PUMPKIN (tangerine/orange):

Row 1: ch 20, sl st in next 4 sts, work in back loop only, hdc each of next 12 sts, sl st each of next 4 sts, ch 1, turn.

Row 2: work in back loop only throughout, sl st each of next 4 sts, hdc each of next 12 sts, sl st each of next 4 sts, ch 1, turn.

Rows 3 through 9: repeat Row 2.

Row 10: work side of pumpkin in both sts, sl st each of next 4 sts, decrease 6 sts along each side by sl st in 2 sts as 1, sl st each of next 4 sts, 4 sl sts along top and bottom, join (36 sl sts).

Row 11: ch 3, hdc in each sl st and across top and bottom, join (36 sts).

Row 12: ch 5, skip first hdc, *hdc in next st, skip next st, ch 1; repeat from * around, join, cut yarn.

TENDRIL (avocado/green): ch 20, 3 sc in second ch from hook, 3 sc in each ch, ch 55, break yarn. Weave ch through holes of pumpkin. Attach yarn, ch 20, work 3 sc in each of the 20 sts just made, sl st in next st, cut yarn.

STEM (avocado/green): ch 3; *dc in each ch (3dc), ch 3, turn; repeat from * 3 rows. Cut yarn. Sew stem to top of pumpkin. Optional: Embroider jack-o-lantern face. WATCH OUT FOR 'STINGY JACK!'

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*** BACK SEAT DRIVER HAT ***

FINISHED SIZES: 17.5" toddler (19" small child - 20.5" child large - 22" adult in parentheses)

MATERIALS: DRAGONFLY FIBERS "Traveller" one skein (100% superwash merino, 4 oz., 280 yards, DK weight) one skein will yield two hats

NEEDLES: US size 4 16" circular needle for ribbing; US size 6 16" circular needle for body of hat; US size 6 double-pointed needles for crown OR SIZE NEEDED FOR GAUGE

EXTRAS: stitch marker, row counter

GAUGE: 5.5 stitches / 9 rounds = 1" in pattern stitch

PATTERN STITCH (multiple of 4, worked in the round, stitch detail shown in photo)

Round 1: Knit.

Round 2: Purl.

Rounds 3 & 4: Knit.

Round 5: Purl.

Round 6: Knit.

Round 7: *Knit 2, purl 2; repeat from * around.

Round 8: Knit.

Rounds 9 - 12: Repeat rounds 7 & 8.

Repeat rounds 2-12 for pattern.

DIRECTIONS

With smaller circular knitting needle, cast on 96 (104 -112 - 120) stitches. Place marker for beginning of round. Join, being careful not to twist stitches. Work in knit 2, purl 2 ribbing for 1" (1" - 1.5" - 1.5"). Change to larger circular needle. Work in pattern until piece measures 5" (5.5" - 6" - 6.5"), ending with round 2 or 5. To work a slouchy version for larger children or adult (the two largest sizes), work an additional inch of patterning before beginning crown shaping. Begin shaping for crown, changing to double-pointed needles when necessary:

Round 1: *Knit 6, knit 2 together; repeat from * around.

Round 2 and all even-numbered rounds: Knit.

Round 3: *Knit 5, knit 2 together; repeat from * around.

Round 5: *Knit 4, knit 2 together; repeat from * around.

Round 7: *Knit 3, knit 2 together; repeat from * around.

Round 9: *Knit 2, knit 2 together; repeat from * around.

Round 11: *Knit 1, knit 2 together; repeat from * around.

Round 13: *Knit 2 together; repeat from * around.

Cut a 8" tail. Weave tail through the remaining live stitches and pull to close top of hat.

Weave in ends.

OPTIONS: Add a pompom embellishment. For a colorwork variation, work cuff in main color, stockinette rounds in a contrast color, textured rounds in main color and crown in main color, or stripe as desired. A great stash buster or project for charity knitting!

*** BACK SEAT DRIVER COWL ***

FINISHED SIZE: 9 deep" X 33" circumference

MATERIALS: DRAGONFLY FIBERS "Traveller" one skein (100% superwash merino, 4 oz., 280 yards, DK weight)

NEEDLES: US size 6 24" circular needle OR SIZE NEEDED TO OBTAIN GAUGE

EXTRAS: stitch marker, row counter

GAUGE: 5.5 stitches / 8 rounds = 1" in pattern stitch

PATTERN STITCH SAME AS HAT

INSTRUCTIONS: With circular needles, cast on 180 stitches. Place marker for beginning of round. Join, being careful not to twist stitches. Work in pattern stitch until piece measures 9" or desired length. Bind off all stitches loosely. Weave in ends. Enjoy!

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

Join the "First Mondays" Club for an evening of knitting, crocheting and fellowship, at Panera Bread Greengate in Greensburg, PA. Next meeting dates are Monday evenings October 2, 2017 and November 6, 2017; 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm.

***** "KNITTING IN THE AFTERNOON" AT KATHY'S KREATIONS Tuesdays, October 10, 2017 and November 14, 2017; 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm (rsvp please) *****

Join us for stitching & lots of fun conversation. All skill levels of knitters & crocheters are welcome! Please call ahead to rsvp in case of a scheduling change...

***** SATURDAY SIT-N-KNIT October 21, 2017 and November 11, 2017; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm; (rsvp please, usual dates have changed due to Fort Ligonier Days) *****

Come unwind with fellow knitters! Join us at Kathy's Kreations for fellowship and stitching for projects purchased here. Open to all skill levels...

***** FUN FRIDAYS, October 20, 2017 and November 17, 2017; 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. Please call ahead to let us know you will be coming, as space is limited.

***** OCTOBER 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. This month, we feature Michelle Hunter's *Behind The Scenes* cowl (see page 4)-- as well as WIPs from previous KALs. Not working on the KALs? 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 October 2017 thread...

***** "BUILDING BLOCKS" TUESDAY OCTOBER 31, 2017, 10:00 am - 12 noon *****

Add to your knitting knowledge and learn some new techniques! Each month, instructor Karen McCullough introduces you to a new skill with a new block from Michelle Hunter's *Building Blocks* book. By the end of the series, you'll have a gorgeous lap throw. Registration fee \$10 plus materials, call 724-238-9320 for more details...

***** "CROCHET EMBELLISHMENT" SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017, 10:00 am - 12 noon *****

Our beginner crochet classes were such a hit that instructor Karen Voshall's students want more, more, more! Attendance at previous classes is not a pre-requisite, although it is helpful if you can make a foundation chain and are familiar with single crochet & double crochet stitches. In response to our students' requests, you will learn more about interpreting instructions, and how to crochet a lovely autumn leaf to use for home decor or for embellishing accessories like cowls or beanies. Registration fee is \$20, call 724-238-9320 for more details...

***** "TRENDY CAST ONS" SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm *****

Shawl knitting has never been more popular. Come learn how to begin your next shawl project with some trendy new cast ons. Instructor Kathy Erhard will explain the secrets to making the Disappearing Loop, Fan, and Chinese Waitress Cast Ons (shown upper left). Please bring smooth worsted weight yarn, US size 7 or 8 circular and double-pointed needles, and US size F or G crochet hook to get your new shawl off to a great start. Registration fee is \$20, call 724-238-9320 to sign up...

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 37 years!

Every project begins with a spark of inspiration. Those of us who create often look to the world of nature at this time of year. Let's take time to appreciate Nature's beauty this fall and reinvent it in our stitching. Be inspired!

KEEP KNITTING AND CROCHETING! Kathy