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OCTOBER 2018 UPDATE

Dear Stitchers,

Autumn is such an exciting time here at Kathy's Kreations! The spotlight is definitely on color this fall. We've been busy re-stocking our shelves with earthy "sweater weather" fibers in the colors of the season inspired by the Laurel Highlands -- shades of saffron, vibrant oranges, deep reds, rich plum tones, and mossy green hues. Sage green is popular for home decor this year, for everything from afghans to mug cozies. Let us help you spice up your stitching with this season's must-have color palette!

Fall isn't complete without autumn accents in your wardrobe. Knitwear trends for this fall and winter look and feel cozy. Designs are oversized with Aran and cable designs very popular, as well as stripes and color blocking in bold geometric patterns. Mixing yarns of different weights allows for one-of-a-kind originality, creating variations in drape and gauge. Stitch blocking (for example, combining stockinette and garter textures) takes stitchwork to the next level, especially if done with colorwork contrast. The 80's are making a comeback, with retro shoulder pads, fun fur, fringe, slouchy hats and berets to enjoy making. Our favorites are pullover shawls combining cowls and shawls and "swonchos" featuring ponchos with sleeves (sweater + poncho = swoncho).

If you haven't started working on your holiday gifts yet, ask us for "giftable" ideas. From toys to toppers, toasty shawls to mittens, and socks to scarves, we have something that will appeal to everyone on your gift list. We are believers in the joy of making things with our hands and the positive outcomes that can result from doing so. You never know how trying something new can affect your life. Come discover what's new at Kathys' Kreations and get started on your next project today!

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*** GREAT NEW STUFF ***

Knit and crocheted items tell a story long after the stitching is done. When we happily revisit them, whether still in progress or finished, we recall the story of how the item was made, what we were doing during that time, how we chose the yarn, the special event for which it was crafted, the technique we learned, and so on. Handmade projects endure season after season. What story will your stitching tell? Here are some new arrivals to help you get started on your storytelling...

Let *Knitscene* Winter 2018 magazine guide you on your next knitting adventure (\$7.99, shown upper left). Cozy up with 20 unexpected winter knits as you enjoy the "Smoke & Mirrors" issue. Editor Hannah Baker states in her editorial: "The best knitting patterns are the ones that catch you off guard. There is nothing I love more than being surprised by a design element or technique that teaches or shows me something I didn't expect. Even simple designs can feature elements that make you look a little closer, and that's what this issue is all about." The result is a collection of 20 gorgeous and oh-so-knitable projects that make you do a double take. With sweater weather here, the featured technical article by Lisa Shroyer is a winner about how to make different armhole types work for your body type and a better fit. Our pick of the patterns is the "Millocroft Shawl", an asymmetrical shawl knit with garter and stockinette rows back and forth from a side point to the opposite side edge and featuring striping in five colorways. Enjoy a wonderful selection of seasonal patterns for fall, expert tips and tricks, inspiration and more as you advance your knitting repertoire with *Knitscene*. Become a better knitter!

A new shipment of DRAGONFLY FIBERS has arrived, in gorgeous fall-inspired shades like Spooky, Turning Leaves and Bad Moon Rising on a variety of yarn bases and weights. You'll love how the colors mix from one to the other. Team Dragonfly applies deep, rich and sometimes crazy bright colors to their high quality bases to appeal to the passionate knitter. "Traveller" (\$27.50, 113 grams, 280 yards, 100% superwash wool, CYCA #3) is a fantastically soft, hand-dyed DK weight plied yarn that will work up into sweaters with next-to-skin softness and accessories you'll love to show off. Machine washable "Traveller" is also ideal for family-friendly projects and gifts. Fingering weight "Djinni" (\$32.50, 113 grams, 420 yards, 80% merino wool/10% nylon/10% cashmere, CYCA #2), is richly dyed sock joy in a skein -- luxury for your feet! "Valkyrie" (\$26.50, 113 grams, 200 yards, 100% superwash merino, CYCA #4) is a supersoft and unbelievable squishy 4-ply worsted weight to Aran weight yarn. "Dragon Sock" (\$26.50, 113 grams, 390 yards, 100% superwash merino, CYCA #2) is a super choice if you want soft, easier care merino with fabulous stitch definition. Grab one for socks or several for an unforgettable sweater or shawl...

If you are starting to plan your holiday knitting projects, you are not alone. Gift making season has definitely arrived! Creating our own traditions as makers, we can shape our own gifts with our unique skills, working them with our love, our hopes and our wishes for the intended recipient. *Interweave Knits Gifts 2018* deluxe edition (\$14.99, shown lower right) is your shortcut to "a blend of cherished knitting traditions of the past updated with modern styling, hues, techniques, and thoughtful reimaginings." It features 21 small, quick knitting projects to delight anyone on your list. In this incredible issue, you'll find quick knits, accessories, cables, and glorious colorwork that will suit all of your holiday knitting needs. Grab a fresh mug of tea or coffee and page through the Modern Scandinavian story, a menagerie of huggable toys, embroidered felted ornaments, or how to darn a worn Christmas stocking. Don't let holiday knitting sneak up on you this year: choose your projects early and give loads of cheer!



*** MORE GREAT NEW STUFF ***

Kathy loves to think that knitwear garments tell a story long after the stitching is done. We can happily revisit our handmade items season after season, and recall stories through the textures, cables, lace and etc. Kathy's latest design is *Fiskar Vest and Cardigan* (\$6.00, vest shown right), knit with Batiste (\$12.50, 50 grams, 208 yards, 50% merino/30% linen/20% silk, CYCA #2). This set was inspired by Fiskar Village in Finland, the home of Fiskar scissors! Worked in pieces and then seamed together, this elegant cable pattern contains instructions for both a stylish hip-length vest and the cardigan. Vest armband (detail shown page 8, upper left) is finished with I-cord embellishment. The cardigan version is finished with a set-in sleeve. A garter stitch side slit allows for ease of movement, and a garter stitch insert accents the armhole...



Dreamily soft and sumptuous, DREAM IN COLOR *City* (\$23.50, 4 oz., 200 yards, 100% superwash merino wool, CYCA #4) is a beautiful superwash merino wool in heavy worsted weight with an amazing feel. It is hand-dyed in super-saturated colors to bring exquisite depth and contrast to any knitting or crocheting project. You'll love using this for sweaters, cowls, blankets, and a variety of cozy accessories. We recommend this yarn for KATHY ERHARD's "Classic Ribbed Hat" design (\$5.00)...

Never lose track of your rows with the new KNITTER'S PRIDE Row Counter ring (\$27.50)! These ingenious rings come in sizes 7 - 10 and feature two numbered dials that move independently of each other to track your rows. These are perfect for avid knitters and crocheters and make great gifts, too!

It seems like pumpkin spice is everywhere at this time of year, and our shelves are no exception. It's the "Flavor-knit" color of the season! Shown on page 5 are two new arrivals from BERROCO YARNS. *Tuscan Tweed* (\$11.50, 50 grams, 120 yards, 65% wool/25% viscose/10% mohair, CYCA #4) is a delightful blend of wool, viscose and mohair in a worsted weight, timeless tweed yarn. It is perfect for simple stitches as well as sophisticated lace or cable patterns, making it ideal for sweaters, ponchos, and all types of accessories from head to toes! Classic meets contemporary in *Brielle* (\$9.50, 50 grams, 126 yards, 50% cotton/17% polyester/16% acrylic/10% wool/7% alpaca, CYCA #4), also a worsted weight yarn. The soft halo from the alpaca content combines with just a little bit of shimmer to create timeless pieces that are soft and warm to wear. Pick up your knitting needles and crochet hooks and let's go pumpkin picking!

DELLA Q mesh zippered totes (\$26.95, set of three) will help you organize everything from crochet hooks, to notions and gadgets, to small projects, even the clutter in your purse! We would love to hear your ingenious uses for these totes. If we use your suggestion in a future newsletter, you will receive your choice of a crochet hook or knitting needles of your choice. These sturdy bags are mesh on one side, striped canvas on the other. Pretty as well as practical...



Don't be afraid to incorporate variegated handpainted yarns into your colorwork projects -- it's easier than it looks! The *Aleks Cowl* by designer Aleks Byrd, shown lower left in reds, is a stunning Fair Isle colorwork loop knit in rounds with only 1 or 2 colors at a time, and no steeks. CLAUDIA & CO have put together this luxurious kit which contains nine 50-gram hanks of *Addiction* 100% merino wool yarn and the pattern in a clear plastic case (\$136.50). Available now in reds, turquoise, and bright mix...



*** OCTOBER PROGRESSIVE NEEDLES KAL ***

Don't miss out on the fun! Join Michelle Hunter on October 4, 2018, as she leads followers through the creations of the *Match Play* poncho. Worked in HiKOO "Sueno" (shown upper left), *Match Play* is an easy-to-wear poncho teeming with essential knitting skills! This poncho features high-impact textured stitches and great techniques. The mystery design's central motif delivers a new twist on a favorite stitch. Perhaps life changing is a strong sentiment, but you will be amazed at the improved version of this technique.

Match Play has a bit more structure than some ponchos, to nudge knitters toward sweater projects (think "swoncho"). It features excellent stitch definition, and has a fabulous easy-going fit that flatters almost every silhouette. The true luxury of *Match Play* is due to the glorious "Sueno" yarn. This merino/bamboo blend gives the 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). The interest in this KAL has "Sueno" much in demand-- be sure to stop in soon!

Michelle will reveal a new segment of the pattern every Thursday at 9:00 am EST online at www.knitpurlhunter.com Join us for this fun knit every Friday in October at Kathy's Kreations from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm for this 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 October 2018 shop thread at "We Love Kathy"...

*** 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 know someone who would like to sign up for a lesson, please contact us at 724-238-9320 to reserve a kit (quantities are limited) or schedule a session time (appointment requested!)

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

Join instructor Karen McCullough on **Tuesday, October 2, 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. This month's topic features *Double-Ended Knitting*. By the end of the series, you'll have a gorgeous blanket. Registration fee is \$10 per class plus materials. Let's make some color magic happen!

Do you every feel like there is information missing from knitting patterns? Would you like to know what instructions like "pick up stitches" and "weave in ends" really mean/ If so, then *Finishing Finesse* is the class for you! Take the mystery out of knitting patterns and join instructor Kathy Erhard to learn the secrets to take your projects from "homemade" to "handmade" on **Saturday, October 20, 2018 9:00 am - 12 noon**. Once you learn the meaning behind instructions, you will be confident in your work and can finish your projects with finesse. Please bring one skein of worsted weight yarn purchased at Kathy's Kreations and US size 7 or 8 knitting needles to practice some techniques. Class fee \$20.

*** MORE KNITTING CLASSES ***

On October 20, 2018, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, our *Building With Lace* with instructor Kathy Erhard explores the difference between "lace knitting" and "knitted lace". The difference lies in the fact that some lace patterns work the increases and decreases only on the right-side rows and others work these stitches on all rows. Take your lace knitting to the next level and learn how to work "knitted lace." The class has students working on various sections of the shawl, so you are welcome whether you have started your shawl or not. Class fee is \$20 per session plus materials.

*** JANE'S GRAPE SALAD ***

Jane A graciously shared this easy and unique salad was such a hit at the Laurel Highlands Knitting Guild Pic-Knit. Use your choice of grapes or use a combination. Thanks, Jane!

4 lbs. seedless grapes, washed, stems removed

8 ounces sour cream

8 ounces cream cheese, softened

1/2 cup sugar

1 tsp. vanilla

1 cup brown sugar

1 cup pecans, crushed

- Mix sour cream, cream cheese, sugar and vanilla together by hand in a large mixing bowl.
- Add grapes and mix to coat evenly.
- Top with brown sugar and pecan mixture. Chill several hours before serving.

*** SHOP SMALL 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, and more!

*** LIGONIER NEWS ***

If you've visited us over the past six months, you will have noticed lots of machinery, trucks and other equipment active around the Diamond. We are pleased to announce the Ligonier Diamond Park Grand Re-Opening Celebration on Friday, October 5, 2018 from 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm. The dedication ceremony includes local historians, ribbon-cutting, time capsule, entertainment from local bands, a cider toast to the Diamond and family activities.

Fort Ligonier Days, a Ligonier happening, will be held Friday, October 12; Saturday, October 13; and Sunday October 14, 2018. Merchant sidewalk sales will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2018. "I Love Yarn Day" is October 13, 2018 -- join us to celebrate!

Ligonier's 27th annual scarecrow contest will be held October 19, 2018 through November 3, 2018. Creative scarecrows will be displayed around our "polished" Diamond with over 20 handmade, spook-tacular scarecrows lining the streets. Vote for your favorite...

*** 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 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)...





Allison Hat for Grown-ups

ingredients:

Yarn:

Delicious Yarns Half & Half Sport 1 skein (310 yds)
(Shown here in Berry Blue/Raspberry)

Needles:

US #5 16" circ

US #5 DPN's

(or size needed to achieve gauge)

Other Stuff: Stitch Marker, darning needle

details:

Gauge: 22 st = 4" in Stockinette stitch

Sizes: 20" (22")

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DIRECTIONS:

Cast on 108 (120) sts
PM and join in the round.
K 2 rounds.
Pattern Round (PR): (P1 tbl, k5) to marker.

Repeat PR for 8" (9 ½")

Decreases

(Note: Change to DPN's at any point where there are too few stitches to work comfortably.)

Round 1: (P1tbl, k2, k2tog, k1, p1tbl, k5) to end of round.

Round 2: (P1tbl, k4, p1 tbl, k2, k2tog, k1) to end of round.

Round 3: (P1tbl, k1, k2tog, k1, p1tbl, k4) to end of round.

Round 4: (P1tbl, k3, p1 tbl, k1, k2tog, k1) to end of round.

Round 5: (P1tbl, k2tog, k1, p1tbl, k3) to end of round.

Round 6: (P1tbl, k2, p1 tbl, k1, k2tog, k1) to end of round.

Round 7: (P1tbl, k2tog, p1tbl, k2) to end of round.

Round 8: (P1tbl, k1, p1tbl, k2tog) to end of round.

Round 9: (P1tbl, k2tog, k1) to end of round.

Round 10: (P1tbl, k1, k2tog) to end of round. 18 (27) sts.

Finishing

Option 1: Plain top

Cut yarn, leaving at least 10" to work with. Thread yarn onto darning needle and run yarn through each stitch, pulling them off as you go. Pull tightly and secure. Turn hat inside out. (The purl side is the outside of the hat)

Option 2: With tab on top

Continue in pattern on the final stitches for 3"

Bind off (knitwise) loosely. Turn hat inside out. (The purl side is the outside of the hat)

Wrap yarn around the top, about 2 ½" below the bind off edge, as if you're tying off a balloon.

Weave in ends. Block as desired. Enjoy!



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PITTSBURGH KNIT & CROCHET FESTIVAL, March 15 - 17, 2019

The Pittsburgh Knit, Crochet, Quilt & Creative Arts Festival is pleased to announce a change of location which will make it easier to get around, plus the bonus of free parking. The Festival moves from downtown Pittsburgh to the Doubletree Hotel by Hilton in Greentree, PA. Save the dates March 15 - 17, 2019! Visit www.pghknitandcrochet.com for more information and details. Look for our booth in the Market...



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

Join the "First Mondays" group for an evening of knitting, crocheting and fellowship, at Panera Bread Greengate in Greensburg, PA. Next meeting dates are Monday evenings **October 1, 2018 & November 5, 2018; 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm.**

***** "KNITTING IN THE AFTERNOON" AT KATHY'S KREATIONS Tuesdays, October 9, 2018 & November 13, 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!

***** SATURDAY SIT-N-KNIT October 6, 2018 & November 10, 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.

***** FUN FRIDAYS, October 19, 2018 & November 16, 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...

***** 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. Our featured project is "Match Play", Michelle Hunter's latest 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 October 2018 thread...

***** "BUILDING IN COLOR" Tuesday, October 2, 2018, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon (knit)**

***** "FINISHING FINESSE" Saturday, October 20, 2018, 9:00 am - 12 noon (knit)**

***** "BUILDING WITH LACE" Saturday, October 20, 2018, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm (knit)**

***** FALL FLING with special guest instructor MICHELLE HUNTER October 5 - 7, 2018**

***** GRAND RE-OPENING OF THE LIGONIER DIAMOND October 5, 2018; 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

***** FORT LIGONIER DAYS October 12 - 14, 2018, merchant sidewalk sales October 11**

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!

Timeless favorites always feel new. Enjoy the beauty of a shifting season. Wishing you a texture-perfect, colorful autumn with all your projects on gauge!

HAPPY KNITTING AND CROCHETING!

Kathy