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SEPTEMBER 2017 UPDATE

Dear Stitchers,

Although summer is "still on", we're starting to get that fall feeling! We love looking forward to autumn and all the fabulous new yarns and project ideas that are arriving every day. As the season gets ready to change, we're excited to introduce our new collections for crisp, cooler days. Come discover the joy of creating one-of-a-kind handknits!

For knitters and crocheters, our "year" begins in autumn. At Kathy's Kreations, we find inspiration in Nature's beauty and the spectacular colors that blanket our surrounding Laurel Highlands landscape. We translate this inspiration into gorgeous knitting and crocheting projects. Our color palette is influenced by rich, saturated warm tones (think pumpkin, dramatic oranges, gold-toned neutrals, amber, vibrant "power" reds, rich browns, and woody greens). We're drawn to classic yarns and natural fibers like wool and alpaca in heathers, tweeds, marls and hand-dyed gems.

What to wear this fall? Loose, menswear-inspired essentials are part of a "layer effect" -- ponchos, ruanas, long vests, generous shawls, and ribbed chunky sweaters are all fun to knit and all what to wear this fall. How to wear them? Pile it on!

When it comes to fashion, details change from season to season. Many trends merely borrow from another era, calling the latest, hippest styles "vintage". Americana vibes, the "fringe factor", Victorian-inspired collars, broad shoulder jackets, buttons down the sides of skirts, and vintage-inspired "faux fur" are avant garde this fall. Knits are everywhere we look, and we couldn't be happier. Just remember: you can make any trend fit your personal style. After all, rules are made to be broken, aren't they?

It's time for you to get back to knitting and crocheting. Every project begins with a spark of inspiration. Let us help you to find the inspiration you need to exercise your creative process. The new season awaits -- say hello to fall at Kathy's Kreations and be inspired!

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\*\*\* GREAT NEW STUFF \*\*\*

This season, knitting and crocheting rise to the occasion. The future looks bright with new colors, textures and designs. Create elegant shawls, sweaters for him (and yourself!), toys and wearables for the kids, and you are part of the renewal of age-old arts. Let's celebrate the arrival of fall with these products and projects designed to keep you happily stitching away into the cooler months ahead...

Let's start with the yarns. WONDERLAND YARNS are soft, light, wear-it-next-to-your-skin superwash merino yarns and luxury blends that are hand-dyed by the fine folks at Frabjous Fibers in Vermont. Their 160+ "pigments of imagination" shades are named after and inspired by Lewis Carroll's timeless classic *Alice In Wonderland*. The core colors range in tone from rich solids like "Off With Her Red", to sweet, subtle shades like "Certain Twilights", to bold brights like "Caterpillar", to speckled "Raspberry Truffle", plus a wide variety of variegated styles. From the lightweight single-ply fingering "Dinah" (\$25.50, 4 oz., 412 yards, 100% superwash merino, CYCA #2) for a delicate shawl or cowl, to "Tweedle Dee Dum" bulky (\$25.50, 4 oz., 87 yards, 100% superwash merino, CYCA #5) for the ultimate squish factor, and everything in between. New to our shelves is sock base "Mary Ann" (\$28.50, 4 oz., 475 yards, 85% fine merino wool / 15% nylon, CYCA #2). This beauty has a delightfully soft hand with the smoothness and durability you want in a fabulous sock yarn...

Elegant and refined, MANOS DEL URUGUAY "Fino" (\$30.50, 100 grams, 490 yards, 70% wool / 30% silk, CYCA #2) is a soft, shiny single-ply fingering weight yarn in exquisite, rich colors. The luxurious blend of merino and silk gives "Fino" a gorgeous drape, a rich luster and soft hand. No two skeins are exactly alike. This yarn is hand dyed in large kettles to create a marbelized, subtly striated effect that forms a rich palette of tonal colors. Its counterpart is "Silk Blend DK" (\$14.95 tonals, \$15.50 variegated shades, 50 grams, 150 yards, CYCA #3), with the same super soft hand of merino and subtle glow of silk in a medium weight. It produces excellent stitch definition that showcases fancy textures or cables...

"Boxy" (\$6.50, shown upper left) by Joji Locatelli is a very simple modern sweater with a very wide body and skinny sleeves. Worked with a lightweight yarn, it is very flattering, drapey and stylish! A little short rows section in the shoulders adds an interesting texture to the sleeves. Directions are given to make a seamless version (worked in the round) or a seamed version (worked back and forth) of the body. The sleeves and the neckband are worked seamlessly in the round in both versions. This design also has a big brother "Worsted Boxy" (\$6.50) which is much quicker to make but equally awesome and a sister, "V-Neck Boxy" (yes, it's top-down!)

Sports! Yes, sports -- the time-honored tradition of kicking things and hitting stuff. SKACEL loves sports -- especially their Seattle football team. Based on the popularity of previous Scoreboard knit alongs, we are introducing the "Essential Sports hats" kits (\$28.50 per hat kit, shown lower right). SKACEL takes the guesswork out of the equation with pre-packaged kits, which Kathy's Kreations has customized for OUR Pittsburgh football team in black and gold, of course! The hat can be worn cuffed with a brim, or slouchy, and is available to knit in two sizes -- child / small adult and adult large / male. The kit includes 3 hanks of "Simplicity" yarn and an exclusive, kit-only pattern. It comes in a nifty box which can be used to store your WIP, or as a gift box for the lucky hat recipient. Supplies are limited, so order your kit now...



\*\*\* MORE GREAT NEW STUFF \*\*\*

As CHURCHMOUSE tells us: "Fall is a time of year for fresh starts -- a new school year, a different wardrobe, the casting on of new projects (dare we say, holiday prep?)". We are excited to launch eight new CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS knitting patterns -- yes, eight! These wonderful new patterns promise to result in a hand-knit wardrobe that works together season after season...



Slouchy Pullover in two lengths (\$8.50, shown upper right) -- Churchmouse "wanted a relaxed weekend sweater that was oversized, yet supremely lightweight. Airy, quadrupled lace-weight mohair gives it sheer, pretty appeal. A soft, chunky-weight fleece-like option offers funkier sweatshirt charm. The flattering, soft 'V' neckline and short-row shaped cuffs keep the generous scale from becoming overwhelming"...

Tapered Cowl (\$6.50) -- "The long, slow shaping of this cowl begins with a wider base that slips as far over one or both shoulders as the circumference allows, while the narrower top end fills in the neck to keep you beautifully cozy. Yarn requirements are a sport weight yarn, which is knit on slightly smaller needles for dense, luxurious folds"...

Half & Half Cowl in 2 gauges (\$6.50) -- "The first half of this ribbed cowl is knitted flat to split over one shoulder or create an opening in the front or back. Then it's joined in the round for a softly draping cowl or collar. Tubular cast-on and bind-off lend a sophisticated, ready-to-wear finish. Soft worsted-weight yarn offers a more polished look, while a plush chunk-weight yarn yields 'extreme cozy'. Frontwards, backward, upside down -- wear it any way you like!"

Flat Rib Popover (\$8.50) -- "Whether you wear it with denim or tailored pieces, this simple layer will have you dressed and out the door in a flash. It tapers imperceptibly to the hem for a boxy shape that doesn't flare at the bottom. Dropped shoulders create a flattering line. The subtly textured rib pattern results in a smooth, flat finish that's nice inside out, too"...

Striped Linen Stitch Wrap & Scarf (\$6.50) -- CHURCHMOUSE's "fervent love of linen stitch continues. The eight-color wrap and four-color scarf take on a convincingly woven look. Knitted lengthwise, with knotted self-fringe, they look like they're right off the loom. The 'wrong' side has a more knitterly seed stitch look that's gorgeous, too. Seemingly random striping sequences are quite forgiving -- if you run out of a color, just throw in another!"

Buttoned Wrap Skirt in 8 sizes & 2 lengths (\$8.50) -- "Knit from side to side in one piece and shaped with short-row 'darts' at the hip, this simple, easy-to-adjust skirt will become a wardrobe staple. Diagonally placed buttons close the skirt with an asymmetric overlap that creates a flattering A-line. Or place the top button at the waist for a narrower line".

'Windy City' Cap (\$6.50) -- "This hat looks smart for meetings, a little hip for weekends, and keeps the 'Windy City' wind out of your ears. The dense tweed stitch pattern takes on a handsome honeycomb look when worn inside out"...



Ribbed Lace Scarf in 2 gauges (\$6.50, shown left) -- "A simple stitch pattern and a gorgeous yarn are all you need to express your personal style. This generously scaled scarf comes in two widths. In fine lace-weight yarn held double, you can slip the wider version over your shoulders with airy elegance or tie it any number of ways. In a luxe, chunky-weight yarn, it takes on cozy, modern wrapability"...



\*\*\* SEPTEMBER KNIT ALONG (KAL) \*\*\*

September finds us wrapped up in shawls again -- there's something comforting about shawls as we drift into fall. Our choice for this month's knit along project is "Ruddy" by Taiga Hilliard (\$6.00 Ravelry Pro download). This lovely triangle shawl is knit sideways and features a gorgeous leaf pattern. The pattern is both written out and charted. Our shop sample was shared by Shawn Sweeney (thank you, Shawn!) and was knit with 600 yards of DREAM IN COLOR "Classy with Cashmere" in colorway *Singin' In The Rain*. Other works in progress that some of our Friday knitters are working on include the "Antarktis" and "Spindrift" shawls, as well as other projects purchased here. If you can't join us in person for Friday knit alongs, we invite you to join us on our September shop thread at "We Love Kathy's" to share your projects...

\*\*\* WHERE CAN I FIND? \*\*\*

We are re-organizing our large selection of interchangeable knitting needle tips and cords for your shopping convenience. Our large selection of interchangeable knitting sets including CHIAGOO bamboo and "spin sets", PLYMOUTH rosewood, and KNITTER'S PRIDE "Karbonz", "Dreamz" and sock sets are now located in the glass display case at our checkout counter. Please ask for assistance in finding just the right needle for your project.

Our large collection of CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS patterns as well as indy designer hard copy and yarn support patterns are now located in our new pattern display, located to the right when you walk in the front door...

\*\*\* OCTOBER 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!

*Behind the Scenes* is knit in SKACEL's new HIKOO "Oh!", a luxurious 100% super baby alpaca aran/light chunky weight (shown lower right on page 7). This very fine 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 will be available here in late September. The KAL clues begin on Thursday, October 5, 2017...

\*\*\* SEPTEMBER DREAM CLUB \*\*\*

Our first Dream Club kit of the season pairs DREAM IN COLOR "BFL SILK DK" with *Beachcomber*, an amazing shawl pattern from Chelsea Berkompas. Inspiration for the colors chosen for this kit comes from the Sonoran Desert -- now bursting with life after the heat of the summer. Monsoon rains pour down and green springs forth from the desert floor. The colors chosen suggest this beauty and growth -- Monsoon Desert! The kit includes two 250 yard skeins plus one 150 yard skein, sufficient yardage to complete this stunning shawl.

*Beachcomber* (Ravelry Pro download \$5.99) is "a completely reversible oversized shawl full of fun shaping, garter stitch stripes and striking lace. Worked diagonally from tip to tip, the multicolored garter stitch sections alternate with bands of lace and are finished off with a fluttery picot bind-off, resulting in a delightfully squishy, colorful and lightweight shawl. The large, asymmetrical shape can be worn a multitude of ways for a striking and dramatic accessory"...



\*\*\* LET'S RIP! \*\*\*

Our sincere thanks to Sharon Greve for graciously sharing her column "The Dropped Stitch" from *The Pennsylvania & West Virginia Register* July-August 2017. Kathy recently had to rip out several inches of a shawl project for a stitch count issue and found this article to be quite timely indeed. Thank you, Sharon!



Sharon wrote: "Let's admit it! Mistakes and accidents happen sooner or later to all knitters -- sometimes more than one wants when learning new stitch patterns such as cables or working lace. We quickly learn it's not fun to 'frog' (rip out) what we've spent hours or days knitting, thinking progress is being made. Some knitters consider 'frogging' to be a study of stitch construction which when learned can shorten frogging. If you understand how the stitch was made, you quickly know how to 'undo' the stitch. The following tips will hopefully save you time and frustration when that 'error' strikes fear in your knitting.

- ⇒ Always have clean hands as ripping back or out requires tedious finger work.
- ⇒ Work at a table that can support the knitted project as you work, using your fingers to catch and manipulate the freed stitches.
- ⇒ No one wants to frog more than needed so work in good light to see the stitching well.
- ⇒ Remain calm -- don't freak out! Take a deep breath, observe what needs to be frogged, and work slowly and carefully so as not to damage the yarn. Need help? Visit your local yarn shop for frogging expertise.
- ⇒ Use a smaller needle to pick up the freed stitches when you rip out an entire row. Don't stress about whether the stitches are laying correctly as you pick them up; just get them on the needle before they drop and start unraveling stitches in previous rows. The stitches can be laid correctly on your needle as you reknit them.
- ⇒ Knots can tighten and be very difficult; don't pull knots! Sometimes a yarn strand looped and twisted around itself will look like a knot. Take time to look closely at the pathway of the yarn before pulling. If one loop of wool / mohair joins another loop as if felted, carefully work them apart with great care. Or place the project in a refrigerator or freezer for a very short time so the fibers will separate or let go of each other, making it easier to frog.
- ⇒ A firm, smooth yarn will stay looped in the stitches as you rip out an entire row. A soft sticky yarn needs you to unknit (frog) one stitch at a time. Insert a needle into the stitch one row below the sticky stitch to be pulled out and then tug on the yarn until the stitch spreads out.
- ⇒ When working lace, a thin, strong, contrasting thread (dental floss works) through the stitches every several rows so if frogging is needed, the 'lifeline' will make the picking-up process easier and less stressful.
- ⇒ After correction has been accomplished, remind yourself to take a break every few rows to view the progress in order to catch errors / mistakes early. It can save you a lot of time and frustration.

Eventually you will be knitting more than frogging. Rip it -- rip it!

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\*\*\* KNITTING-INSPIRED JEWELRY \*\*\*

The hottest jewelry trend right now is bracelet stacking! To keep you on trend, we introduce SKACEL's Stitch Marker Charm Bracelets that are practical, and look great. The stainless steel bracelet packs (\$24.50 each, shown left) are available in both XS/SM and M/L, and comes with 6 stainless steel double-sided stitch markers. The markers will fit up to a size 10 (6 mm) needle and bear the following chart symbols: K2tog, SSK, EOR, BO, PM and YO. And just in case the 6 charms do not cover all of your knitting needs, zinc alloy charm booster packs are available (\$16.50, lobster claw clasps)...





### \*\*\* RIBBED FINGERLESS MITTS \*\*\*

Fingerless mitts come in handy for texting and commuting on crisp fall mornings. Kathy has designed a pair that will knit up in practically no time! Treat yourself to the cashmere blend (you are worth it!)

YARN: 200 yards worsted weight yarn (suggested yarn one skein of DREAM IN COLOR "Classy" or "Classy with Cashmere")

NEEDLES: US size 7 (4.5 mm) double-pointed knitting needles

Note: two 24" circls or 32" circular needle may be used, if working with two circls or Magic Loop method is preferred

SKILL LEVEL: Advanced beginner, must be able to work in the round

GAUGE: approx. 5 stitches = 1" measured over stockinette stitch

SIZE: One size fits all; finished measurement approx. 7" around X 10" long

K2, P2 RIBBING PATTERN:

All rounds: \*knit 2, purl 2; repeat from \* around.

DIRECTIONS (make two): Loosely cast on 40 stitches. Working in the round with desired method, join, being careful not to twist stitches. Work in K2, P2 ribbing pattern until piece measures 6", ending at the beginning of the round.

Next Round: Bind off the first 6 stitches in ribbing, continue around in ribbing pattern as established.

Next Round: Cast on 6 stitches loosely over the bound-off stitches, continue around in ribbing pattern as established.

Work in ribbing until piece is 10" or desired length. Bind off all stitches in pattern. Cut yarn; weave in all ends with tapestry needle. Enjoy!

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### \*\*\* MORE NEW YARNS JUST IN \*\*\*

Silk blended with wool creates a subtle heather color in BERROCO "Gingko" (\$12.50, 50 grams, 134 yards, 52% silk / 48% wool, CYCA #4). This yarn is perfect for next-to-the-skin projects, making it a top choice for accessories (like the ribbed fingerless mitts pattern above) and sweaters alike.

NAKO "Elit Baby Muare", distributed by PLYMOUTH YARNS, is here. This new baby yarn isn't just any baby yarn. What makes it so special is that it is 100% premium anti-pill acrylic. This means a baby or kid's garment will look virtually new for many years. The color effect is much like a mirage or impressionistic painting, where your eye may see patterning in the fabric. Bright and happy kids' colors are now available...

### \*\*\* COLOR FORECAST \*\*\*

What's trending with color? Every season, the team at the Pantone Color Institute evaluates the colors shown by fashion designers in their collections during Fashion Week, and then creates a Fashion Color Report. According to Pantone's Executive Director Leatrice Eiseman: "Led by a vivid flame scarlet (Grenadine), the color palette for Fall 2017 is comprised of strong classic colors complemented by a few unpredictable shades. Bookended by a dynamic Grenadine and a tawny Autumn Maple, it leans more to warmth. While comforting, enveloping colors and ease are crucial to the seasonal feeling, standout shades include a pale pink Ballet Slipper, a refreshing Golden Lime, and a bright Marina blue. These hues add a striking touch when paired with the classic autumnal shades of Navy Peony, Neutral Gray, Shaded Spruce, Butterum and Tawny Port."

### PANTONE Fall 2017 COLOR TRENDS

17-4001	MARINA
16-4020	NAVY PEONY
17-4024	SHADED SPRUCE
17-4043	GOLDEN LIME
17-4402	NEUTRAL GRAY
17-3104	BALLET SLIPPER
16-1341	BUTTERUM
17-1045	AUTUMN MAPLE
17-0908	GRENADINE
16-1330	TAWNY PORT



\*\*\* STEEL VALLEY YARN CRAWL \*\*\*

Thank you to everyone who visited our LYS during the 4th annual Steel Valley Yarn Crawl. Your support is greatly appreciated and we hope that you will return to see us again soon. Shown at left is HAPPY winner April H who won our gift basket #1 (jeweltones). Other winners were Pat M for basket #2 (gift certificate) and Chris M for basket #3 (earthtones). Thank you to these vendors and suppliers for their generous contributions to our baskets: Accessories Unlimited; Bar-Maids; Berroco; Dragonfly Fibers; Dream In Color; Knit One, Crochet Too; Kraemer Yarns; and Skacel

Collection. Thanks also to Vina McCleod Rudolph for the wonderful social media updates, her generous contributions and support. Thank you to our shop friends and shoppals for your assistance with our "daily doings": Linda Honchar and Dolores Turney (prize baskets); shop helpers Linda Cable (stitch markers), Charlene Feeney (Char's Cards), Linda Golden (Exploration Station), Donna Gottschalk (Exploration Station), Marian Lech (brioche stitch demo), Darlene Nagrosky (Knitted Knockers display), and Shawn Sweeney (Ravelry test knitter display).

Now it's time to mark your calendars because we plan to do it all again next year during **July 27, 2018, through August 5, 2018!** You are cordially invited to join us once more!

New supplies of DREAM IN COLOR "Jilly with Cashmere" and "Smoochy with Cashmere" have arrived in our exclusive limited edition Yarn Crawl 'Just One More Row' colorway -- last call to purchase this shade, as our supply is going fast! The pattern for Kathy's scarf with this colorway and Kathy's Pumpkin Hat will be available soon to purchase on Ravelry...

\*\*\* 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...*

**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. For more information, visit [www.knittreat.com](http://www.knittreat.com)

**Thanksgiving Weekend Open House Friday November 24, 2017 and Small Business Saturday November 25, 2017**

**Town-wide Holiday 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! Join us for this special event and gift basket giveaway (eligible to win with purchase)...





\*\*\* 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 September 11, 2017 (second Monday due to Labor Day) and October 2, 2017; 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm. All skill levels welcome!

\*\*\* "KNITTING IN THE AFTERNOON" AT KATHY'S KREATIONS Tuesday, September 12, 2017 and October 10, 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 September 16, 2017 and October 21, 2017; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm; (rsvp please, usual dates have changed due to classes & 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, September 15, 2017 and October 20, 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. All skill levels welcome!

\*\*\* SEPTEMBER KNIT-ALONG (KAL) \*\*\*

Stop by on Fridays in September 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 Taiga Hilliard's "Ruddy" shawl -- 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 September 2017 thread...

\*\*\* "BUILDING BLOCKS" TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 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 102" SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017, 10:00 am - 12 noon \*\*\*

Our beginner crochet was such a hit that Karen Voshall's students want more, more, more! Attendance at the first class 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. The class will include a review of "Crochet 101" basic stitches. You do not need to be a stitch wizard -- this is a beginner class to help you feel more confident with your basic skills and prepare you to move on to understanding pattern directions. In response to our students' requests, you will learn about swatching, how to take a gauge & its importance, terminology, abbreviations & terms, how to read a pattern, and all about accessories & tools. Registration fee is \$20, call 724-238-9320 for more details...

\*\*\* "LATTICE SAMPLER SHAWL" SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2017, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm \*\*\*

Join instructor Jeanne Osman for how-to's to knit the "Lattice Sampler Shawl" (shown upper left). This is an asymmetrical triangular shawl featuring bands of lattice lace in a garter stitch field. Student supplies include 1092 yards fingering weight yarn, US size 4 knitting needles, and stitch markers. Registration fee is \$20 (pattern included), call 724-238-9320 for more details.

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!

As much as we love warm sunny days, we're eager for cooler ones and the new season ahead. Please stop by to see what's new, what's now! KEEP KNITTING AND CROCHETING! Kathy