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APRIL 2022 UPDATE



Dear Stitchers,

What knits are you looking forward to making and wearing this spring? Innovative, high-performance fibers are hitting their stride as we head into warmer weather — so cool in so many ways. They are ultra-soft, light, breathable, moisture-wicking, and quick-drying. No wonder that cotton and linen continue to be a perfect choice for spring & summer knitting and crocheting! We are pleased to have them on our shelves and are excited for you to try them.

The sun is out, and bright, bold colors are dominating fashion. You'll be glad to hear that there's a generous dose of color coming your way for spring. This year's Pantone color might be very peri, but let the rainbow be your inspiration.

The Spring 2022 season has an upbeat, offbeat quality through it that embraces vibrancy and joy. Probably the trend that is most in line with stitchers is TEXTURE, whether it's outerwear, pullovers, cardigans, shawls, or socks. The preppy look is manifesting itself in everything from cable-knits to 90's-inspired vests. Knitted and crocheted vests are a wardrobe essential that looks as good over a floaty maxi dress as it does paired with a tee and jeans. On the other end of the spectrum, you can expect to see some cute cut-outs and glam party cardigans. PATTERN is popular — mosaic knitting, stranded colorwork and Fair Isle are all IN. Colorwork lovers, hop on this trend with color blocking, patchwork, houndstooth and checkerboard designs. Short, boxy looks are very "now", as well as feminine sleeves with flair — puffy, bell, flared, ripple, so make a statement! Crocheters, this year is all about loud and outrageous granny squares, with something for everyone!

We're celebrating 42 years in business all month long, and have some fun events planned like LYS Day, Spring Break Workshop weekend with Cynthia Spencer, the kick-off for Casapinka and Florida Mystery Road Trip knit alongs, our Sock Class series, and much more...

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*** GREAT NEW STUFF ***

So long, winter! Right now, we are all yearning for brighter shades and lighter weight yarns. Knitting and crocheting for wellness and for relaxation still is very much on trend. Spring pairings convey a sense of softness and a casual mood, while showcasing comfort. Happy splashes of color and subtle shading effects will result in a truly carefree spring/summer wardrobe. This season looks more light-hearted, nostalgic and celebratory than we've seen for quite some time.

Since knitting for relaxation is so prevalent, many of the currently popular patterns can be worked by beginners who are comfortable with the basics (knit, purl, increase, decrease, cast on and bind-off, reading a pattern and chart) and want to try something more exciting, like these wonderful products and projects...

Emma's Yarn April 2022 Crazy Beautiful Club colorway is a sweet, mauve-y tonal lightly dusted with deep, neutral speckles (shown upper left). This shade is very trendy, seen everywhere from elegant award show gowns on the red carpet to drapery shawls on Main Street. It reminds us of a really beautiful bouquet of delicate roses or a bowl of chocolate chip/cherry ice cream — yum! It is available here on bases "Practically Perfect Sock" (\$27.50, 100 grams, 400 yards, 80% superwash merino/20% nylon, CYCA #2), "Super Silky" (\$30.50, 100 grams, 400 yards, 80% superwash merino/20% silk, CYCA #2) and "Simply Spectacular DK" (\$27.50, 100 grams, 255 yards, 75% superwash merino/25% nylon)...

Add glamour to your knitting with beads! A large selection of MIYUKI size 6 seed beads has arrived, to pair with our Florida Road Trip Mystery Shawl or other springtime projects. Indulge in sparkles, mattes, silver-lined, iridescent types and more (price varies from \$4.50—\$10.50 per tube, depending on material and special effect)...

It's time for something nice and bright. DREAM IN COLOR's April 2022 Pop-Up Club selection will summon up spring, wherever you are. On base "Smoochy Cashmere" (\$35.50, 4 oz., 400 yards, 70% superwash merino/20% cashmere/10% nylon, CYCA #2, shown upper right, page 7), this is a pretty pink mix — pastel to candy, rose and fuchsia — that combines beautifully with tonal shades. Suggested pattern support is Sarah Abram's lacy design, *You Are Enough* (\$6.00, Ravelry Pro download available through Kathy's Kreations). This is a simple, forgiving, and engaging triangle shawl that will use up the yarn and time you have. Each section is "knit until you want to switch" while introducing new yarn colors when you're almost finished with your previous color. Sarah used two complimentary shades plus the pop-up, so you can do the same or use this pattern for three skeins of fingering weight yarn from our selection...

"Sitting under a palm tree, sun shining down warming me and right next to the pool holding a frozen drink with a little umbrella in my hand, that's what I'm dreaming I am doing" says designer Cally Monster about her latest design. *Open Bar* (\$7.00 Ravelry Pro download available at Kathy's Kreations, shown lower right) is a lovely shawl perfect to take anywhere! This shawl is worked sideways, increasing along one edge to create an asymmetrical triangle, and it features a nicely curved inside neckline edge. The shawl is made up of three easy-to-memorize stitch patterns: Stamen Stitch, Chevrons, and a fun Ripples Stitch. Each stitch pattern will produce its own fabric and drape, then come together to stretch open during blocking. We have "Super Silky" kits available from EMMA'S YARN for this project, in new colorways inspired expressly for this design (\$115.00/ kit). The kits also include a LOVE & LECHE ginger mojito scented little bee lotion bar plus a sticker souvenir from Cozy Cactus. It's the perfect project for a little spring break and will be the perfect thing to wear, vacation or staycation...



*** MORE GREAT NEW STUFF ***

New yarn alert! Not all warm weather yarns are created equal. BERROCO "Isola" (\$16.50, 100 grams, 284 yards, 38% cotton/36% linen/26% viscose, CYCA #3, shown right) is a fantastic long ombre gradient yarn with gorgeous color effect. This DK weight machine washable yarn is the easy choice for summer garments, shawls and more in both knit and crochet! The colors in "Isola" transition beautifully, making every project a little fun and very classy. It comes in convenient 100 gram cakes with a generous yardage. It has a unique textured construction, subtle sheen and drape, and is a non-wool alternative that is comfortable for next-to-skin wear. Suggested pattern is the *Cancun Boxy Lace Top* (free Ravelry download) by E. Kate Archer, a lace sampler layering piece knit in two rectangles from the bottom up and seamed at the shoulders and sides to create an easy, breezy boxy shape. Very suitable for beginners, would make an excellent first lace garment...



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Create colorful tees, tops and wraps with self-stripping "Summer Sesame" (\$16.50, 100 gram cakes, 295 yards, 47% cotton/44% acrylic/9% nylon, CYCA #4). This worsted weight blend is full of happy shades that effortlessly change from one to the next. BERROCO *Benedetta* (\$8.00, Ravelry Pro download, shown page 8, lower right) is a gorgeous women's crocheted pullover worked in "Summer Sesame". This laid-back crochet top is perfect under a cardigan or jacket for a day at the office and then a night on the town. It features drop shoulders, lace front panels and an attractive peplum. The front and back of "Benedetta" both begin with a central panel crocheted from the top down, and then additional stitches are added to form the hem. Side panels are then worked from the center panels out. The pattern is sized in TEN sizes from 33" to 68"...

The cropped top has been back in style for some time now, and thankfully we can enjoy a good cropped top over a simple black dress. *Love Note* (\$8.00 Ravelry Pro download available through Kathy's Kreations) by TIN CAN KNITS is a sweet little sweater that knits up quickly from the top down. The combination of mohair lace and single-ply merino creates a fabric that is drapery, soft and sensual. Or, choose a DK weight yarn like BERROCO *Isola* as a substitute. With a high-low hemline and two length options, what's not to love?

ROWAN YARNS "Kidsilk Haze" (\$15.95, 25 grams, 230 yards, 70% mohair/30% silk, CYCA #1) is a winning combination of a versatile, lace weight blend of super kid mohair and silk. It combines well when held together with other yarns and doubles up with itself beautifully. Its fuzzy, silky goodness looks great in pretty little lace pieces and lovely, lavish wraps like CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS *Tea Leaf Lace Scarf & Shawl* (\$8.50)...

OPAL YARNS has chosen eight of Vincent Van Gogh's iconic paintings as inspiration for their newest collection of machine washable self-patterning sock yarn (\$19.50, 100 grams, 462 yards, 75% wool/25% nylon, CYCA #2). This is a popular collection, with each colorway a little work of art itself. Creativity knows no limits. Also new is the eye-catching OPAL Memories Collection with brighter shades for warmer weather...

Castaways by Jennifer Shiels Toland (\$7.00, Ravelry Pro download available through Kathy's Kreations, edge detail shown lower left) is a very feminine, floaty, easy-wearing tee. It is worked seamlessly from the top down. It starts out as a separate back, worked flat, then the front to the armholes. The fronts and back are then joined to to work top down in the round to the garter, eyelet and twisted shell motifs that adorn the graceful hem, finished with a loopy eyelet bind off. This project features EMMA's YARN "Super Silky" (\$30.50, 100 grams, 400 yards, 80% superwash merino/20% silk, CYCA #2), on slightly larger needles, making it a great, lightweight easy-to-wear top...



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*** APRIL 2022 KNIT ALONG ***

April finds us continuing to knit Casapinka's recently-introduced design, the *(No need to) Panic Sweater* (short sleeved version in Emma's Yarn "Comfy Cotton DK", shown left, \$8.00 Ravelry Pro download available through Kathy's Kreations). This DK weight pullover was designed for new sweater knitters who have done shawls or other projects, but feel intimidated to make a sweater. The texture is just in the yoke and bottom of the sleeves with plenty of easy stockinette stitch on the body. It is designed to be oversized but can be modified longer or shorter in length. We have a wonderful variety of DK yarns available for this project. There are optional short rows, but no need to do them, if you're a beginner. There are long-sleeved instructions and two short-sleeved options (one with puffy sleeves).

Please join us in person every Friday throughout April 2022 from 10:00 am–2:00 pm to work on this or any other project purchased at Kathy's Kreations. If you can't join us in person, follow our progress and post on our Ravelry page, *We Love Kathy's*; Instagram (#kathyknitz) or Facebook (Kathy's Kreations; Ligonier, PA)...

*** UPCOMING CLASSES ***

Instructor Marian Lech's "Sock of The Month" group continues on the following dates from 10:30 am–12:30 pm. Each month, Marian will choose a pattern that will add to your knitting skills. Few things warm us better than a pair of hand-knit socks. Class fee for each session is \$20.00 plus pattern (if applicable). Please call us at 724-238-9320 to register or for more details.

Thursday, April 21, 2022 *Men's Socks Ankle Snugs* with toe-up construction, worsted weight yarn. Marian tells us that this class is "for Tony, her 'Main Man Sock Knitter', so he has a pair to wear." These would also make a great Father's Day gift!

Thursday, May 26, 2022 *Toe-Up Baby Socks, Two At A Time*, a great introduction to knitting two socks at the same time. But, if you are a one-at-a-time knitter, that's fine also.

Thursday, June 23, 2022 *Jayne's Sock Recipe*, a basic Toe-Up Sock that a novice knitter, or someone needing a little refresher, would be comfortable knitting.

Karen McCullough's "Let's Knit! and "Building Blocks" class series will resume in May...

*** SAVE THE DATE (call 724-238-9320 for details/reservations) ***

Kathy's Kreations invites you to join us for our 12th annual "Fall Fling" Knitting Workshop Weekend, to be held **September 30, 2022–October 2, 2022**, hosted by Kathy Zimmerman. We are delighted that Keri Fosbrink of Connellsville, PA will be our featured instructor. Kathy first met Keri at the Pittsburgh Knit & Crochet Festival when Keri was still a new stitcher. More recently, Kathy has hosted several YOUGHIOGHENY YARNS trunk shows.

Keri Fosbrink is the owner and dyer behind YOUGHIOGHENY YARNS and has been creating small batch hand dyed yarns since 2015. Playing with color combinations is what she enjoys the most. Each colorway she creates is crafted by hand in her home dye studio. She loves seeing what her yarns grow up to be. Keri's a self-taught knitter and crocheter who also enjoys designing, quilting, cooking, and baking.

Keri will be teaching a nine-hour workshop at the Ramada Inn in historic Ligonier that will help you decode using hand-dyed yarns in your projects. You'll spend the weekend learning how different dye styles work up; exploring how different stitch patterns change when worked with different dye styles, and learning how to match those dye styles to your patterns. The workshop series is open to all skill levels, and registrations are now being accepted. Please call us at 724-238-9320 for details/reservations...

*** SPRING BREAK 2022 ***

Kathy's Kreations presents our 11th annual "Spring Break" Knitting Workshop Weekend, to be held **April 29–May 1, 2022**, hosted by Kathy Zimmerman. We are delighted that Cynthia Spencer of Pine Grove Mills, PA and REALLY CLEAR DESIGNS will be our featured instructor for this event.



Cynthia will be teaching an intermediate skill level nine-hour knitting workshop at the Ramada Inn in historic Ligonier, PA with colorwork techniques, intarsia, and Fair Isle/steeking topics. The weekend package includes an after-hours grab & go boxed meal and special shopping time at Kathy's Kreations (Friday evening); an informal meet & greet on Friday evening with Cynthia to get acquainted and to hear about her latest "Florida Road Trip" mystery knit along; an optional Friday evening knit-along; lunch at the Ramada both days; extended lunch break on Saturday with time to shop in the pretty little town of Ligonier, and goodie bags. Yarn for the intarsia hat, a felting kit with needles & foam board, and a felting pen will be provided along with the goodie bag items.

At this time, the workshop is filled, but a waiting list is available in the event of a cancellation. It's Local Yarn Store weekend, so plenty will be going on!

*** FLORIDA ROAD TRIP ***

The Florida Road Trip Mystery Knit Along begins April 30, 2022. Cynthia Spencer and Valerie Reed have once again designed a fantastic mystery shawl this year, to celebrate Local Yarn Store Day on April 30, 2022. They "went" to Maryland last year and Pennsylvania the year before. This year, they will take you on an armchair journey further south, to be inspired by the natural wonders (and a few human-made wonders) of Florida.

To participate, you'll want to do two things:

1. Buy the Florida Road Trip pattern on Ravelry (as a Ravelry Pro shop, we can do that for you — ask for details!)
2. Buy the yarn.

Our combos include four hand-dyed-in-Florida skeins of EMMA'S YARN "Practically Perfect Sock" (\$115.00; 80% superwash merino/20% nylon; 400 yards; 100 grams; CYCA #2). Kits are available and we will do our best to keep a supply in stock, as well as a large selection tubes of sparkling and matte MIYUKI size 6 seed beads for embellishing the shawl. Other options from DREAM IN COLOR are also available, as well as choosing your own combo from our shelves...

*** LYS DAY (LOCAL YARN STORE DAY) ***

This year, Local Yarn Store Day is Saturday, April 30, 2022. It is a national program designed to drive traffic to "brick and mortar" yarn shops. LYS Day has brought thousands of "yarnies" from across the USA and Canada to their local shops to see the exclusive, unique products created specifically for LYS Day. Think of it as an International Yarn Crawl!

Kathy's Kreations will feature Florida Mystery Road Trip yarn and kit combos from EMMA'S YARN and DREAM IN COLOR, an exclusive colorway hand-dyed for us by RIVER RAT, and a free pattern (your choice of knit or crochet) giveaway with purchase. There will also be a door prize and snacks. It's also our birthday month (we've been in business 42 years!), so what better way to celebrate that milestone?

Designer Casapinka has designed a two-skein fingering yarn shawl using US size 6 knitting needles to recognize LYS Day. Shown at left, knit with EMMA'S YARN, it looks terrific when knit with a speckled and a solid shade. Certainly, you can try it out with a variegated hand-dyed yarn, and it would probably work well with a semi-solid or tonal, too! Casapinka tells us that it is an addictive 10 row pattern repeat that imitates ric-rac...



*** GANSEY OR ARAN? ***

Textures and cables are favorite stitches at Kathy's Kreations – Kathy never met a cable she didn't like! We were intrigued by an article written by Hayley DeBerard from *Interweave.com*, posted online March 16, 2022, and excerpted:

"Is that sweater a gansey or an Aran? It can be easy to confuse these two traditional knitting styles. Here's how to spot the difference:

GANSEY: According to Beth Brown-Reinsel in her book *Knitting Ganseys*, 'Ganseys are wonderfully varied and thoughtfully constructed sweaters that originated in the fishing villages along the coasts of England, Scotland, and Cornwall in the nineteenth century. Designed as a working garment for fishermen, ganseys were traditionally seamless and knitted in the round with an overall simple square shape & dropped shoulders.'

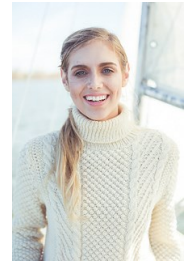
Although not all gansey sweaters are the same, traditional ganseys usually:

- Have distinct underarm gussets to eliminate stress and allow a wider range of movement.
- Are knit using a highly twisted five-ply yarn known as 'seaman's iron'.
- Have a tighter gauge for a denser fabric to protect the wearer from the wind and water.
- Are adorned with sharply defined knit/purl patterning, usually on the chest and upper arms.

ARAN: Although they also have island roots, Aran sweaters (or jumpers, as they're traditionally called) trace their roots back to the Aran Islands off Ireland's west coast. While these garments share some similarities with ganseys in that they were knit for the fishermen of the region, they are distinct and typically more ornate. Some characteristics that are unique to Aran sweaters include:

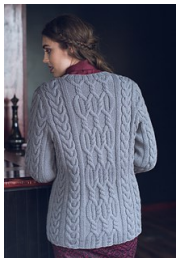
- They are traditionally knitted with unsoured, natural wool, producing the iconic off-white color.
- Arans are heavily adorned with cables that run the length of the body and sleeves.
- They have unique symmetrical patterning that was specific to a family or clan."

So, whether you're a lover of a hard-working gansey or swoon at the sight of an intricate Aran (or both), it may be easier for you to tell them apart now! Kathy's design, *Narragansett Gansey* from *Interweave Knits* Spring 2017 is shown at upper right. This beautiful sweater was made for the sea as well as the shore. Kathy's *Galway Pullover*, originally appearing in *Interweave Knits* Winter 2017, is an example of a timeless classic Aran pullover with Kathy's original cable design featured on the central panel. Both patterns are available from interweave.com on Ravelry (\$6.50 each).



*** KNITTING TIPS AND TRICKS FROM OUR INSTRUCTOR KAREN McCULLOUGH ***

"The gadget you use to wash fragile leafy greens also works great for delicate sweaters, blouses, and bras. Handwashing can be key for wool and silk items because the machine can cause damage. As a rule, check the care label before you launder anything. Just fill your salad spinner about halfway with cold water and add a teaspoon of gentle soap. We recommend Eucalan, since it is no rinse and is a delicate cleaner. Let the garment soak for about 10 minutes, then SLOWLY spin it a few times to lift away dirt and stains. Replace the dirty water with clean water and spin again. When the water is clear, pour it out and spin the item one last time before laying it flat on a towel to dry. Then, wash the spinner, rinse, and give it a whirl!" Martha Upton, October 2021 *Real Simple* magazine



Knitted bind offs that are too tight or too loose are easy to fix. Just pull out the tail that secures the final stitch, unravel the bind off and place the stitches back on the needle. Then work the bind off more loosely or tightly, whichever is needed, or use a larger or smaller size needle.

If you are working in stockinette or another pattern stitch with a tendency to curl, reduce the curling by binding off in knit 1, purl 1 ribbing...

*** STEEL VALLEY YARN CRAWL 2022 ***

We are pleased to announce that Kathy's Kreations will be participating in the 9th annual Steel Valley Yarn Crawl from July 29–August 7, 2022. Please plan to join us for ten fun-filled days “crawling” your way through Pittsburgh and western Pennsylvania, visiting our area yarn shops. This self-guided tour is a great way to see the latest products for your knitting and crocheting pleasure and to “shop local”. It is an excellent opportunity for enthusiasts to discover new project ideas, classes and yarn.



Participating shops include: Kathy's Kreations, Kid Ewe Knot, McWalker Yarns, Raggz Fiber Art, Sewickley Yarns, and Yarns By Design. The crawl will feature a “passport” to get stamped at each store, in no required order. To add to the fun, you will have lots of chances to win PRIZES! Along the way, we hope that you will discover new ways to fuel your fiber passion and meet local fiber artists up close and delight in their wares. Best of all, re-kindle your love for all the yarns that western PA has to offer. Get a group of friends together NOW and plan to pile in the car to hop from shop to shop.

Kathy's Kreations will have extended hours for this event. Save the dates – we'll keep you updated in future newsletters. For general information, please visit the website, thesteelvalleyyarncrawl.com or contact thesteelvalleyyarncrawl@gmail.com

*** TEXTURED STITCHES ***

According to Deborah Newton in her 3/2/22 *Interweave.com* article: “In the world of knitted fabrics, slip-stitch patterns that resemble woven fabrics are unique in appearance. Some knitted patterns can look like textured linen, diagonally textured twills, jagged herringbone, honeycomb, or woven striped fabrics...”

Very simply, knitting or purling some of the stitches in a row and slipping others create a slip stitch fabric. Stitches are usually slipped as if to purl, with yarn held either in back or in front. Sometimes a single stitch is slipped, and sometimes stitches are slipped in groups. Stitches are sometimes slipped for more than one row. Slipping stitches can shorten or draw up the knitting, causing these fabrics to be dense and flat. Some of these fabrics looks great on the reverse.”

Kathy has designed a simple scarf pattern using one of her favorite slip-stitch textured stitches:

ROSE-HIP STITCH SCARF

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS: 8” X 70”

MATERIALS: Aran weight/light bulky yarn, approx. 500 yards; US size 11 knitting needles; tapestry needle for finishing. Suggested yarn BERROCO “Vintage Chunky” four skeins (100 grams, 136 yards, 52% acrylic/40% wool/ 8% nylon, CYCA #5)

GAUGE: approximately 3-1/2 stitches/ 7 rows = 1” in pattern stitch, after blocking

ROSE-HIP PATTERN (multiple of 4 + 3, stitch detail shown lower left)

Row 1 (right side): Knit 3; *slip 1 purlwise, knit 3; repeat from * across row.

Row 2: Knit 3; *slip 1 stitch with yarn in front (wyif), knit 3; repeat from * across row.

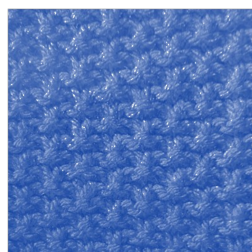
Row 3: Knit 1; *slip 1 stitch wyif, knit 3; repeat from * to last 2 stitches, end slip 1 purlwise, knit 1.

Row 4: Knit 1; *slip 1 stitch with yarn in front, knit 3; repeat from * to last 2 stitches, end slip 1 wyif, knit 1.

Repeat these 4 rows for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: With long tail cast on or method of choice, cast on 27 stitches. Knit 1 row. Work in rose-hip pattern until piece measures 70” or desired length, end with row 4 of pattern. Purl 1 row on right side of work. Bind off all stitches knitwise. With tapestry needle, weave in ends. Block lightly to measurements.

OPTIONS: For striped effect, work rows 1 & 2 with one color, rows 3 & 4 with another color.



What's Happening at Kathy's Kreations?

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Your safety and well-being are of our utmost concern. All in-shop events have returned, but please call ahead for space availability. In accordance with the CDC's recommendation: "People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with Covid-19 should wear a mask." Hand sanitizer is available throughout the store and you are encouraged to use it before shopping. Please check in with our Facebook page (Kathy's Kreations; Ligonier, PA) and Instagram (#kathyknitz) for any updated CDC information or changes to our hours in the event of inclement weather...

*** APRIL 2022 KNIT ALONG (KAL) ***

Stop by on Fridays during April 2022, 10:00 am–2:00 pm, for our fun knit alongs! We'll be working on the (no need to) *Panic Sweater*, a technique-packed pullover designed by CASAPINKA. This project is designed with first-time sweater knitters in mind. 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 March 2022 thread, Instagram (#kathyknitz) and Facebook (Kathy's Kreations; Ligonier, PA).

*** SOCK CLASS SERIES Thursday April 21, 2022; 10:30 am–12:30 pm ***

Instructor Marian Lech will present Men's Socks *Ankle Snugs* with toe-up construction, worsted weight yarn. Open to everyone, spaces available; see page 4; please call for details

*** FUN FRIDAY, April 15, 2022, 10:00 am–2:00 pm ***

Come in for the fun 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, connect, and enjoy being with other knitters and crocheters. RSVP please, as occupancy is limited...

*** SPRING BREAK AND LYS DAY, April 29–May 1, 2022 ***

Kathy's Kreations will host our 11th annual Spring Break with featured instructor Cynthia Spencer, who will be teaching colorwork and steeking knitting topics. It is also LYS (Local Yarn Store) Weekend so there will be plenty of action here in the shop. Cynthia's latest Mystery Florida Road Trip knit along will be kicking off that weekend, so stay tuned...

*** STEEL VALLEY YARN CRAWL , July 29–August 7, 2022 ***

Kathy call this event "the ten best days of summer"! Save the date and make plans with your friends – you'll be glad you did!

Private knitting and crocheting help is available by appointment. Additional group classes are forming for groups of 4 or more. Kathy's Kreations has been the "helpful hands" of experienced knitting for over 42 years!

No matter where you are in your knitting or crocheting journeys or what skill level, chances are there are some techniques or projects that you're self-conscious about tackling. Everyone has some craft insecurities, but you don't need to let them get you down! You can become a better stitcher if you try more, read more technique books, take more classes; keep learning, keep trying, and above all, enjoy improving your skills. We're all awkward before mastering new things. **KEEP KNITTING AND CROCHETING!** Kathy



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