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FEBRUARY 2021 UPDATE



Dear Stitchers,

Is your wardrobe winter ready? February in frosty southwestern Pennsylvania calls for smart accessories and plenty of layers. Our newest collection of yarns and projects features toasty head-to-toe ideas that will keep you happily stitching away, no matter the weather!

Hats, scarves, neck warmers, and shawls can be stylish “must-have” little luxuries. Knitting or crocheting them by hand in a mood-boosting “feel good” colorway can lift your spirits despite winter’s harsh chill. We are including a free pattern on pages 6 & 7 for the “Twice As Nice” cowl from Skacel Collection, knit with HiKOO “Simplinatural”, a heavenly blend of baby alpaca, merino wool, and mulberry silk. This is a versatile, go-anywhere piece.

What’s new? What’s now? Designer Casapinka has come up with two exciting feminine shawls, as well as a Downton Abbey-inspired lacy hat and matching cowl. Our February knit along introduces an entertaining cowl pattern from Joji Locatelli, a colorful fun knit. We love it casual with jeans – or more dressed up on its own.

To top this all off, we have exciting news! We will be hosting a trunk show from Youghioghenny Yarns, the creation of husband and wife team, Todd & Keri Fosbrink. They are committed to creating beautiful hand dyed and hand painted yarns crafted in small batches for your knitting and crocheting needs. Color is everywhere in Pennsylvania no matter the season, and Youghioghenny Yarns wants to help you bring some of that color into your life and projects (coming to Kathy’s Kreations February 8–March 8, 2021)...

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*** GREAT NEW STUFF ***

When the cold of winter rolls in, we all want projects that we can do inside in the cozy comfort of home. Easy knitting and crocheting projects are the answer to your desire to start something new on winter days and nights! From blankets and pillows to hats and cowls, we've got new ideas and yarns to keep you warm and busy. There is also the added bonus of bear hugs when gifted...

DREAM IN COLOR's Pop-Up Club is returning! Here's what hand-dyer Veronica Van has to say about her inspiration for the February selection that might brighten your winter day: "Spring in the desert comes so early. For Tucson, it's just around the corner. I know it's hard to imagine but we get tired of the 'cold', just like we did when we were in Chicago. The first sign we see is the cactus starting to bud. Cactus flowers are so gorgeous and come in so many colors. I just can't wait until they start popping out. While I was dreaming of spring blooms, I came up with the first pop-up color of spring: Cactus Blossom". This gorgeous color is shown upper left, on luxury base "Smoochy Cashmere" (\$34.50, 4 ounces, 400 yards, 70% superwash merino/20% cashmere/10% nylon, CYCA #2). We also stock a range of shades that co-ordinate with this colorway...

New to us – LANG YARNS "Jawoll" (\$9.95, 50 grams, 230 yards, 75% superwash virgin wool/25% polyamide, CYCA #2). Knit socks and more with this soft, yet durable wool/nylon blend. Conveniently wound into 50 gram skeins, this yarn is perfect for two at a time socks, as well as shawls. Easy to care for, "Jawoll" is also lovely for knit accessories and baby wear. It also comes with an inner bit of darning weight for extra reinforcement or mending...

Baby blankets are popular projects lately, especially the "Cypher" blanket designed for us by Nanette Ringler for our September 2020 newsletter. We have received a new shipment of PLYMOUTH YARN "Encore Colorspun" in variegated pastels and speckles. Nan's pattern is free with the purchase of yarn to make the blanket...

Hats are necessary to keep our little ones warm and cozy in the winter. Sirdar "Snuggly DK" baby hats pattern #1242 (\$6.00) features four darling caps – two textured beanies, one popcorn embellished bonnet and one striped earflap helmet with tassels. So cute...

One of our best-selling and versatile non-wool yarns is SIRDAR "Jewelspun Aran" (\$13.95, 200 grams, 546 yards, 100% acrylic, CYCA #4). This is a self-stripping acrylic yarn comprised of a single ply with a twist. "Jewelspun" has frequent color shifts that will add extra fun and dimension to your knit and crochet projects, making it a great choice for everything from blankets to sweaters, especially popular for LISA KNITS "Reader's Wrap"...

New yarn alert! The luxurious feel that we love about "Super Silky" fingering just got better. EMMA'S YARN "Drapey DK" (\$33.50, 100 grams, 231 yards, 70% superwash merino /30% silk, CYCA #3) is an elegant merino/silk combination. Great for next-to-skin shawls, wraps and cowls! We have also received additional supplies of "Practically Perfect" in denim-friendly shades Mom Jeans and Denim. These colorways were used in our new shop model shawl, *Hug Shot*, by designer Casapinka...

EMMA'S YARN Crazy Beautiful Club February 2021 selection makes us think of hearts and flowers. Shown right in "Practically Perfect" base (\$26.95, 100 grams, 400 yards, 80% superwash merino/20% nylon, CYCA #2).



*** MORE GREAT NEW STUFF ***

Designer Casapinka has been hard at work coming up with some fabulous knitting designs! *Powder Wrap* (shown right, Ravelry Pro download available through Kathy's Kreations) is a large boomerang shawl pattern inspired by winter snowfalls that will be released on February 6, 2021. It requires 900 yards DK or worsted/Aran weight yarn on a US 8/5 mm needle. Kathy chose HiKOO "Sueno Worsted" in a natural shade for our shop model, but YOUGHIOGHENY YARNS "Yough DK" from our trunk show is also a great choice. There are sections of garter, texture and slip stitch honeycomb patterns, ending with stunning cables. Colorful designs to make you happy...



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Casapinka is also re-releasing *Botanique* (shown lower left, Ravelry Pro download available at Kathy's Kreations beginning February 19, 2021). It has been re-knit and re-tested. We will be receiving special kits from EMMA's YARNS in "Super Silky" and can also have them shipped directly to you...

Casapinka also has been inspired by Downton Abbey fans to create the *Lady Edith Writing Cowl* (shown page 5, upper right, \$6.00, Ravelry Pro download available now). This begins with rib, and two lace patterns that are reminiscent of some of the tiaras and headdresses that Lady Edith wore in the series. This cowl is delicate and comes in human, cat, dog and iguana sizes and is made with one skein of fingering and a bit of mohair or contrast fingering. *The Countess of Grantham Hat* (shown page 8, upper left, \$5.00, Ravelry Pro download available now) might not give you the wit of the Dowager, but it does make a pretty hat. Casapinka tells us this is a good pattern for drinking tea and watching Downton Abbey re-runs. It is a match to Lady Edith's cowl. This is an ideal project for an advanced beginner knitter who has done a bit of lace. There are no charts with either lace pattern, but the use of stitch markers between repeats is recommended...

And, as a teaser of what's ahead, look for an Anne of Green Gables one skein mini-knit along that runs for two weeks, coming March 12–26, 2021. More details next time...

ATTENTION, Michelle Hunter fans! Michelle has a new design, *Wilmette* (\$6.00, Ravelry Pro download, available at Kathy's Kreations). Curl up with this completely reversible blanket worked entirely in knit and purl stitches. The pattern is suitable for a novice with enough interest for even the most experienced knitter. Pattern is available in three sizes – baby, medium and large. Michelle chose one of our favorite workhorse yarns for this blanket, HiKOO "Simpliworsted" (\$16.50, 110 grams, 140 yards, 55% superwash merino/28% acrylic/17% nylon, CYCA #4). It knits up quickly with US size 10 needles...

Innovative new items are here from KATRINKLES (shown lower left, page 5). Among them is the "Sock Rule!" birch plywood ruler for measuring socks (\$24.50). Slip this ruler right into your sock while it is still on your knitting needles to easily gauge when to start the toe (or gusset/heel if you are working toe-up socks). With inches, centimeters, US Men/Women, and Euro sizes etched right on, you'll always get a perfect fit! You can use this handy ruler to measure the length of a foot by standing on it. It works well to do this against a wall so the part of the heel that sticks out the most is in line with the edge of the sock ruler. Adult socks typically have 10% negative ease, so depending on how much negative ease you like in your sock, you can either use the corresponding shoe size or add in or subtract the percentage of ease.



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Hat tags are a great way to add a personal touch to your handmade hats. These faux suede tags (\$9.95/set) in your choice of hearts or sheep fold over and tiny wooden tags (\$9.95/set) can be sewn onto garments to embellish your finished knits as a signature tag...



*** FEBRUARY 2021 KNIT ALONG (KAL) ***

At the request of our knitting friend Donna G, our February 2021 knit along (KAL) is the *Winter Trails Cowl* by designer Joji Locatelli (shown upper left, \$4.50, Ravelry Pro download available at Kathy's Kreations). Cowls are so much fun to make and so warm to wear.

This cowl was designed by Joji to be a take-along project that is light and easy. It is worked in the round with three shades of fingering weight and features stripes and a very easy mosaic stitch pattern. There is also something new to learn, the knot stitch.

Join us in person every Friday during February 2021 (rsvp please, occupancy limited) to work on this project, the new Casapinka releases, or any other project purchased here in person from 10:00 am–2:00 pm or follow along on our February 2021 thread on our Ravelry group, We Love Kathy's...

*** YOUGHIOGHENY YARNS TRUNK SHOW ***

The beauty of shopping in a LYS is – you can see the colors, touch and feel the yarn, and interact with a fiber enthusiast – something you can't do well on the Internet. If you need a yarn suggestion for any of the new Casapinka designs or the Joji Locatelli knit along, or just need some retail fiber therapy, please check out our YOUGHIOGHENY YARNS trunk show in person with DOH guidelines February 8–March 8, 2021. We will have heel & toe kit minis (perfect for the Lady Edith Cowl & Countess Grantham Hat), Yough Sock (basic fingering), Highland Sock (tweed), Silky Yak (Joji cowl), Yough DK (for Botanique) and a selection of other fine yarns for your stitching pleasure...

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

PLEASE NOTE: CLASS IS SCHEDULED TENTATIVELY AND WILL BE DEPENDENT ON HEALTH SAFETY CONCERNS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF PA DEPT OF HEALTH

Let's Knit A Hat! is a fun skill-building opportunity offered by instructor Karen McCullough on **Tuesday, February 2, 2021; 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**. This month's topper, *Giada Cabled Hat*, features plenty of textured rope cables on a reverse stockinette background (shown lower right). This adult-sized hat is knit in the round with an interesting crown shaping. Our lesson will also include an introduction to converting a flat pattern to one worked in the round. Please choose 142 yards of Aran/worsted weight yarn from our large selection, and bring along a US size 8 16" circular knitting needle, cable needle and stitch markers. Pattern is included with the class registration fee of \$20.00.

Our *Building Blocks* class series continues on **Tuesday, February 16, 2021; 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm** with instructor Karen McCullough and a frequently asked-for class – interpreting knitting pattern charts. A knitting chart is a graph with symbols representing the pattern stitches. Charts are a simple, popular way to convey knitting directions while providing the knitter with a visual cue to the finished design. This knitting series was designed by Michelle Hunter specifically to help grow your skills while you navigate through major knitting techniques and principles while knitting sampler squares. Each class will focus upon a technique to broaden your understanding. Each of the 12 patterns isolates a new skill, which you master with confidence before moving on to a more advanced concept. At the completion of the series, the reward is an abundance of knitting know-how along with gorgeous blocks to assemble into a sampler afghan. The recommended yarn is HiKOO "Simpliworsted", a lovely blend of superwash merino and premium acrylic/nylon that is very soft and durable. Registration fee is \$20.00 per session plus purchase of book and yarn from Kathy's Kreations. Want to learn more? Please give us a call at 724-238-9320 for information on any of our upcoming classes or to schedule a private knit or crochet lesson...



*** SPRING BREAK 2021 ***

Only a few spaces remain for our 10th annual “Spring Break” Knitting Workshop Weekend hosted by Kathy Zimmerman and slated for **April 16–18, 2021**. Cynthia Spencer of *Really Clear Designs* will be teaching a nine-hour knitting workshop at the Ramada Inn in historic Ligonier with colorwork knitting topics. Projects include a textured shawl, a mitered square hat and a Fair Isle headband. Space is limited on a first-come, first-served basis. Please e-mail or call Kathy at 724-238-9320 to request a flyer with more information...



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*** MARYLAND ROAD TRIP MYSTERY SHAWL ***

Spring is coming, and plans are underway for a new road-trip knitting adventure! As you may know knitting friends Cynthia Spencer and Valerie Reed collaborated on a mystery shawl called *Pennsylvania Road Trip*. It was our most popular project of 2020! This year, they’re on the road again, this time to Valerie’s home state of Maryland. We are so excited to share with you our mystery knit along and invite you to join the fun!

Our 2021 Road Trip Mystery is a beautiful shawl with an unusual shape. The final shape is a bit of a mystery, but we’re told that it’s a cross between a triangle shape and a scarf, and very wearable. The pattern is divided into 8 sections, an introduction, a conclusion, and six legs featuring different stitch patterns inspired by various regions, landmarks, and natural wonders found in Maryland.

Like last year, each leg of the journey will include two different stitch patterns to choose from, opening the door to a grand choose-your-own knitting adventure. The pattern is being released on Ravelry and is available to purchase through Kathy’s Kreations as a Ravelry Pro yarn shop. A pre-order edition is available for \$3.99. As the sections release one at a time, beginning on **April 17, 2021** and running through the end of July, the pattern will be updated, and the price will gradually increase to a final cost of \$12.99.

The release of *Really Clear Designs* MKAL, *Maryland Road Trip Mystery Shawl*, is intentionally timed to begin on Local Yarn Shop Day. We are thrilled that Cynthia Spencer will be with us for the kick-off during our Spring Break. We have ordered special color packs from BAAH YARNS, who has created eight colorful combos of their “La Jolla” yarn. You may see the color combos at roadtripmystery.com and then pre-order them from us by March 15, 2021 to guarantee delivery by April 17. Last year’s project was so much fun that we can’t wait to cast on again...

A tip from Kathy: All increases are not created equal! Pay attention to the increase method specified in your knitting pattern. If the designer used a make one increase method, you must use that method to achieve a correct stitch count. Make one is an increase occurring between two stitches and is less visible. If you work a knit front & back instead, your stitch count will not work out...

Our instructor Karen McC shared a lace knitting tip from a recent *Interweave* article:



“Even though mistakes are inevitable, you can minimize the possibility of errors by knitting a swatch to familiarize yourself with the lace pattern before you begin the project. Working the lace pattern over a few stitches will help you to discover where you are most likely to make a mistake. That way, you will be especially alert at those trouble spots when knitting the project over a larger number of stitches”.

Casapinka reminds us that the best way to spot a mistake early is to place markers on the needle to separate the stitch repeats...



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Twice as Nice Cowl

Designed by Katie Rempe for *skacel collection, Inc.*



Large size shown in *Simplinatural*:
MC (#51-Raffi) & CC (#128-Strawberry Rhubarb).

SKILL LEVEL: 

SIZE and MATERIALS:

Finished Dimensions: 27.5" (37.5") circumference by 9" (9") high

Featured Yarn:

For Size Small: HiKoo® *Simpliworsted*; 55% Merino Superwash, 28% Acrylic, 17% Nylon; 140 yds / 100g hank; one (1) hank each in two colors.

For Size Large: HiKoo® *Simplinatural*, 40% Baby Alpaca, 40% Fine Merino Wool, 20% Mulberry Silk, 183 yds / 100g hank; one (1) hank each in two colors.

addi® Needles & Notions:

5.5 mm (approx. US 9) 24" circular needle

or size needed to obtain gauge

Tapestry needle

All yarn and needles distributed by skacel collection Inc.

GAUGE: 16 sts and 32 rows = 4" x 4" in Garter Stitch

*To save time, check your gauge
and read all instructions thoroughly before beginning.*

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Thanks to our knitting friend, Patti B, for recommending this pattern to us. Patti has made several for gifts, using our HiKOO "Simplinatural" yarn (\$25.50, 100 grams, 183 yards, 40% baby alpaca/40% fine merino wool/20% mulberry silk). One of a knitter's little luxuries!

INSTRUCTIONS:

With MC, CO 110 (150) sts.

Place a marker and join in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts.

Rnd 1: Purl all sts.

Rnd 2: Knit all sts.

Rnd 3: Purl all sts.

***NOTE:** When working stripes, carry the unused yarn up the inside of the cowl, wrapping the strands around each other once whenever the color changes. Trapping the carried yarn in this way creates a secure and clean finish on the inside of the garment.*

Rnd 4: Change to CC and knit all sts.

Rnd 5: Purl all sts.

Rnd 6: Change to MC and knit all sts.

Rnd 7: Purl all sts.

Rnd 8: Knit all sts.

Rnd 9: Purl all sts.

Work Rnds 4 - 9 a total of 5 times.

Rnd 34: Change to CC and knit all sts.

Rnd 35: Purl all sts.

Rnd 36: Knit all sts.

Rnd 37: Purl all sts.

Rnd 38: Change to MC, knit all sts.

Rnd 39: Purl all sts.

Work Rows 34 - 39 a total of 5 times, then work Rnds 37 - 39 once more.

BO all sts purlwise, loosely.

***NOTE:** If you have trouble binding off loosely, try using a needle that is two or more sizes larger than the one used to establish gauge.*

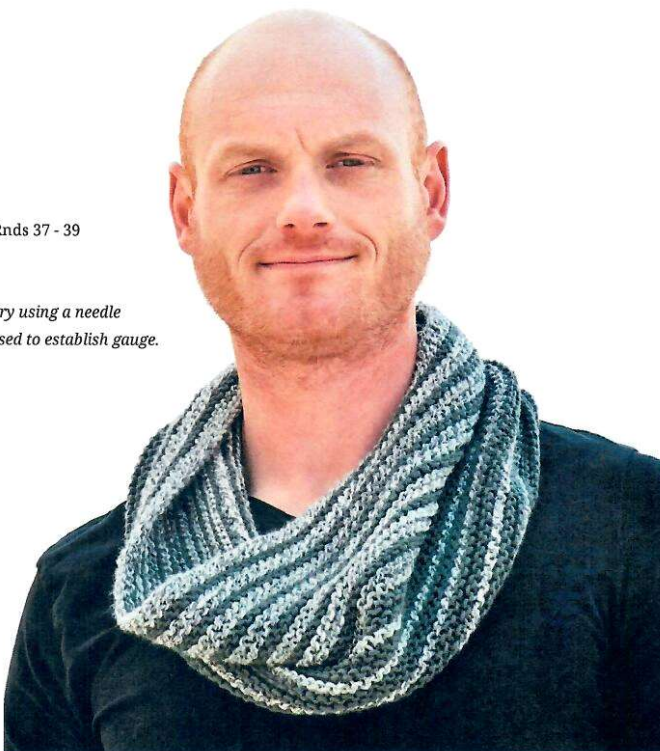
FINISHING:

Weave in all ends using a tapestry needle.

Steam block if desired.

ABBREVIATIONS:

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|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| BO | Bind Off |
| CC | Contrasting (or Coordinating) Color |
| CO | Cast On |
| k | knit |
| MC | Main Color |
| p | purl |
| St(s) | stitch(es) |



*Shown in Simpliworsted:
MC (#38-Seattle Sky) & in CC (#664-49 Shades of Gray).*

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Thanks to SKACEL for granting permission to re-print this pattern for our customers. We invite you to purchase a couple of skeins of their fabulous HiKOO "Simpliworsted" or "Simplinatural" to knit this for yourself or as a gift!



*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

Your safety and well-being are our utmost concern. All in-shop events are slowly resuming in compliance with the extended social distancing and health safety guidelines. We are limiting the number of attendees at our Friday knit-alongs and all classes, so please call ahead for space availability. For everyone's health safety, a face mask covering both nose and mouth is required, as well as the use of hand sanitizer upon entry. Please check in with our Facebook page (Kathy's Kreations; Ligonier, PA) and Instagram (#kathyknitz) for updated information.

*** FEBRUARY KNIT-ALONG (KAL) ***

Stop by on Fridays during February 2021 from **10 am - 2 pm** (rsvp please, as occupancy is limited) to work on our newest KAL with your stitching friends to cheer you on. This month, we feature a Joji Locatelli project, *Winter Trails Cowl*, knit in three shades of fingering weight yarn with a textured knot stitch to learn. 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 February 2021 thread...

*** FUN FRIDAY, February 19, 2021; 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. RSVP please, as occupancy is limited.

*** "LET'S KNIT A HAT!" Tuesday, February 2, 2021; 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm ***

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*** LYS DAY 2021 ***

Save the date! LYS Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, 2021. Think of it as a nationwide Yarn Crawl to support local yarn shops (LYS). We'll have exclusive, unique products created specifically for this event...

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 specialized skills 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 40 years!

Let's celebrate the tactile nature of knitting and crocheting this month. Slow down and savor each stitch. **KEEP KNITTING AND CROCHETING!**

Kathy