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FEBRUARY 2024 UPDATE



Dear Stitchers,

Our knitting friend Mary Lou F has an interesting perspective about things we want to learn in the "still kinda new" year. She suggests no resolutions, just solutions! So, we have a bunch of them for you, in the form of project ideas, new tools, and instruction.

You've told us about the techniques you're most interested in mastering, and we're here to help you get started with those solutions. Whether it's a knitting/crochet refresher, learning stranded colorwork or deciphering pattern terminology, schedule a private one-on-one lesson or join one of our group classes. We can also accommodate small groups of 2 to 6 for specific techniques...

From basic stockinette to eye-catching feature raglans, this season's designs are all about comfort and simplicity. Traditional vibes are making a comeback with classic Norwegian fisherman's sweaters and Guernsey-style textures. Stay warm with ribbed beanies and kerchief-style mini shawls. Knitted tops make us look fashion forward and trendy, letting us level up our everyday look effortlessly. From chunky knits and cable-knit designs to playful textures and simple "librarian" cardigans, there's something for everyone in this season's collection. A turtleneck sweater is a must-have in every well-curated closet, and a slouchy V-neck sweater is a versatile knit that complements a range of chic outfits, making it a wardrobe staple for seasons to come. Don't forget about those trendy long cardigans, too!

We find ourselves smack dab in the middle of sweater weather -- hope you all are enjoying wearing your handmade woolies! Time to "enrich" your yarn inventory...

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10% off all purchases of 2000 yards or more at a time,
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*** GREAT NEW STUFF ***

What do knitters and crocheters want? It's our guess that you want to be better at what you do. Mastering our craft brings with it inspiration and challenge, as well as satisfaction. Each time we dive into a project, we learn something new -- maybe a new pattern stitch, a construction technique, or an unusual finish. Now, more than ever, there are more reasons to stitch. Winter is the season when we come home to our craft. With the return of snow days and longer nights, we curl up with yarns of substance and perhaps projects that might require more concentration. Love color, style, technique, fashion or all of the above? Winter is the perfect time to stitch -- our latest collection of delightful new projects, products and ideas will keep you happy and content...

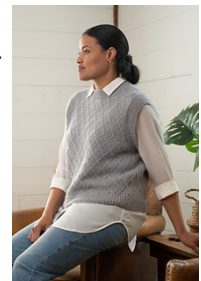
We always look forward to the beginning of a new month to find out the latest Crazy Beautiful Club shade from EMMA'S YARNS. February 2024 is no exception -- this fabulous blend of fuchsia pinks and pops of purple will steal your heart (shown upper left)! Available here now on base "Practically Perfect Sock" (\$28.50, 100 grams, 400 yards, 80% superwash merino/20% nylon, CYCA #2). This shade will not only lift your spirits, but it will add some "wow" factor for making socks, shawls, mitts, and a bevy of accessories...

For an easy project that never gets boring, reach for self-stripping yarn! When worked with these yarns, simple stitches like stockinette, garter, or seed can result in a project that looks far more complicated than it was. Case in point is LANG ZooSoxx "Super Soxx Color 4 Ply" (\$19.95, 100 grams, 462 yards, 75% virgin wool/25% nylon, CYCA #2) with a clearly defined repeating pattern of stripes with flecks of black, perfect for socks, cowls, mitts and more. Choose from crocodile, icebear, elephant or tiger zoo print Fair Isle effect striping...

It's no secret that we are crazy for cables! *Celtic Fingerless Gloves* (free Ravelry pattern, shown page 5, lower left) by JANE PEANUT features one of our favorite Aran cable stitches, the Celtic Cable. The mitts are knit with an alpaca blend sport weight yarn such as our MANOS DEL URUGUAY "Alpaca Heather" (\$16.95, 50 grams, 165 yards, 70% wool/30% alpaca, CYCA #3) or BERROCO "Ultra Alpaca Light" (\$12.95, 50 grams, 146 yards, 50% superfine alpaca/50% Peruvian wool, CYCA #3). Yummy soft...

One of the most popular Ravelry sweater projects of 2023 is *Field Sweater* by Camilla Vad (\$8.71 single pattern, Ravelry Pro download available through Kathy's Kreations). This is a soft and fine DK weight sweater with a beautiful grain pattern on the yoke. This pullover is knit top down seamlessly in the round, is available in a wide variety of sizes, long sleeve or short sleeve options and is perfect for "every season" wear. It would look fabulous in EMMA'S YARN "Simply Spectacular DK"...

When it's time to put on a favorite sweater or to pick up a relaxing project, many knitters choose a single-colored, textured design. From simple combinations of knit and purl to more complex cables and lace, texture forms areas of interest and carves flattering lines. *Morel* is a smart vest knitted from the bottom up in the round with a delicate cabled twist pattern (\$8.00, Ravelry Pro download available through Kathy's Kreations, shown lower right). We love pairing this sleeveless pullover with everything from jeans to a skirt. Back and front are separated at the underarms and worked in rows to the shoulders. The pattern stitch is charted. Our shop sample is worked with BERROCO "Talara" (\$12.95, 50 grams, 132 yards, 100% llama, CYCA #4), a delightfully lush worsted weight chainette yarn made of 100% baby llama. This yarn is soft to the touch and easy to work with, has a bouncy texture, and creates a fabric that has next-to-skin comfort...



*** MORE GREAT NEW STUFF ***

Winter isn't done yet, so we still need cozy accessories for every kind of wintry mix that comes our way. Cowls are a stylish way to remain toasty warm both indoors and out. Need knitting inspiration? Here are two colorful customer favorites -- take and look and get inspired!



Denise K told us about the charming *Lollygag* cowl, a free Ravelry pattern by Aimee Pelletier (shown upper right). Texture is created with a fun picked-up stitch. This cowl is knit in the round like a tube and grafted, effectively pairing a solid with a shading or variegated yarn. Main color and contrasting color are switched halfway through to use as much of your yarn as possible. Choose two colors of our PLYMOUTH YARN "Worsted Merino Superwash" solids (\$16.50, 100 grams, 218 yards, 100% superwash fine merino wool, CYCA #4) or one each JUNIPER MOON FARMS "Cumulus" (\$22.50, 100 grams, 251 yards, 94% cotton/6% nylon, CYCA #4) and "Cumulus Rainbow" (\$25.50, 100 grams, 251 yards, 94% cotton/6% nylon, CYCA #4) for a beautiful combo. It's time for a Lollygag!

Unicorn Cowl from CASAPINKA (\$7.00, individual pattern download available through Kathy's Kreations, shown page 8 upper left) is a reversible long cowl, worked in the round from the bottom to top with ribbing at each edge. This simple pattern uses approximately 230 yards of DK weight yarn and 7 fingering weight minis of 4 grams each. You hold the minis with the DK to create vertical columns of marled color. Check out our minis from DREAM IN COLOR and EMMA'S YARNS, plus the "Party of Five" sets from SWEET GEORGIA (\$46.00, 28 grams, 525 yards, 100% superwash CYCA #2). You can also knit it all in one or two colors (we think it would look smashing with a fabulous variegated fingering like any MAD TOSH Hue of The Moment and a neutral DK!). The simple pattern repeat makes this easily adjustable to size, a laid-back project for snow days!

We like to fill our workspace with knitting notions that are as beautiful as they are functional -- they help turn our works into finished objects! New arrivals include BRYSON stitch point protectors, Linda Cable's snowflake stitch markers, and faux suede knit tags for hats...

Inspired by the popularity of the *Sophie Scarf*, sweet little neck scarves are very trendy, especially moving forward to spring. The *Distance Scarf DK* (\$8.50, Ravelry Pro download available through Kathy's Kreations, shown page 6 lower left) is a plump version of the original *Distance Scarf*, designed in fingering weight (\$8.50, Ravelry Pro download available through Kathy's Kreations). Both are worked flat from one short end to the other, full of easy-to-knit cables throughout which are all done on the right side of the work. Instructions are given on how to easily shorten or lengthen the scarf. This is a true "just one more row" kind of project, as you become mesmerized by watching the cables bend and weave into one another. This makes a great little travel project and maybe even a gift for a loved one or "Galentine"...

Speaking of Valentines, MADELINE TOSH February 2024 Hue Of The Moment pays homage to a Grumpy Valentine with colorway Stupid Cupid (shown lower left). This shade evokes Valentine's Day gone awry -- think having the blues with a touch of purple, then specks of black and red for good measure. It's available here on bases "Twist Light" (\$31.00, 118 grams, 474 yards, 75% superwash merino/25% nylon, CYCA #1), "Pashmina" (\$41.00, 113 grams, 360 yards, 75% superwash merino wool/15% silk/10% cashmere, CYCA #2) and "TML Triple Twist" (\$31.00, 130 yards, 100% superwash merino, CYCA #4). We also have some snarky-quip BIRDIE PARKER conversation heart acrylic stitch markers (\$14.95/set) and a limited supply of TOSH's most sumptuous base "Pashmina" in bright pink coquette colorway. There is a Ravelry download code with purchase of the Stupid Cupid HOTM for the brand-new *War Of The Roses* shawl by Lena Skvagerson...





*** FEBRUARY 2024 KNIT ALONG ***

Although we're in full-blown winter mode, we're starting to think about spring. We've chosen a relaxing project with an eye toward milder weather, but we still are in the Laurels and need to keep warm. *Sugar and Ice Mitts* from CASAPINKA are designed for one skein of your favorite speckle DK weight yarn (\$6.00 pattern, Ravelry Pro download available through Kathy's Krea-tions, shown upper left). A seed stitch pattern on the back of the hand allows for a simple project with a beautiful result. You can make these longer if you like, as you'll have plenty of yarn.

Choose a beautiful skein of DK yarn from our collection and come knit with us **every Friday throughout February 2024 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**. Work on this, or any other project purchased here at Kathy's Krea-tions (we're crochet friendly, too!). If you can't join us in person, please post your progress on our Ravelry page, *We Love Kathy's*; Instagram (#kathyknits) or Facebook (Kathy's Krea-tions; Ligonier, PA)...

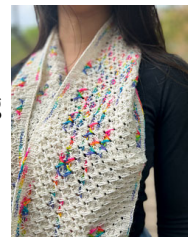
*** SPRING BREAK 2024 ***

Our Spring Break workshop at the Ramada Inn of historic Ligonier will coincide with **LYS Day weekend, April 26 - 28, 2024**. AND, our instructor will be master knitter Tanis Gray, whose fabulous knitting designs have been featured in many major publications and books worldwide (over 650 published designs in her portfolio). Classes will include the Ride or Die Cowl Workshop (a unique lace brocade stitch, shown lower right) Saturday morning, Confectionary Cowl Workshop (an unusual lace pattern) Saturday afternoon, and Create Your Own Cable Adventure Workshop (we love cables!) on Sunday morning. At this time, this workshop is filled with a waiting list, but we will be glad to notify you if more space becomes available. Please contact Kathy at 724-238-9320 for further details...

*** UPCOMING "LET'S KNIT" SERIES ***

Our "Let's Knit" class series with instructor Karen McCullough continues on **Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**. If you've been searching for the perfect layering cardigan, look no further! Fold yourself up in the *Knit Envelope Cardigan*, knit in worsted weight yarn, and it'll be the highlight of your winter/spring wardrobe. Featuring a delicate, textured stitch, a shawl collar and 1/2 length bat-wing sleeves, this cardigan hits all the right notes. Class supplies include worsted weight yarn 1050 - 1470 yards from our shelves (depending on size chosen) and US size 7 knitting needles. Registration fee is \$20 plus supplies, please call Kathy at 724-238-9320. Karen is also available for knitting and crocheting "HELP" by appointment (anything from pattern interpretation to how-to's), with beginners and newbies always welcome...

Stranded knitting is a great basic technique, but many knitters find it intimidating. Kathy Zimmerman has an informative Fair Isle/stranded knitting class to help you build your skills and get more comfortable with colorwork. We were unable to accommodate some students in previous classes, so join her for a repeat offering of "Two-Handed, Two-Color Fair Isle" on **Saturday, February 10, 2024, 1:00 - 3:00 pm**. In this class, you will learn Kathy's method for working Fair Isle, holding the dominant strand for best results and how to evenly tension the yarn. The class project is *Little Frankie Hat* from CASAPINKA, a classic Fair Isle design with cute colorwork motifs. Students must be able to work knit stitches in the round and be familiar with how to work a decrease. Registration is \$20 per student for instruction, plus purchase of pattern and DK project yarn from Kathy's Krea-tions. Additional class supplies include US sizes 5 and 6 16" circular knitting needles, US size 6 double-pointed needles and a circular row counter or beginning of round stitch marker. There is pre-class homework (working a small amount of ribbing in advance will allow for more meaningful class time to work on the colorwork technique). Class size is limited. Please call Kathy at 724-238-9320 to register...



*** KNITTING CLASSES (continued) ***

Say goodbye to the thrumming hassle and hello to the ultimate in coziness with *Fake-out Thrummed Mittens*, a project-inspired knitting class with instructor Kathy Zimmerman on **Saturday, February 17, 2024, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm** (project shown upper right). Designer Cynthia Spencer of REALLY CLEAR DESIGNS has come up with a unique Fair Isle stranding method using thick with thin yarn for the thrummed effect with much less work! These mittens feature a genius idea: Instead of traditional thrums made with roving, they showcase a luxurious thick yarn, such as our fabulous MALABRIGO "Rasta". You simply strand, rather than having to add separate thrums of roving. The result is a toasty mitten that feels smooth on the inside, and is instantly warm when you put it on. You'll find these mittens to be a game-changer, providing extra warmth without the knitting fuss. They're the perfect blend of practicality and fashion-forward flair.



The mittens are sized by the type of yarn you choose. The medium size is made with a worsted weight yarn plus a super bulky (as shown upper right). The small is made with a DK plus a super bulky. And the large is made with an Aran plus a super bulky. Our shop sample features the Jupiter shade of MALABRIGO "Rios" with MALABRIGO "Rasta" as the super bulky on any of the background yarns. Registration is \$20 per student for instruction, plus purchase of pattern and project yarn from Kathy's Kreation. Additional class supplies include corresponding knitting needles recommended on the ball band of the thinner yarn and another needle 2 sizes smaller for the cuff. Use any type of needle you prefer for working in the round -- double points, two circulars, or Magic Loop. You will also need stitch markers. There is pre-class homework (working the ribbed cuff in advance will allow for more meaningful class time to work on the colorwork technique). Class size is limited. For intermediate skill level knitters that know how to knit in the round and do stranded colorwork. Please call Kathy at 724-238-9320 to register...

*** TIPS AND TRICKS ***

Sandi Rosner of INTERWEAVE tells us to "Do your future self a favor by making a habit of taking notes!" When working from a published pattern that you've purchased, print a working copy for your personal use. Write notes all over it about needle size used, gauge, size, alterations, modifications -- anything important you need to remember if the project goes into "time out" for a while. Especially remember to mark where you stop. Those notes live with the project in progress, collecting information along the way. Use sticky notes, SKACEL "Stitchy Notes" or our LEE highlighter tape and reposition as needed to mark your place.

Knitters and crocheters of all levels will find LEE Highlighter tape handy, especially for reading charts and keeping track of their place in the pattern. The tape is transparent so that you can read through it easily. It's also removable and will withstand many a "pull up and replace" moment. Be sure to fold over each end of the tape for convenient tabs for removal. Our instructor Karen McC also suggests that you place your pattern in a plastic sleeve and use the tape on top. Whether you're following a chart, noting pattern changes, or marking your stopping point, LEE Highlighter Tape is a handy helper (\$6.50)...

When traveling, carefully plan your take-along knitting and crocheting project, as they'll make a great traveling companion. When you are packing, make a copy of your purchased pattern so you do not misplace the original. Check out your accessory case, get out needles, and estimate the yarn you'll need. There is nothing worse than having extra time



but no yarn on hand. Consider what makes good travel knitting, such as an accessory or a compact project. Give yourself a head start on making gifts for upcoming occasions or perhaps a special treat for yourself. Tuck one portion of your yarn in your carry-on and the extra yarn (and projects!) in your luggage. If you need to choose between more yarn or more underwear, you surely know which will win out!

*** KNITWEAR TRENDS FOR WINTER/SPRING 2024 ***

According to Gabby Axner at *Interweave* 1/12/24: "Many knitters shy away from knitting to the trends, as handmade garments take a lot of time and money and are too precious to risk them going out of style. But knitting trends can be fun and rewarding -- it always comes down to *which* trends you choose! We rounded up five current trends that are based in the classics, which means they will stand the test of time:



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- 1) Ultra Soft and So Sweet: Fuzzy fabrics, including mohair, suri alpaca, and faux fur, have been trending for a while, and the trend doesn't seem to be going anywhere anytime soon. Fuzzy yarns can stand alone, held together with other yarns, or mixed with other yarns, and they create a beautiful halo effect. In particular, fuzzy yarns with openwork lace patterns are absolutely ethereal! Choose a beautiful tonal color and make yourself a garment, wrap, or cowl. {Check out our *Rear View Window Casapinka* pullover in MAD TOSH "Tosh Sock" combined with a strand of "Impression" in colorway Carolina Reaper, shown upper right}
- 2) Get The Blues: Last year was all about hot pink, but this year's top color is shades of blue. Light, dark, greenish, greyish -- it's all in style this season. Blue is everywhere in stores right now. Incorporate blue into your knitting project, either as an accent color, in a tonal colorway, or as a solid color. Blue never goes out of style and is easy to style in any season! {Check out our classic Berroco Mercado *Weekender* pullover}
- 3) Nautical Prep Classics: Get into a trend that combines preppy style with nautical flair to create a classic knit. This trend is particularly relevant for knitted sweaters and vests. Chunky, roping cables, and bold stripes are prominent in this increasingly popular look. Select an ivory worsted weight yarn to lean into this trend. These style sweaters can be combined with a button-up and high-waisted trousers for a polished look. Layer your new favorite sweater with a trench coat, and you're set! {See our *Beachwater Vest* in 100% superwash merino wool "Variations DK" yarn from BRYSON DISTRIBUTING}
- 4) Long-line cardigans: These upcoming seasons are seeing longer cardigans coming back into fashion -- the perfect comfy layer for winter days and chilly spring mornings. The longer the length, the better. For a functional knit project that reaches below the hip, really go for it and knit a cardigan that goes to your knees. It's not a hugely oversized look that's dominating this season, though. Search for a style that is well fitted through the shoulders. That is a trend that you'll enjoy bundling up in! {Kathy knit our shop model January knit along shop model *Marly Cardi* in a little longer length than the original cropped version, in two strands of MANOS DEL URUGUAY "Alapaca Heather"}
- 5) Fair Isle Fun: Fair Isle knits are some of our favorites. We love the combination of colors that are used and enjoy seeing the color palettes that makers choose -- whether modern or traditional. Fair Isle-style colorwork knits have been trending for well over a year and have become the favorite colorwork piece in the fashion industry this season. Keep this trend classic with traditional colors and motifs or make a trendier, modern piece! It's a trend now, but this style will last forever. {We love Fair Isle accessories like *Little Frankie Hat*, a CASAPINKA design, and *Fake-Out Thrummed Mittens* by REALLY CLEAR DESIGNS, both from Kathy's February Fair Isle technique classes}

There are always new and exciting knitting trends to enjoy that you can incorporate into your next project. We hope you enjoy trying out these 2024 trends and making pieces that will last for years to come".



*** FOOD FOR THOUGHT***

From Jennifer Walderdorff: "In a time when the carbon footprint of fast fashion is ever more transparent and there's an increased cost of living across the continent, knitting and crocheting one's own garments is not only a trendy way to be original, stand out and set yourself apart as a person, it is also a means to a more economical end".

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*** GET OUT IN THE SNOW BEANIE ***

Our own Kathy Zimmerman designed this ribbed beanie featuring three different rib patterns for keeping warm while having winter fun. Thanks to Savannah for modeling!

SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate and beyond

FINISHED SIZE HEAD CIRCUMFERENCE: 19.75" (21" - 22.5" in parentheses)

MATERIALS: Aran weight yarn 100 (130 - 160) yards; US 8 (5.0 mm) 16" circular knitting needle and US 9 (5.5 mm) 16" circular knitting needle and/or dpns (or favorite method for working in the round by two circls, FlexiFlips, or magic loop); stitch marker; tapestry needle for finishing
Model shown was knit with MADELINE TOSH "TML Triple Twist" colorway "What's Your Poinsettia?"



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GAUGE: 17 stitches /23 rounds = 1" in K2, P1 ribbing, slightly stretched

TAKE TIME TO SAVE TIME, CHECK YOUR GAUGE

Notes: Slip beginning of round marker every round. For a slouchier style, add 1" longer to body of the hat before crown shaping.

DIRECTIONS:

CUFF: With smaller circular needles, cast on 84 (88 - 92) sts. Join in the round, being careful not to twist stitches; place beginning of round marker.

Rounds 1 - 11: *K2, p2; repeat from * around to end, increasing 0 (2 - 4) stitches evenly spaced on last round: 84 (90 - 96) stitches. Change to larger circular knitting needle.

ACCENT STITCH:

Round 1: K.

Round 2: *Knit through the back loop (Ktbl), do not drop loop from left hand needle. Ktbl in same stitch plus the next stitch on the left needle, again do not drop loops. Ktbl again of the two stitches plus the third on the left hand needle, then drop the 3 stitches from the left hand needle. Repeat from * around.

Round 3: *P1, slip 1 with yarn in back, p1; repeat from * around.

Round 4: *P1, slip 1 with yarn in back, p1; repeat from * around.

Round 5: K.

BODY:

Round 1: K1, p1; *k2, p1; repeat from * to last 4 stitches, end k2, p1, k1. Repeat this round until piece measures 5-1/2" (6" - 6-1/2") or desired length to crown shaping. Shift marker as follows: END 1 STITCH BEFORE END OF LAST ROUND, SLIP NEXT STITCH ON LEFT NEEDLE PURLWISE WITH YARN IN BACK ONTO RIGHT NEEDLE, REMOVE MARKER, SLIP STITCH FROM RIGHT NEEDLE ONTO LEFT NEEDLE, REPLACE MARKER. The last stitch then becomes the first stitch of the new round.

CROWN SHAPING:

Round 1: *ssk, purl 1, knit 2 tog, p1; repeat from *: 56 (60 - 64) sts.

Round 2: Work sts as they appear (K1, p1 around).

Round 3: *CDD (central double decrease), p1; repeat from * around: 28 (30 - 32) sts.

Round 4: Work sts as they appear (k1, p1 around).

Round 5: *ssk; repeat from * around : 14 (15 - 16) sts.

Round 6: *K2tog; repeat from * around to end, knit 0 (1, 0): 7 (8, 8) sts. Cut yarn, draw tail through remaining sts with tapestry needle, gather and end off. Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS & TECHNIQUES

CDD - central double decrease: slip next 2 sts as if to knit 2 together, knit 1, pass 2 slip stitches over; results in two sts decreased with the center stitch remaining on top
ssk (Left-slanting decrease): slip two sts separately to right needle as if to knit. Knit these 2 sts together by slipping left needle into them from left to right. 2 sts become one.

ABBREVIATIONS: K - knit; k2tog - knit two sts together; Ktbl: knit through the back loop;

P- purl; st(s) - stitch(es)

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*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

An RSVP is appreciated for all in-store events (classes, knit alongs) as space is limited. Any changes to our hours due to inclement weather or re-scheduling will be posted on our Facebook page and Instagram...

*** FEBRUARY 2024 KNIT ALONG (KAL) ***

Although stitching is a solitary activity, knitters and crocheters enjoy gathering to share their successes, laugh about mistakes, and learn from one another. Stop by on Fridays during February 2024, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, for our fun knit along, *Sugar and Ice Mitts*. When we're knitting or crocheting, it's always happy hour! Not working on the KAL? You're still welcome to come -- it's free! PLEASE BRING A PROJECT PURCHASED HERE AT KATHY'S KREATIONS (maybe one that doesn't require much concentration, so that you can engage with the people around you). Follow us on "We Love Kathy's" Ravelry page or Facebook (Kathy's Kreations; Ligonier, PA)...

*** "LET'S KNIT!" CLASS SERIES ***

Join instructor Karen McCullough for learning the how-to's for the *Knit Envelope* wrap on **Tuesday, February 6, 2024**, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. This group is always fun, and Karen always has new techniques and tips to share. Check out the details page 4...

*** FUN FRIDAY ***

Come in for the fun and leave with friendships! Join us on **Friday, February 16, 2024, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**. 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...

*** FAIR ISLE KNITTING CLASS ***

Are you baffled by Fair Isle colorwork? Do your projects come out too snug? Does the process feel awkward? Is stranded knitting beyond your comfort level? Join instructor Kathy Zimmerman for her "Two Handed, Two-Color Fair Isle" knitting class, with tips and techniques to get you started. The class project is CASAPINKA's *Little Frankie Hat*. Class will be held on **Saturday, February 10, 2023, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**. See details on page 4...

*** FAKE-OUT THRUHMED MITTS ***

These mittens feature a genius design with a stranded technique using two different weights of yarn. Join instructor Kathy Zimmerman to learn how to knit "Fake-Out Thrummed Mittens", a game-changer for knitting a very warm pair of mittens, on **Saturday, February 17, 2024, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**. See details on page 5...

Spring planning includes a MADELINE TOSH Road Show (i.e., trunk show) featuring their most popular bases and colors in inspiring projects to spark your creativity -- stay in touch for details on when! The 2024 Steel Valley Yarn Crawl is happening from **Friday, July 26, through Sunday, August 4, 2024** (tell all your friends!). The 11 participating shops are Chicken Knitz, Kathy's Kreations, Kid Ewe Knot, McWalker Yarns, Moon and Yarn Craft Room, Raggz Fiber Arts, Sewickley Yarns, The Shop on Grant, Wildchild Stitches, Yarn Bits and Bobs, and Yarns By Design...

The year 2024 brings with it great new directions in knitting and crocheting. What is yet to come? There is a booming future as well as a renewed sense of interest and enthusiasm in our handcrafts across a variety of generations. In our high-tech, moving-too-fast world, knitting and crocheting are a soothing, calming influence that is a natural to prosper and grow. How could it not? KEEP KNITTING AND CROCHETING!

Kathy