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 JANUARY 2023 UPDATE



Dear Stitchers,

Snow is in the forecast – it's Winter Wonderland in the Laurel Highlands! Whether you're hitting the slopes, hitting the streets, or hitting the couch when it's just you sipping cider while stitching around the fireplace indoors, it's time to be toasty with hearty head-to-toe cold weather staples. Let's score some cozy knits! Kathy's Kreations is embracing the best of warm winter woolies with a collection of new yarns and garment project ideas to keep you stitching up some cozy – hats, scarves, cowls, sweaters, socks, slippers and more. Treat yourself right, all winter long!

According to our customers, hats for the entire family continue to be the most popular portable projects to knit and crochet. We have a large variety of patterns available, from LISA KNITS *Fine Gauge Hats* sock weight trio to Jenny Noto's bulky textured *Unbreakable Vow* to Kari Pedersen's super bulky, super fun *Grizzly Bear Beanie* & everything in between! Crocheters will love the *Bulky Double Crochet Hat*, *Spiral Herringbone Slouch* and the *Easy Crochet Men's Hat*. Most of these toques take just a few evenings to make, and you'll be glad to have them to keep your head and ears warm when winter winds blow!

It's true – mittens *are* warmer than gloves! It's all to do with heat transfer and exposed surfaces. Fingers sit next to each other when wearing a mitten; they can share and hold the heat between them. With gloves, each finger is separated, and has only its own heat to rely on. Read more about mitten tips on page 7...

It's easy to get into a rut of wearing only black and gray for winter. Brighten up your mood with a change of pace, and a spirit boost, and a pop of color in your handmade accessories. We're lovin' the 2023 Pantone Color of the Year, Viva Magenta. May the New Year bring you health, happiness, and plenty of cozy, hand-knit and crocheted projects – all on gauge! We've got a chill-chasing promotion for you to start off the New Year:

IT'S "LET'S STITCH UP SOME COZY!" MONTH!
 All regularly-priced, in stock bulky weight yarns (CYCA #5)
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*** GREAT NEW STUFF ***

We hope that 2023 will be a year of creative inspiration for you, whatever your knitting or crocheting pleasure. Perhaps, it's time to make a low-stress resolution to try something new you've admired but never had to the courage to try (socks, brioche, colorwork, cables, etc.). Cast on this month and give yourself time and space to give it a whirl to see if it is for you. Or, revisit something that you set aside as a dreaded technique that seemed intimidating— you might be surprised that you now have the skills to tackle it. Have fun with your stitching — that's the best resolution you can make! Get started on something new you know you're going to love, like these new products...

Something new for us in 2023: We are subscribing to WONDERLAND YARNS yarn club deSTITCHnation, with a unique colorway each month arriving early each month. This year's colorways are inspired by tales "as old as time". January 2023's limited edition pigments of imagination (shown upper left) feature a lovely mint green with specks on DK base "Alice" (\$40.00, 4 oz., 242 yards, 70% superwash merino/30% silk, CYCA #3) inspired by the *Chronicles of Narnia* and icy blue with subtle shadings on worsted weight base "Mad Hatter" (\$36.50, 4 oz., 344 yards, 100% superwash merino, CYCA #4) inspired by the *Jungle Book*. Each January 2023 kit comes with yar, a beautifully detailed collectible enamel pin, as well as a pattern for the featured base of the month. WONDERLAND will have quarterly crochet patterns with knit pattern alternatives for those months...

EMMA'S YARN January 2023 is a frosty blue shade with subtle specks that will have you bundling up in style with anything you make from it. Warm up in versatile layers like shawls, scarves, cowls, or hats. Available here now on base "Practically Perfect Sock" (\$28.50, 100 grams, 400 yards, 80% superwash merino/20% nylon, CYCA #2).

MALABRIGO "Rios" is everything you want in a yarn (\$16.50, 100 grams, 210 yards, 100% superwash merino wool, CYCA #4). Meaning rivers in Spanish, its four plies represent each of the major rios of Uruguay. The plies twist like these rivers to make it a durable work-horse yarn! The plies help resist pilling and washability makes it fantastic for frequently-worn garments, home decor, children/baby clothes and cold weather items. It's also super soft and great for next-to-the-skin wear. Spun from premium superwash merino, it comes in an array of rich beautiful hand-dyed watercolor-multi, semi-solid, and variegated colorways. Ask to see our shop sample, the "Radiant" Advent mystery crescent-shaped shawl designed by our Spring Break 2023 instructor Cynthia Spencer, knit with four skeins of this versatile yarn (pattern \$9.99, Ravelry Pro download available through Kathy's Kreations). It's easy to see why "Rios" has captured the love of knitters and crocheters...

Ready for a winter warm-up project? TIN CAN KNITS "Jones" is a timeless cardigan featuring a plethora of textures and cables (\$8.00 RPD, shown upper left page 8). Knit with DK weight yarn, this pattern is sized from babies to 4XL! This is a perfect sweater for anywhere, from family game night at home to checking out the ice sculptures at Ligonier Ice fest...

Introducing the January Hue of the Moment from MADELINETOSH, Weighted Blanket. According to Madtosh, radical rest is what we are craving at this time of year. Hence, Weighted Blanket. This luxurious, variegated burgundy with winks of teal is here on base "Tosh DK" (\$29.95, 225 yards, 100% superwash merino wool, CYCA #3, photo lower right). Tosh describes it as a "mood ring" color, meaning that some batches will vary, so be sure to alternate skeins...



*** MORE GREAT NEW STUFF ***

Free Falling Cowl by Cally Monster (\$7.00, Ravelry Pro download available here through Kathy's Kreations, shown right) is a dreamy new design. As the nights get colder, it's comforting to have a beautiful cowl that snugs around your neck to keep you warm. This elegant accessory is entertaining to knit holding a single strand of fingering weight with a luxurious mohair silk yarn. The brilliant shine and softness of EMMA's YARN "Super Silky" (\$31.00, 100grams, 400 yards, 80% superwash merino/20% silk, CYCA #2) will make this a sophisticated addition to your wardrobe.



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This pattern will work with a variety of yarn weights and an exact gauge is not necessarily required for this project, just work in a gauge that creates a drapery fabric. Blocking can open up the lace, or simply leave it unblocked for a more fitted snuggly cowl. The size for this design is adjustable; you can repeat the general pattern as many times as you like until you reach the length you prefer. The *Free Falling Cowl* comes in two sizes for a snug or looser fit. The pattern contains written as well as fully charted instructions. It is not necessary to read charts...

Da Light is a symmetrical arrow-shaped scarf, designed by Laura Nelkin to be an absolutely delightful knit. The pattern is written for both sock and DK weights and is very customizable. Use mini-skeins, buy one of our EMMA's "Theme Pack" kits or make your own magic ball from stash and knit for as long as you want! *Da Light* starts at the tip and is worked with super simple mitered square shaping. It has garter stitch sections that alternate with stockinette stitch sections that have elongated stitches and garter stitch short row wedges in the middle of them. Recommended yarns are either EMMA's YARN "Practically Perfect Sock" (\$28.50, 400 yards, 80% superwash merino/20% nylon, CYCA #2) or EMMA'S YARN "Simply Spectacular DK" (\$28.50, 75% superwash merino/25% nylon, CYCA #3)...

The *Elise* crochet shawl (shown page 5, lower left) by designer Evan Plevinski is a dressy, light and airy shawl knit with a sport weight yarn. The delicate edging is trimmed with a picot border. Our recommended yarn for this project is HiKOO "Rylie" (\$28.50, 100 grams, 274 yards, 50% baby alpaca/25% mulberry silk/25% linen, CYCA #3), for comfort and drape that you can always count on. This is a great indoor layering piece that will take you into spring-time and beyond. Pattern free with purchase of yarn to make this piece...

Looking for a stylish winter warm-up layering piece? Envelope yourself in TWO OF WANDS *Campfire Blanket Scarf* (\$4.50, Ravelry Pro download) and be instantly transported to a wilderness getaway. The rustic qualities of this generous wrap will conjure up images of a cozy cabin in the woods. We suggest KRAEMER YARNS "Naturally Nazareth" as an excellent choice for this project (\$9.95, 100 grams, 200 yards, 100% domestic merino wool blend, CYCA #4). Worked with a double strand of Aran worsted weight, the simple garter stitch fabric is elevated with a subtle plaid effect that is achieved by using a weaving technique. Wear it as an oversized scarf or draped as a blanket and go find yourself a campfire or fireplace to snuggle around...



Keats hat & mitts, a worsted weight design by Alison Green for BERROCO (\$8.00 Ravelry Pro download available through Kathy's Kreations), is a lush textured duo that's ideal as a gift set for someone special. The stitch pattern for the hat is charted, and the stitch pattern for the mitts is written out. This would be gorgeous in BERROCO's "Ultra Wool" (\$12.95, 100 grams, 219 yards, 100% superwash wool, CYCA #4) – it's perfect for any project that requires easy-care yarn. Head outdoors with confidence that you will be cozy and warm...

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*** JANUARY 2023 KNIT-ALONG ***

Spruced Up by Jennifer Weissman (\$7.00, Ravelry Pro download available through Kathy's Kreations, shown upper left) is a cozy worsted weight beanie that you can knit for the entire family. A simple stockinette hat with a 1X1 rib brim, it is spruced up with a textured tree that you will see growing beneath your fingertips. Instructions are included for four sizes and your choice of brim – single folded or double. Choose from our large selection of worsted weight yarns (Kathy's choice for this project is our new arrival, MALABRIGO "Rios").

Please join us in person every Friday throughout January 2023 from 10:00 am–2:00 pm to work on this, or any other project purchased here at Kathy's Kreations. If you can't join us in person, follow our progress and posts on our Ravelry page, *We Love Kathy's*; Instagram (#kathyknitz) or Facebook (Kathy's Kreations; Ligonier, PA)...

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

Gain the confidence to knit a gorgeous cardigan! It's a resolution that's we can help you achieve. Tackle the intricacies of working a garment when Karen McCullough's ongoing "Let's Knit" class series resumes on **Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm**. The featured project is COCOKNIT'S *Katarina* (\$8.00 Ravelry download pattern), which will be divided into several class sessions throughout the winter. *Katarina* is a nearly seamless jacket with the fronts and back knitted together from the bottom up to the armholes then set aside. The sleeves are also knitted up to the armholes, then everything is joined, and the set-in sleeves are worked seamlessly up to the English tailored shoulders. Finish it off with a long garter stitch collar. Student supplies include 1000-1700 yards Dk or worsted weight yarn depending on the sweater size, US size 8 circular needle 29"-32" length, and US size 8 double-pointed needles for sleeves. Class fee is \$20.00 plus purchase of Ravelry download pattern and yarn. Karen is available for "help" with this unique garment construction and one-on-one private knit or crochet lessons by appointment...

Inspired by a cold winter's day when the sun hits the ice that glistens on tree branches, instructor Marian Lech will be teaching *Frosted Branches* socks on Thursday, January 19, 2023, 10:30 am–12:30 pm. Little tree motifs are created using simple knit and purl texture while beads add just the perfect amount of "frosting". These socks are knit from the top down with 4 tree motifs around the top of the leg, contrasting heels and toes, using two or three different colors and topped off with beads. Class supplies include one skein each fingering weight and minis of contrasting colors, plus US size #1 (2.25 mm) for working in the round. Pattern is included with the \$20 registration fee...

*** SPRING BREAK ***

Our 11th annual "Spring Break" knitting workshop, hosted by Kathy Zimmerman, will be held **April 28 - April 30, 2023**. It promises to be a special springtime event in beautiful Ligonier Valley, and it is also LYS DAY weekend.

Designer Cynthia Spencer of Pine Grove Mills, PA will be teaching a nine-hour knitting workshop at the Ramada Inn in historic Ligonier, PA with brioche and "knit to fit" modifications topics. Skill level is intermediate. Cynthia breaks down techniques into simple relatable ideas and actions, showing you that there is nothing to fear. Gain the confidence to work brioche techniques with Cynthia's *Really Clear* explanations, valuable insights, and guidance.

The weekend package includes an after-hours pizza party at Kathy's Kreations (Friday evening); an informal meet & greet Friday evening; goodie bags; morning coffee breaks and two lunches at the Ramada, in addition to Saturday and Sunday classes. Request an information flyer NOW by calling 724-238-9320 as spaces are filling up fast...

*** PANTONE 2023 COLOR OF THE YEAR ***

PANTONE's Color of the Year 2023, Viva Magenta (shown right), vibrates with vim and vigor. Leatrice Eiseman, Executive Director of PANTONE Color Institute says: "It is a shade rooted in nature descending from the red family and expressive of a new signal of strength. Viva Magenta is brave and fearless, and a pulsating color whose exuberance promotes a joyous and optimistic celebration, writing a new narrative.



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This year's Color of the Year is powerful and empowering. It is a new animated red that revels in pure joy, encouraging experimentation and self-expression without restraint, an electrifying, and a boundaryless shade that is manifesting as a stand-out statement. PANTONE 18-1750 Viva Magenta welcomes anyone and everyone with the same verve for life and rebellious spirit. It is a color that is audacious, full of wit and inclusive of all. Viva Magenta galvanizes our spirit, helping us to build our inner strength."

*** HOLIDAY WRAP UP ***

Congratulations to Tish C, winner of our Holiday Open House snowman basket filled with Kathy's Kreations swag. Thanks to all who stopped by during the holiday season to shop with us. Hope that all of your gift projects turned out well and on time!

Thanks to our customers who donated items to the charity knitting projects we support. The Laurel Highlands Knitting Guild collected a total of 67 handknit or crocheted cold weather items plus 22 "store bought" for the CAPS FOR KIDS project. 28 dishcloths and home décor items were donated for distribution to the local Food Bank. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and your workmanship is outstanding!

*** WHAT TO MAKE? ***

Sweaters are a knitter's and crocheter's blank canvas. They are a winter staple, so adding one (or two) to your handmade collection this season sounds like a good plan. Knitwear is a fun way to play with trends, details and color. Casual crewneck pullovers are the kind of sweater you'll reach for without even thinking about it. Silhouettes are running longer in length, with a relaxed fit, functional yet easy to style with anything from jeans to leggings.

If you are looking for some inspirations, here are the top ten knitting projects 2022 in our shop during the past year:

- 10) Antler Toque in Madeline Tosh "Vintage"
- 9) Anne's Seed Stitch Hat, a Kathy Zimmerman design, in HiKOO Sueno Worsted
- 8) Vanilla Socks and Hermione's Socks, in EMMA's Yarn "Practically Perfect Sock"
- 7) Florida Road Trip in EMMA's Yarn "Practically Perfect Sock" kits and MIYUKI beads
- 6) Splish Splash, a Kathy Zimmerman design for the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl event, in our exclusive DREAM IN COLOR "Smoochy Cashmere" colorway
- 5) Pebble Beach Shawl in RIVER RAT merino/cashmere/nylon, in exclusive colorway Neptune's Rainbow hand-dyed for the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl event
- 4) Clinkerbell Cowl, a Casapinka knit along, in Dream in Color "Cosette" merino/cashmere
- 3) Mindful Shawl in HiKOO Sueno DK
- 2) The Snark-o-Meter, a Casapinka knit along, in Emma's Yarn "Super Silky" kit
- 1) Drum Roll, please! Our #1 most-knit project of the year is Casapinka's "Powder Wrap" We like it so much we have two models in the shop, one in HiKOO Sueno Worsted and one in Emma's Yarn "Drapey DK" Himalayan salt (it's an amazing shade!)



The top choice among our customers in knitting needles are the ChiaoGoo Red Lace circulars & interchangeable sets, with the ADDI FlexiFlips leading the way in double-pointed needles. Crocheters prefer the BRITTANY birch wood crochet hooks as a "treat yourself" item. Our exclusive stitch marker sets made for us by Linda Cable were our most popular notions, along with the NEEDLE KEEPERS and Clover chibi tapestry needles...

*** BLANKETS, THROWS, AND AFGHANS, OH MY! ***

January evenings are perfect for cuddling up with an afghan-in-progress that keeps you warm while you knit or crochet it. But, what exactly is that big piece of knitting or crocheted fabric draped over the back of your couch or folded at the foot of your bed? Is it a throw? A blanket? An afghan? INTERWEAVE.com editor Sandy Rosner raised the question in her 10/28/22 blog and here's what she had to say:

"Blankets, throws and afghans are all pieces of fabric that provide warmth. Beyond that, the terms overlap and there are no hard-and-fast definitions. In general, the purpose of the blanket is to provide warmth, usually as bedding. A throw is a smaller-than-bed size blanket used as a decorative element. An afghan is usually a blanket that is crocheted or knitted rather than woven.

Blankets are defined by the size of the bed they are intended to cover. They will cover the entire top of the mattress, plus drop down several inches on three sides. Throws are typically 40" - 50" wide and 50" - 60" long. Of course, if you are making it, it can be whatever size you choose.

Afghans can be any size. On the smaller end, lap-sized afghans (about 36" X 45") are sometimes called LAPGHANS. Curiously, those sized for babies (30" - 36" square) are almost always called baby blankets, rather than baby afghans. Blankets are usually functional; their purpose is to provide warmth. Throws and afghans are primarily decorative. They add texture and pattern to your décor. Nothing looks cozier than a beautiful soft throw folded over the arm of a sofa. Of course, decoration isn't their only purpose. Who doesn't love to snuggle down under an afghan while watching TV on a chilly evening?

Whatever you call them, we think that no maker's home is complete without at least a few handmade blankets, throws, or afghans. And they always make the most welcome gifts!"

At Kathy's Kreations, we have a couple of favorite knit afghans from designer CASAPINKA, available as Ravelry Pro downloads through Kathy's Kreations). *NAPZ* (\$7.00) is the newest release, in fingering weight yarn. The pattern requires four skeins of light fingering yarn for a shawl, five skeins for the blankets OR odds & ends of stash/mini-skeins enriched by some full skeins used alone or in combination with a lightweight mohair or Suri alpaca carry-along. There is lots of wiggle room for creative expression and experimentation. If you prefer a bit more structure, *Sharon's Glamping Blanket* (\$7.00) was designed in versatile easy-care, machine washable BERROCO "Vintage Chunky" (\$9.50, 100 grams, 136 yards, 52% acrylic/40% wool/8% nylon, CYCA #5, on sale this month). Directions are given for cat size 18" X 22", baby 24" X 36", dog/lap 35" X 44" and sofa 46" X 58". This is not only a fun knit, it is a great way to try out new stitch patterns. By the way, Kathy's cat size blanket is Siamese cat Maci tested and approved!

The chill of the winter air in the Laurel Highlands has us dreaming of those carefree spring days of long picnics in the park and endless make believe. BERROCO brings that magic home with a moss stitch and lace textured afghan, the *Fayston Blanket* (pattern free with purchase of yarn to make this project, shown lower left). Knit with BERROCO "Ultra Wool Chunky", it's warm enough to beat the chill and durable enough for the sunny adventures ahead.

If we do not have enough of your desired shade in stock, we are always happy to special order and BERROCO offers a drop ship option to have it sent directly to you (we'd be glad to arrange that!)

BERROCO "Sesame" (\$17.95, 100 grams, 230 yards; 43% wool/39% acrylic/9% cotton/9% nylon, CYCA #4) is a colorful and beautifully textured yarn that makes our *Parquet* blanket absolutely stunning. This project uses a modular knitting technique to create a parquet floor-like texture and the pattern is free with your purchase of yarn to make it. The resulting blanket is one you'll reach for and use every day. Grab and a warm drink, and let's get knitting!



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*** WEAR WARM MITTENS ***

Sometimes, winter catches you by surprise and you need a pair of toasty mittens, fast! Two of our favorite tried-and-true patterns for beginner and experienced mitten knitters alike are *Quick Bulky Mittens* by Amy Pelletier for DARN KNIT ANYWAY (shown right) and *The World's Simplest Mittens* by TIN CAN KNITS (shown lower left). Both are free Ravelry downloads and we can help you find the perfect yarn on our shelves for making them!



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Excerpted from Kerry Bogert's INTERWEAVE blog 12/15/22: "Raise your hand if you like to knit mittens! Raise your hand if you struggle with sizing mittens! Loose hands, tight thumb gussets, short cuffs – you know the struggles. Raise your hand if you want to make the warmest mittens possible! If you raised your hand, it's probably getting cold, so put it down. Here are Kate Atherley's tips for knitting warmer mittens from her book *Knit Mitts: Your Hand-y Guide to Knitting Mittens & Gloves*:

- Choose Wool! It probably comes as not a surprise that wool is best for mitten and glove knitting. Sheep's wool breathes, it will wick moisture away from the skin, and it's naturally insulating, making it ideal for keeping your hands warm. If your mittens get wet, the moisture is wicked away from your hands to the surface and will evaporate even in very cold temperatures, making wool mittens perfect for a snowball fight. A note about acrylic: Manmade fibers such as acrylic just aren't good for mitten knitting. Although they may feel warm to the touch, these fibers absorb and hold water and will freeze. Your hands are actually better off exposed to the air than enclosed in a wet or frozen acrylic mitten. The same is true of cotton or bamboo. For warm and well-protected hands, avoid these fibers entirely, even in a blend.
- Tighten Up That Gauge! Knitted fabric is inherently quite holey: the little gaps between the stitches will let the wind through. The solution is to work more tightly, on smaller needles than you would use for a garment with the same yarn. Use needles 2 or even 3 sizes smaller than recommended. Indeed, there's no harm in going as small as you reasonably can, as long as the size doesn't make the yarn difficult to work with or risks breaking the needle. The resulting fabric may be stiff, but that isn't a bad thing for a full coverage mitten.

There is one exception, however: if you are using yarn intended for sock knitting, go with the needle size recommended on the ball band, as it is intended to be worked tightly, and the yarn company's recommendation will take that into account.

- Double-stranding: For a warmer fabric – and a faster result – hold your yarn doubled. For an extra warm fabric, you could also combine two different yarns for their different properties, such as smooth yarn held double with lace-weight mohair or Suri alpaca.
- Felt Your knit Mittens: A felted wool fabric makes for excellent mittens that are utterly windproof and very warm. A felted fabric is fairly stiff and inflexible, so it's best for a full mitten – it wouldn't work well for gloves or lighter fingerless mittens.
- Make a Lining: Another way to create warmth, and combat the openness of a knit fabric, is to line the mittens. The quickest solution is to a store-bought glove to use as a lining, although you may make a bulky outer mitten and a smaller, lighter mitten with finer yarn to wear inside! If you're handy with a sewing machine, you can very quickly and easily sew a fleece or flannel liner mitten.
- Cable Stitch Patterns: Cables are a classic way to create a dense fabric for added warmth. The crisscrossing stitches can close up holes that would otherwise occur between stitches.
- Stranded fabrics: Stranded colorwork is the original solution to knitting a warm mitten. The floats of yarn that sit inside the mitten create a barrier against the winds by blocking the holes and provide a second air-trapping layer of fabric. Cold countries like Norway and Iceland have particularly long traditions of colorwork mittens and many beautiful stitch motifs.



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*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

It's cold, flu and COVID season. 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 current recommendations: "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....

*** JANUARY 2023 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 January 2023, 10:00 am–2:00 pm, for our fun knit along "Spruced Up". 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 group January 2023 thread, Instagram (#kathyknitz) and Facebook (Kathy's Kreations; Ligonier, PA)...

*** "LET'S KNIT!" Tuesday, January 10, 2023; 1:00 pm–3:00 pm ***

Ready to try making a sweater? Instructor Karen McCullough presents a gorgeous cardie, *Katarina* by COCOKNITS, a clever way to learn garment knitting techniques! Spaces are still available, see page 4; please call 724-238-9320 for details & registration...

*** SOCK SERIES Thursday, January 19, 2023, 10:30 am–12:30 pm ***

Instructor Marian Lech presents a fun color block sock project knit with three different shades and BEADS, lots of new things to learn even if you have previously knit a pair of socks! Spaces are still available, see page 4; please call 724-238-9320 for details & registration...

*** FUN FRIDAY, January 20, 2023; 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...

*** LIGONIER ICE FEST, January 21 & 22, 2023 ***

Ligonier is a magical "step back in time" place throughout the year, but the Diamond Park area during Ice Fest is truly like being smack dab in the middle of a Hallmark movie. Over 40 ice sculptures will be featured – grab a warm drink, some kettle corn from an outdoor vendor and admire the ice masterpieces around town. Kathy's Kreations is one of the merchants participating in the event with extended hours on Sunday, so stop in to check out all the new yarns and project ideas we have for your knitting and crocheting pleasure...

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!

As 2022 closes to a close, we want to thank you for your continued support. We're grateful that you continue to choose us for your knitting and crocheting needs. On behalf of everyone here at Kathy's Kreations, we would like to wish everyone a very happy, healthy and amazing New Year! **KEEP KNITTING AND CROCHETING!** Kathy