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***** THE SIDEWAYS SCARF REVISITED *****

Several years back, Lois Walker, our Brown Sheep sales representative, shared a pattern with us for a garter stitch sideways scarf. This is an excellent beginner project and a great way to use odds & ends. The popularity of scarves of all types prompted us to dust off this pattern for a new generation of knitters.

DIMENSIONS: 56" length plus fringe; width as desired, determined by amount of rows worked

MATERIALS: approximately 600 yards of mohair or bulky yarn; US size 10.5 circular knitting needle 29" length; scissors

GAUGE: 3 sts per inch; row gauge not critical as you will work to desired length

DIRECTIONS: Leave a 6" tail and cast on 170 sts with mohair or bulky yarn (or 2 strands worsted weight held together). Cut yarn, leaving an 8" tail. *Turn; attach another strand of complimentary yarn (s) with a 8" tail and knit across, cut yarn at end of row, leaving a 8" tail. Repeat from * for every row until desired width is reached. Trim tails for fringe. To make a longer or shorter scarf, cast on more or less stitches. Always remember to cut the yarn at both ends to make the fringe, changing yarns as desired.

***** KATHY'S LACY STITCH SCARF *****

There is a definite trend toward more feminine dressing, and this scarf is the perfect finishing touch. You'll feel pretty!

DIMENSIONS: 7" X 60" excluding fringe

MATERIALS: CLASSIC ELITE "La Gran" Mohair 4 balls; US knitting needles size 10.5; two stitch markers

GAUGE: 3.5 sts / 4.5 rows = 1" in pattern stitch

Abbreviations:

yo - yarn over needle

ssk (slip, slip, knit -- a left-slanting single decrease -- slip 2 sts, one at a time, to right needle as if to knit; place left-hand needle through the front loops and knit both sts together from left to right)

P2tog - purl 2 sts together

pm - place marker

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 26 sts. K 5 rows (garter stitch border). Begin pattern:

Row 1 (RS): K3 (garter stitch edge), pm, K2; * yo, ssk; repeat from * across row to last 3sts, pm, K3 (garter stitch edge).

Row 2 (WS): Slipping markers, K3 (garter stitch edge); *yo, P2tog; repeat from * across row to last 3 sts, K3.

Repeat these 2 rows for pattern until piece measures 59", end WS. K 5 rows. BO all sts as if to knit.

VARIATION: Rows 1, 3, 5 & 7 the same as row 1 to last 5 sts, end K5.

Rows 2, 4, 6, & 8: Begin row with K5, and end with K5.

Rows 9, 11, 13 & 15: K5, * yo, ssk, K2; repeat from * across row to last 5 sts, K5.

Rows 10, 12, 14, & 16: K5; *yo, P2tog, P2; repeat across row to last 5 sts, K5.

This variation staggers the openwork pattern every 8 rows and creates a totally different look.

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***** KATHY'S TWO COLOR SCARF *****

SIZE: 7" X 60"

MATERIALS: CLASSIC ELITE "Montera" two skeins in each of two contrasting colors (colors A & B); US size 9 knitting needles

GAUGE: 4 sts = 1"

PATTERN STITCH (multiple of 14 sts)

Row 1: With A, *K1, P6, K7; repeat from * across row.

Row 2: With A, *K7, P6, K1; repeat from * across row.

Row 3: With B, *K8, P6; repeat from * across row.

Row 4: With B, *K6, P8; repeat from * across row.

Repeat these four rows for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 28 sts. Work in pattern until piece measures 60".

Bind off all sts.

VARIATION #1: Use DK weight yarn, 300 yards each color and size 6 knitting needles, gauge approximately 5.5 sts / 14 rows per inch. Cast on 42 sts. Work in pattern until piece measures 60".

Bind off all sts.

VARIATION #2: Use more than one color -- a dark shade (black or navy) can be alternated with a variety of brights

***** VINTAGE LADIES' SCARF *****

Kathy adapted this pattern from a circa 1950's pattern for a ladies' wrap.

SIZE: 8" X 60" excluding fringe

MATERIALS: TAHKI / Stacy Charles "New Tweed" 6 balls; knitting needles

US size 8

GAUGE: 4 sts = 1"

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 32 sts. Work in pattern stitch as follows:

Rows 1, 2, 3 & 4: K.

Rows 5 & 7: Purl.

Rows 6 & 8: Knit.

Repeat these 8 rows for pattern until piece measures 59.5". Knit 3 more rows.

Bind off all sts. Block lightly, if needed.

Fringe: Wind yarn over a 2.5" cardboard. Cut strands at one end. Fold and knot 2 strands in every other stitch at each end of scarf, Trim fringe.

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***** KNITTED PEA CAP *****

The original pattern was received many years ago from the Caps For Kids program. We have adapted it and included new variations.

MATERIALS: Worsted weight yarn, 150 yards: US size 7 straight knitting needles; tapestry needle

SIZE: Will stretch to fit 18" - 22" head circumference

DIRECTIONS (knitted flat): Starting at cuff, cast on 106 sts.

Row 1 (WS): K2; *P2, K2; repeat from * across.

Row 2: P2; *K2, P2; repeat from * across.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 for 16 rows. Knit 1 row. Repeat rows 2 & 1 alternately until total length is 10", ending with row 1 of pattern.

Top shaping:

Row 1: P2 tog; *K2, P2tog; repeat from * across: 79 sts.

Rows 2 & 4: K1; *P2, K1; repeat from * across.

Row 3: P1; *K2, P1; repeat from * across.

Row 5: P1; *K2 tog, P1; repeat from * across: 53 sts.

Rows 6, 7, & 8: Work in K1, P1 ribbing.

Row 9: K2 tog across 26 times, end K1.

Row 10: P.

Break off, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through tapestry needle and slip rem sts onto tail. Draw together tightly and fasten securely on wrong side. Starting at top, sew seam to turning ridge, reverse seam and turn back cuff. Weave in ends.

CREATIVE VARIATIONS

STRIPES: The first 16 rows can be made in stripes working 4 rows of 4 different colors and the remainder of the cap with main color. When changing colors, always knit the first row to avoid purl "bumps".

Work the first 16 rows in your choice of the following alternative ribs based on K2, P2 ribbing:

WRAPPED RIB (multiple of 4 + 2):

Row 1 (WS): K2; *P2, K2; repeat from * across.

Row 2: K2; yarn over (yo), P2, pass yo over the purl sts, K2; repeat from * across.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 for pattern, 16 rows of cuff.

TWISTED-CABLE RIB (multiple of 4 + 2)

Rows 1 & 3 (WS): K2; *P2, K2; repeat from * across.

Row 2: P2; *K2, P2; repeat from * across.

Row 4: P2, *K2tog, but do not slip off needle, then insert right-hand needle between these two sts and knit first st again slipping both sts off needle tog, P2; repeat from * across.

Repeat rows 1 - 4 for pattern.

WAFFLE RIB (multiple of 4 + 2)

Row 1 (WS): Knit across.

Rows 2 & 4: P2; *K2, P2; repeat from * across.

Row 3: K2; *P2, K2; repeat from * across.

Repeat rows 1 - 4 for pattern. <http://www.kathys-kreations.com>



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***** CIRCULAR VERSION KNITTED PEA CAP *****

MATERIALS: Worsted weight yarn, 200 yards; US size 7 16" circular & double-pointed needles; stitch marker; tapestry needle

DIRECTIONS: With circular needle, cast on 104 sts (multiple of 4 sts). Place marker and join, being careful not to twist sts of cast-on row. Work in rounds of K2, P2 ribbing for 16 rounds. Purl 1 row. Work in pattern as established until piece measures 10".

Top shaping:

Round 1: *K2, P2tog; repeat from * around.

Rounds 2 - 4 *K2, P1; repeat from * around.

Round 5: *K2 tog, P1; repeat from * around.

Rounds 6 - 8: Work in K1, P1 ribbing.

Round 9: K2 tog around to end.

Row 10: K.

Break off, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through tapestry needle and slip rem sts onto tail. Draw together tightly and fasten securely on wrong side. Starting at top, sew seam to turning ridge, reverse seam and turn back cuff. Weave in ends.

RIBBING VARIATIONS FOR CIRCULAR VERSION OF KNITTED PEA CAP

WRAPPED RIB (multiple of 4)

Round 1: *K2, P2; rep from * around.

Round 2: *yo, K2, pass yo over the 2 K sts, P2; rep from * around.

Repeat rounds 1 & 2 for pattern.

TWISTED-CABLE RIB (multiple of 4)

Rounds 1 - 3: *K2, P2; repeat from * around.

Round 4: : *K2tog, but do not slip off needle, then insert right-hand needle between these two sts and knit first st again slipping both sts off needle tog, P2; repeat from * across.

Repeat rounds 1 - 4 for pattern.

WAFFLE RIB (multiple of 4)

Round 1 (WS): Purl.

Rounds 2 - 4: *K2, P2; repeat from * around.

Repeat rounds 1 - 4 for pattern.

When adapting patterns from flat knitting to circular knitting, remember that the right side of your work is always facing you. To achieve a stockinette stitch fabric, knit all rounds. For garter stitch, knit 1 round, purl 1 round.

***** JOANNE'S DROP STITCH PATTERN SCARF *****

The scarf craze definitely will continue throughout spring and summer 2003.

Scarves will be worn in place of jewelry, or with an accent pin. An easy scarf pattern was recently shared by Joanne Walthour, who originally worked it with BERROCO "Optik". We think our new PLYMOUTH YARNS "Odyssey" (\$9.25, 50 grams, 72 yards, 60% nylon / 40% wool, color #1 shown at left), a railroad-track tape with interior multicolor weave, looks sensational in this pattern. Try working one for yourself or as a gift for a friend in one of our new, lightweight novelty yarns, perhaps combined with an eyelash yarn for added pizzazz. There are no hard-fast rules -- just find an appealing yarn, grab some large needles and start. Our thanks to Joanne for this idea!

MATERIALS: one ball novelty yarn; US size 15 needles

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 12 sts.

Rows 1 & 2: K.

Row 3: *K1, yo (yarn over); rep from * to last st, end K1.

Row 4: K, dropping all yarnovers.

Repeat rows 1 - 4 for pattern until a few yards of yarn remains. Repeat rows 1 & 2. Bind off all sts.

Weave in ends.

***** JULIA'S BIRTHDAY BED SOCKS *****

Birthday greetings to Kathy's mom, Julia, who is 87 years young this month. Julia's only birthday gift request is a pair of her favorite handknit slippers in off-white. This pattern was adapted from a vintage pattern "Slippers A Go-Go", appearing in Pat Trexler's column during the 1960s with the caption "either corner heel or toe, tie them on and then go go". The beginning and end straps are used to tie over the instep.

MATERIALS: 200 yards worsted weight yarn, US size 7 knitting needles

DIRECTIONS:

Strap: Cast on 3 sts. K 1 row.

Next row: K1, K in front & back of next st (inc), K1: 4 sts.

Next row: K1, inc in next st, K2: 5 sts.

Knit these 5 sts until piece measures 5".

Next Row: K1, inc in next st, K across row. Repeat this row until there are 21 sts on needle.

Increase Row: Inc in each of these 21 sts: 42 sts. Work in K2, P2 ribbing as follows:

Row 1: *K2, P2; repeat from * across row.

Row 2: *P2, K2; repeat from * across row.

Repeat these 2 rows until ribbing measures 6" for small and medium size, 7" for large.

Decrease Row: K2tog across row: 21 sts.

Strap: K1, K2tog, K across row. Repeat this row until 5 sts remain. Knit these 5 sts for 5".

Next Row: K1, K2tog, K2.

Next Row: K1, K2tog, K1.

K 1 row. Bind off. Sew seam on purl side. Weave in ends.

*****EYELET ROLLED BRIM HAT *****

Spring and early summer evenings can be chilly here in western Pennsylvania.

Here's a cute and quick-knit hat sized for children and ladies. We have just received a shipment of PLYMOUTH YARNS "Wildflower DK" in brights and new ragg shades (\$3.75, 50 grams, 50% cotton / 50% acrylic, machine wash).

ABBREVIATIONS: K2tog - knit 2 sts together; yo - yarn over

SIZES: child's (ladies' small - medium - large in parentheses)

MATERIALS: 2 balls PLYMOUTH YARNS "Wildflower DK"; US size 5 16" circular and double-pointed knitting needles; one stitch marker

GAUGE: 5.5 sts per inch

EYELET PATTERN:

Round 1: K5, *K2 tog, yo, K6, repeat from * to last 3 stitches, K2tog, yo, K1.

Rounds 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8: Knit.

Round 3: K4, *(K2tog, yo) twice, K4; repeat to last 4 sts, (K2tog, yo) twice.

Round 9: K1, *K2tog, yo, K6; repeat from * to last 7 sts, K2tog, yo, K5.

Rounds 10, 12, 13, 14, & 15: Knit.

Round 11: *(K2tog, yo) twice, K4; repeat from * to end.

Round 16: Knit.

Repeat these 16 rounds for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: With circular needle, cast on 96 (104 - 112 - 120) sts. Place marker, being careful not to twist sts. Work in stockinette stitch (knit every round) for 12 (12 - 14 - 14) rounds, then work in eyelet pattern until total length is 6" (6.5" - 7" - 7.5"), ending by working a knit round other than 2 or 10.

SHAPE CROWN: Begin decreases, starting with round 3 (2 - 1 - 3).

Round 1: *K12, K2tog; rep from * around.

Round 2: *K11, K2tog; rep from * around.

Round 3: *K10, K2tog; rep from * around.

Round 4: *K9, K2tog; rep from * around.

Round 5: *K8, K2tog; rep from * around.

Round 6: *K7, K2tog; rep from * around.

Round 7: *K6, K2tog; rep from * around.

Round 8: *K5, K2tog; rep from * around.

Round 9: *K4, K2tog; rep from * around.

Round 10: *K3, K2tog; rep from * around.

Round 11: *K2, K2tog; rep from * around.

Round 12: *K1, K2tog; rep from * around.

Round 13: *K2tog; rep from * around.

Cut yarn, leaving a 12" tail. Thread tail through remaining sts, draw up tightly and secure. Weave in all ends.

This pattern was adapted from one received from members of the Roof Garden Knitting Guild in Somerset, PA. The group is knitting these as chemo hats for their local hospital. Please bear in mind when knitting for hair loss patients to work a smaller size.

***** CHECKERBOARD SLIPPERS *****

This is another family favorite pattern from Kathy's Aunt Mary, who likes to make them in school or favorite sports team colors.

SIZE: Determined by needle size

MATERIALS: 1 skein PLYMOUTH "Encore" worsted weight in two contrasting colors

Knitting needles US 10 - 10.5 for mens' size; US 9 for ladies' medium/large; US 8 for ladies' small - US size 6 for childrens'

DIRECTIONS: With Main color (MC), cast on 60 sts. K 1 row. Attach 2nd color (CC). Pattern Row 1: With CC, K5, tugging gently to get "puffed" edge; *K5 with MC, K5 with CC; repeat from * across row.

Row 2: Repeat row 1, carrying colors across wrong side of work.

Repeat these two rows twice for 3 garter sitch ridges.

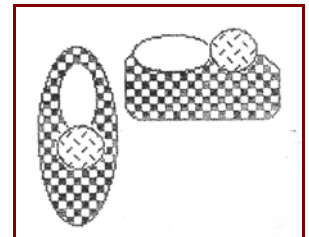
Change colors for next 6 rows to give checkerboard effect. Continue in this manner until 7-8 color blocks complete for child's size; 8 - 10 blocks for ladies'; 10 blocks for men's.

When blocks are completed, shape toe as follows:

With MC only, K2 together across row: 30 sts remain.

With MC only, P2 together across row: 15 sts remain.

Cut yarn, leaving a tail to draw through remaining 15 sts. Sew 4 blocks or desired length from toe shaping for top of foot. Sew cast on edge in half for heel. Add pompom, if desired.



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***** ADULT'S TWO-NEEDLE BOOT SOCKS *****

MATERIALS: 300 yards heavy worsted weight yarn; US size 8 knitting needles; stitch holder; tapestry needle for finishing

GAUGE: 4.5 sts / 6 rows = 1"

DIRECTIONS: Starting at cuff, cast on 34 sts. Work in ribbing as follows:

Row 1: *K2, P2, repeat from * across row, end K2.

Row 2: *P2, K2; repeat from * across row, end P2.

Repeat these two rows until piece measures 2.5". Change to stockinette stitch (K 1 row, P 1 row) & work until sock measures 5" from beg, end on wrong side of work.

Shape heel: K 26, then slip these sts onto stitch holder, K remaining 8 sts, then knit the first 8 stitches from stitch holder (leaving 18 sts at center of sock on stitch holder for instep). Working on the 16 sts of heel only, work in stockinette stitch for 14 rows.

Next Row: K 16, cast on 10 sts. Turn.

Next Row: P26, cast on 10 sts. Turn; K36.

On next row, dec 1 st each side, then **every** row 9 times more : 16 sts rem on needle. Without removing needles from work, sew the 10 cast-on sts at each side of heel to the 14 rows of heel. Continue in stockinette stitch on the 16 sts for sole, until work measures 1.5" less than desired length of sock, measured from back of heel to stitches on needle (allowing 1.5" to work toe).

Shape toe: Dec 1 st each side every row until 4 sts rem. Bind off.

Slip the 18 sts of instep onto needle and work as follows: Dec 1 st each side. Continue in stockinette stitch, working even until instep measures same length as sole to start of toe. Dec 1 st each side very row until 4 sts remain. Bind off.

Finishing: Sew seam at each side of sock and across toe. Make other sock the same.

(adapted from a vintage Columbia-Minerva pattern)

***** ZIG-ZAG SCARF FROM KATHY'S ARCHIVES *****

FINISHED MEASUREMENT: 8" X 60" excluding fringe

MATERIALS: 500 yards worsted weight yarn; knitting needles US size 10 or size needed to obtain gauge of 4.5 sts / 6 rows = 1"

PATTERN STITCH

Row 1: K1, K2tog, K6, yarn over (yo), K1, yo, K6, K2tog twice, K6, yo, K1, yo, K6, K2tog, K1.

Row 2: Purl.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 36 sts. Purl 1 row. Work even in pattern until piece measures 60" or desired length. Bind off in pattern stitch. Make 6 tassels, attaching one in each corner and one in center of cast-on & bind-off edges. (original source unknown)

***** TEXTURED STITCH SCARF FROM KATHY'S ARCHIVES *****

FINISHED MEASUREMENT: 9" X 60" excluding fringe

MATERIALS: 600 yards worsted weight yarn; knitting needles US size 8 or size needed to obtain gauge of 5 sts / 7 rows = 1"

PATTERN STITCH (repeat rows 1 & 2 for pattern)

Row 1: K1, K2tog, *K 10, K2tog twice; repeat from *, end K10, K2tog, K1.

Row 2: K1, (K1, P1) into next st; *K 10, (K1, P1) into next st twice; repeat from *, end K 10, (K1, P1) into next st, K1.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 44 sts. Work in pattern stitch until piece measures 60". Bind off in pattern stitch. Add fringe or tassels, if desired. (original source unknown)

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***** TEXTURED STITCH SCARF FROM KATHY'S ARCHIVES *****

FINISHED MEASUREMENT: 9" X 60" excluding fringe

MATERIALS: 600 yards worsted weight yarn; knitting needles US size 8 or size needed to obtain gauge of 5 sts / 7 rows = 1"

PATTERN STITCH (repeat rows 1 & 2 for pattern)

Row 1: K1, K2tog, *K 10, K2tog twice; repeat from *, end K10, K2tog, K1.

Row 2: K1, (K1, P1) into next st; *K 10, (K1, P1) into next st twice; repeat from

*, end K 10, (K1, P1) into next st, K1.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 44 sts. Work in pattern stitch until piece measures 60". Bind off in pattern stitch. Add fringe or tassels, if desired.

(original source unknown)



***** GARTER STITCH KNITTED BABY BOOTIES -- A GENERIC RECIPE

MATERIALS: LANA GROSSA “Meilenweit Cotton Fun” one ball (fingering weight); US size 1 knitting needles; tapestry needle for finishing

SIZE: Newborn to 3 months

GAUGE: 6.5 sts = 1”

Abbreviations: K = knit; K2tog = knit 2 sts together (decrease); inc - increase (knit in the front of back of stitch); yo = yarn over needle

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 21 sts. Knit each row (garter stitch) for 1”.

Beading row: K1, *yo, K2tog; repeat from * to end of row. Knit 1 row.

Instep: K 7 sts, place on holder, inc 1 in next stitch, K 5 sts, inc 1 in next stitch, place last 7 sts on holder.

Working over center 9 sts only, knit each row for 1.25”. Cut yarn, leaving 4-5” tail.

Attach yarn and knit sts from second holder, pick up and knit sts from first side of center piece (every other row -- do not pick up in “bump”), knit center 9 sts, pick up & knit stitches from second side of center piece (every other row -- do not pick up “bump”), knit sts from first holder.

Knit each row for 6 more rows.

Shape toe: Knit to 7 center sts, K2tog, K3, K2tog. Knit 1 row.

Knit to center 5 sts, K2tog, K1, K2tog. Knit 1 row.

Knit to center 3 sts, K3tog. Knit last row, casting off as you do.

Sew bottom and back seams and weave in all ends. Thread I-cord through beading row, working knot in ends to prevent cord from coming loose.

Variations: to make a larger size, work with size 2 knitting needle over 24 sts.

Two booties may be worked on the same needle at the same time ; then sizes will be the same.

(from Greater St. Louis Knitting Guild newsletter, summer 2002)

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***** HELEN'S DISHCLOTH PATTERNS *****

One of our long-time knitting customers, Helen Soles, recently requested more dishcloth patterns to use with Cotton Classic, her favorite yarn. Here are two easy textured ones using the same stitch count for your knitting pleasure, Helen:

MATERIALS: TAHKI Cotton Classic one hank per dishcloth; US size 6 knitting needles; tapestry needle for finishing

GAUGE: 5 sts = 1" in pattern stitch

FINISHED SIZE: Approximately 8" X 8"

ABBREVIATIONS: K = knit; P= purl; sts = stitches.

PATTERN STITCHES

--- Seeded Rib Check (multiple of 4 + 3)

Row 1: K3; * P1, K3; repeat from * across.

Row 2: K1; *P1, K3; repeat from *, to last 2 sts, end P1, K1.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 for pattern.

---Farrow Rib (multiple of 3 + 1)

Row 1 (right side): *K2, P1; repeat from * to last st, K1.

Row 2: P1; *K2, P1; repeat from * to end.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: With US size 6 needles, cast on 43 sts. Work in either seeded rib check or farrow rib stitch pattern until piece measures approximately 8". Bind off all sts. Weave in all ends with tapestry needle.

(an original design by Kathy Zimmerman; please feel free to share this pattern for non-commercial purposes with your friends, but please do not re-print with out permission of the designer)



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***** LINDA'S OBLIQUE RIB DISHCLOTH *****

This reversible pattern comes from Linda Krue, who recently presented it as an educational program to the Golden Dome Knitting Guild. Our thanks to Linda for graciously sharing her original pattern with us. The stitch repeat is a multiple of 4 sts -- add 4 or 8 more stitches to make a large cloth -- don't forget that you will need more yarn!

FINISHED SIZE: 8" X 8"

MATERIALS: 150 yards worsted weight cotton, US size 7 knitting needles, tapestry needle for weaving in ends (we suggest CLASSIC ELITE "Spotlight" yarn; three balls will make two dishcloths)

GAUGE: 4.75 sts = 1"

DIRECTIONS

Cast on 38 sts. Knit 3 rows.

Row 1 (right side) K4; *P2, K2; repeat from * to last 6 sts, P2, K4.

Row 2: K3; *P2, K2; repeat from * to last 3 sts, K3.

Row 3: K3, P1; *K2, P2; repeat from * to last 6 sts, K2, P1, K3.

Row 4: K3, *K2, P2; repeat from * to last 3 sts, K3.

Repeat these 4 rows until approximately 8" from beginning, or desired length. Knit 2 rows. BO all sts.

***** KATHY'S VINTAGE KNIT RIPPLE AFGHAN *****

FINISHED SIZE: 48" X 60"

GAUGE: With US size 8 needles, 20 sts / 28 rows = 4" in ripple stitch pattern

MATERIALS: PLYMOUTH "Encore" worsted weight yarn, approximately 2000 yards (in one color or a variety for striping, see note); 32" or 36" circular knitting needle US size 8 or size needed to obtain gauge; stitch markers

RIPPLE STITCH (original stitch source Pat Trexler's column in The Pittsburgh Press, 5/24/87)

Row 1 (right side): *K2tog (knit 2 sts together), knit 5, yo (yarnover), knit 1, yo, knit 5,ssk (slip, slip, knit decrease).

Row 2: Purl.

Repeat these 2 rows for pattern; pattern is a multiple of 15 sts.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 235 stitches. K5, place marker, work in pattern across 225 sts (15 repeats), place marker, K5. Knit the first and last 5 sts

on every row for garter stitch border, & keep center sts in pattern as set.

Notes; Ripple may be worked in a variety of stripes in random or specific lengths, changing colors as desired. To adjust width, add or subtract sts in multiples of 15 sts.

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***** KATHY'S TEXTURED RIB HAT AND SCARF *****

Most pattern stitches can be adapted from flat to circular knitting by deleting one or two stitches, depending on the desired number of stitches needed for the seam. This rib pattern (shown right), submitted by Bea Bright, appeared in the August 2002 issue of the Greater St. Louis Knitting Guild. Kathy has designed a scarf and hat -- she recommends Elsebeth Lavold's Silky Wool or ROWAN Rowanspun DK, both are beautiful tweed choices for lightweight chill chaser accessories!



Abbreviations: K - knit; P - purl; tbl - through the back loop; sts - stitches

Textured Rib (flat knitting, straight needles; multiple of 5 + 1, 4 row repeat)

Row 1 (right side): K1; *P1, K2, P1, K1 tbl; repeat from * to last 5 sts, end P1, K2, P1, K1.

Row 2: P1; *K1, P2, K1, P1; repeat from * across.

Row 3: K1; *P4, K1tbl; repeat from * to last 5 sts, end P4, K1.

Row 4: P1; *K4, P1; repeat from * across.

Textured Rib (circular knitting; multiple of 5 sts, 4 round repeat)

Round 1 (right side): *P1, K2, P1, K1tbl; repeat from * around.

Round 2: *P1, K2, P1, K1tbl; repeat from * around.

Round 3: *P4, K1tbl; repeat from * around.

Round 4: *P4, K1; repeat from * around.

SCARF FOR GUYS OR GALS (Flat knitting with straight needles)

FINISHED SIZE: 6.5" X 60", one size fits all

MATERIALS: 500 yards DK weight wool; US size 6 straight knitting needles OR SIZE NEEDED FOR GAUGE; tapestry needle for finishing GAUGE: With size 6 knitting needles in textured pattern, 22 sts & 30 rows = 4"

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 36 sts. Work in textured pattern stitch, flat knitting version, until piece measures 60" or desired length. Bind off all sts in pattern. Weave in ends.

HAT FOR GUYS OR GALS (Circular knitting)

Finished head circumference: 18" toddler (20" child - 22" adult in parentheses)

MATERIALS: 150 (200 - 225) yards DK weight wool; US size 6 circular knitting needles 16" & double-pointed needles, US size 4 circular needle 16" OR SIZES NEEDED TO OBTAIN GAUGE; stitch marker; tapestry needle for finishing

GAUGE: With larger knitting needles in textured pattern, 22 sts & 30 rows = 4"

Directions: With larger circular needle, cast on 100 (110 - 120) sts. Place marker & join, being careful not to twist sts. Work in P4, K1 ribbing for 1" (1.5" - 2"). Change to larger circular needles and work in textured rib circular version until piece measures 5" (6" - 7"), ending with round 4 of pattern stitch.

Begin crown shaping, changing to double-pointed needles when necessary:

Round 1: P3, K2tog; repeat from * around.

Round 2 & all even-numbered rounds: Work sts as they appear (K the K sts, P the P sts).

Round 3: P2, K2tog; repeat from * around.

Round 5: P1, K2tog; repeat from * around.

Round 7: *K2tog; repeat from * around.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through remaining sts. Draw up tightly & secure. Weave in ends. Add pompom to top, if desired.

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***** DIAGONAL MOHAIR SCARF *****

To celebrate mohair month, we've designed a diagonal-knit scarf to work with your favorite mohair yarn (CLASSIC ELITE La Gran; K1, C2 Mousse; BERROCO Mohair Classic, JCA Fusion). For a dramatic effect, choose a multi-color or hand-painted colorway.

MATERIALS: 300 yards mohair; US size 9 knitting needles; tapestry needle for finishing

GAUGE: 4 sts / 7 rows = 1" in pattern stitch.

PATTERN STITCH

Rows 1-5: Knit.

Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: Knit.

Row 8: Purl.

Rows 9-10: Knit.

Repeat rows 1 - 10 for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 3 sts. Knit into front & back of first and last sts: 5 sts. K 1 row. Beg pattern stitch, AND, AT THE SAME TIME, knit into front and back of first and last st every other row until there are 41 sts on needle, end WS.

Next row: Maintaining pat as est, K2tog, work in pat to last 2 sts, K in front and back on last st on needle.

Next Row: Work even in pat as est without decs or incs.

Cont in pat as est, repeat these last two rows until scarf measures 60" or desired length measured along long edge, end on row 4 of pattern stitch.

Next Row: K2tog, work in pat as est to last 2 sts, ssk.

Next Row: Work even in pat as est without incs or decs.

Rep these last 2 rows until 3 sts remain. Bind off. Weave in all ends.



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***** HELEN'S SCARF *****

With the bustle of the holidays soon to be upon us, knitters will be looking for inspiration and jotting down thoughts for gift ideas. Scarves continue to be a hot knitting trend, and make wonderful gifts. Helen Colclaser recently shared her pattern for an easy-knit drop stitch scarf, based on a pattern which appeared in one of our earlier newsletters. Helen tells us that she combined "Eros" confetti ribbon and an eyelash yarn with stunning results, but this pattern will work well with a variety of novelty yarns. You may also try experimenting with different weights of yarns, varying the number of stitches for your gauge. Thanks, Helen, for sharing your beautiful scarf idea!

MATERIALS: 1 ball PLYMOUTH YARNS "Eros" and 2 balls TRENDSETTER YARNS "Eyelash";

US size 15 needles

DIMENSIONS: 5" X 60" (without stretching)

Drop Stitch Pattern

Rows 1-6: K.

Row 7: K across, wrapping each st 3 times.

Row 8: K across, dropping wraps.

Repeat rows 1 - 8.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 22 sts. Work in drop stitch pattern until piece measures 60" or desired length. Bind off all sts. Weave in ends.



***** BIG-KNIT BASKETWEAVE AFGHAN *****

Kathy's friend Darlene is one of the many who have re-discovered the joy of knitting. Darlene is knitting a baby blanket from a vintage pattern originally shared with her by Kathy. In the hope of sparking interest with even more "returning" knitters, Kathy has adapted the original pattern stitch for a new generation of knitters.

SIZE: 48" X 60"

MATERIALS: PLYMOUTH YARNS "Encore" worsted weight 16 skeins; 29" circular knitting needle

US size 15, crochet hook size N

GAUGE: Approximately 2.5 sts per inch

NOTE: Work with 3 strands of yarn held together throughout

ABBREVIATIONS: K - knit; P - purl; st - stitch; rep = repeat

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 120 sts.

Row 1 (WS): K1, *slip next st, leaving it on left-hand needle, P the next stitch, leaving it on the needle, P the skipped st, slip both sts off needle; rep from * across, end K1.

Row 2: K2, *slip next st off needle and hold in front of work, K next st, then place slipped st on left-hand needle and K it, rep from * across, end K2.

Rep rows 1 & 2 until piece measures 60" or desired length, end on right side. Bind off as if to K, turn work.

Edging: pick up last loop, ch 2, slip st in same space. Then, slip st in every other st with chain 2 between along bound-off edge, in every other row on sides, and in every open space on cast on edge.

Work slip st, chain 2, slip stitch in each corner st. Join, cut yarn, weave in all ends neatly.

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***** KATHY'S NOVEMBER SCARF *****

FINISHED MEASUREMENT: 7" X 64" excluding fringe

MATERIALS: 600 yards worsted weight yarn (we recommend CLASSIC ELITE TWEED '03);

US size 8 knitting needle; crochet hook size G for fringe

GAUGE: 4.5 sts / 7.5 rows = 1" averaged over pattern stitch

PATTERN STITCH:

Rows 1 - 4: K.

Rows 5 & 7: P.

Rows 6 & 8: K.

Repeat rows 1- 8 for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 32 sts. Work in pattern stitch until piece measures 63.5" or desired length, end with row 8 of pattern. K 3 more rows. BO all sts. Weave in ends.

FRINGE: Wind yarn around 3" cardboard. Cut strands at one end. Fold strand in half and draw through stitch at end of cast-on edge. Pull cut ends through loop and knot. Repeat for every other stitch along cast-on and bound-off edges. Trim fringe evenly.

Knitting Tip: Cut yarn for fringe before beginning project, then you can work scarf until yarn is almost used up.

ALTERNATE EMBELLISHMENT: Work corkscrew fringe (see page seven for instructions).

***** THE SINSATION SCARF *****

This scarf idea comes from the Golden Dome Knitting Camp Knit-in.

Ask to see our display model later this month...

MATERIALS: 2 balls PLYMOUTH "Sinsation" chenille yarn for a 40" scarf
or 3 balls for a 60" long scarf; US size 10 knitting needles.

GAUGE: 3 sts = 1"

SEED STITCH PATTERN (multiple of 2 + 1)

Row 1: K1; *P1, K1; repeat from * across row.

Repeat this row for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 15 sts. Work in seed stitch until yarn is almost used up, leaving enough for binding off.

FINISHING: Weave in all ends neatly. Mist scarf with spray bottle mist until saturated wet. Place in dryer on low heat until slightly damp. Place folded scarf over clothes hanger to finish drying and "set".

***** JANUARY SCARF *****

The idea for this scarf came from Karen McCullough (thanks, Karen!). Karen says that she can't take credit as the originator — a mystery knitter she met in our shop gave her the inspiration. Tapering both ends of a garter stitch scarf can eliminate the stretch that occurs at the cast on and bind off edges from the weight of the garment.

FINISHED SIZE: 6" X 60" (8" X 64" in parentheses)

GAUGE: 11 sts = 4" in garter stitch with size 15 needles

MATERIALS: CRYSTAL PALACE "Splash" 1 (2) balls; US size 15 knitting needles 10" length

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 14 (20) sts. *Work in garter stitch (K every row) for 7 rows.

Next row: Inc 1 st at beg and end of row: 16 (22) sts. Repeat from * once: 18 (24) sts.

Cont in garter stitch until piece measures 56" (60").

Next Row: **Dec 1 st at beg and end of row: 16 (22) sts. K 7 rows. Repeat from ** once: 14 (20) sts.

Bind off all sts.

Variation: One of our customers, Kelly Maravalli, tells us that PLYMOUTH YARNS "Eros" and "Electra" look great when worked together in a garter stitch scarf on size 15 needles. We plan to try this combination with this scarf pattern. Thanks, Kelly, for sharing your success story.

***** KATHY'S EROS SCARF *****

PLYMOUTH YARNS "Eros" is a confetti-type ribbon that works very well for scarves. Kathy recently had an opportunity to design a scarf using "Eros Glitz" for the TNNA trade show Great Wall of Yarn. "Glitz" has a subtle metallic lurex thread woven throughout the ribbon for a hint of shimmer, and will be arriving later this spring.

FINISHED SIZE: 4" X 60"

GAUGE: 19 sts = 4" in dropped seed stitch pattern with size 10 needles

MATERIALS: PLYMOUTH YARNS "Eros" one ball, US size 10 knitting needles

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 15 sts.

Rows 1-3: K1, *P1, K1; repeat from * across row.

Row 4: Inc in first st (P1, K1), *P1, K1 to last st, end P1, K1 in last st: 17 sts.

Rows 5-7: K1, *P1, K1; repeat from * across row.

Row 8: Repeat row 4: 19 sts.

Begin dropped seed stitch pattern:

Row 1: K across, wrapping each stitch twice.

Row 2: K1; *P1, K1; repeat from * across row, dropping extra loop of each stitch.

Rows 3 & 4: K1, *P1, K1; repeat from * across row.

Repeat these 4 rows for pattern until piece measures 58.5" long, end with row 1 of pat.

Row 1: K2tog (knit two sts together), *P1, K1; repeat from * to last 2 sts, K2tog: 16 sts.

Rows 2-4: K1, *P1, K1; repeat from * across row.

Row 5: Repeat row 1: 14 sts.

Rows 6-8: K1, *P1, K1; repeat from * across row.

Bind off all sts. Cut yarn; weave in ends.

***** KATHY'S DECEMBER SCARF *****

This simple pattern stitch will work with a variety of novelty and basic yarns. Try combining two or more lighter weight yarns for a "one-of-a-kind" accessory. Have fun experimenting!

FINISHED MEASUREMENT: 6" X 60" excluding fringe

MATERIALS: 300 yards bulky weight yarn (we recommend ROWAN Yorkshire Tweed
Chunky or ROWAN Cork for a classic look); US size 11 knitting needles

GAUGE: 3.5 sts / 5 rows = 1" averaged over pattern stitch

PATTERN STITCH:

Rows 1 - 5: Knit.

Row 6: Purl.

Repeat these 6 rows for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 22 sts. Work in pattern stitch until piece measures 60" or desired length, end with row 5 of pattern. BO all sts. Weave in ends. Add tassels, if desired.

***** TRACEY'S TRIANGULAR HOLIDAY SCARF *****

Tracey Earhart designed a triangular scarf for us -- select a lovely mohair such as CLASSIC ELITE LA Gran or TRENDETTTER YARNS "Dune" fo add some fluff and sparkle to your party-going. Thanks, Tracey!

MATERIAL: approx. 175 - 200 yards mohair yarns; US size 17 knitting needles

GAUGE: not critical

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 3 sts. Work in garter stitch every row, increasing 1 st at beginning and end of each row (work K into front and back of the stitch), until 93 sts on needle. BO all sts very loosely, working with two needles held together.

***** LISA'S CRAZY COLORS SCARF *****

Lisa Carnahan has graciously given us permission to re-print her colorful scarf pattern. Please feel free to knit this accessory for personal or charitable use only. Please do not re-print this pattern or knit for commercial purposes without permission of the designer, Lisa Carnahan.

MATERIALS: 3 skeins of SCHACHENMAYR NOMOTTA "Regia Crazy Color"; US size 5
knitting needles OR SIZE NEEDED TO OBTAIN GAUGE; size F crochet hook
and buttons (optional)

GAUGE: 7 sts = 1" over rib pattern stitch

SIZE: Approx. 5.5" wide X 62" long

INSTRUCTIONS: Cast on 40 sts.

Rib Pattern Stitch

Rows 1, 2, 3, & 4: *K1, P1; repeat from *.

Rows 5, 6, 7, & 8: *P1, K1; repeat from *.

Repeat rows 1- 8 for pattern until piece measures approx. 62" long or to desired length. Bind off all sts. Decorate ends with strands of single crochet strands and buttons.

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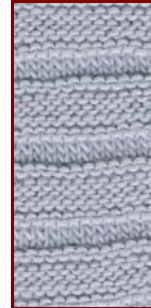
***** FEBRUARY SCARF *****

MATERIALS: Medium weight yarn 125 yards; US size 9 knitting needles; row counter

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS: 4.5" X 60"

GAUGE: 4.5 sts = 1" with size 9 knitting needles

Note: Since pattern stitch is worked over an odd number of rows, a row counter is very useful to keep track of pattern. This is particularly helpful when working with novelty yarns, as rows may be difficult to count visually.



PATTERN STITCH:

Rows 1 - 4: Knit.

Row 5: Purl.

Repeat rows 1 – 5 for pattern stitch .

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 20 sts. Work in pattern stitch until piece measures 60" or desired length. Bind off all sts loosely in pattern.

***** TUBE SCARF *****

MATERIALS: Approximately 375 yards medium weight furry yarn (such as GGH Apart-Color, 3 balls); US size 11 24" circular knitting needle; stitch marker; tapestry needle

GAUGE: not critical, should be stretchy

SIZE: 53" long unstretched (approx. 62" long when stretched)

NOTE: Cast on with a US size 15 needle to make sure the foundation is very stretchy.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 70 sts very loosely (see note). Join; place marker, being careful that sts are not twisted. Knit in rounds until piece measures approximately 54" long.

Ending: Cut yarn, leaving a 3" tail. Thread onto tapestry needle. Slide all the "live" sts onto the tapestry needle. Stretch the scarf opening as far as it will go, secure tail to the first stitch.

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***** MARCH SCARF OF THE MONTH *****

The idea for this scarf comes from Nancy Caldwell, who shared this reversible stitch pattern, twin rib.

FINISHED DIMENSIONS: 6" X 60"

MATERIALS: Worsted weight yarn, 250 yards; US size 7 knitting needles; tapestry needle

GAUGE: 6 sts/ 8 rows = 1" in pattern stitch

PATTERN STITCH (multiple of 6 sts)

Row 1: *K3, P3; repeat from * across row.

Row 2: *K1, P1; repeat from * across row.

Repeat these 2 rows for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 36 sts. Work in twin rib pattern until piece measures 60". Bind off all sts in patten. Weave in ends.



***** SUE'S SILKY SIZZLE SCARF *****

This scarf pattern comes from Sue Schroettinger, who tells us about two great yarns which look even more spectacular when used in combination. Thanks, Sue!

FINISHED SIZE: 4" X 50"

MATERIALS: BERROCO YARNS "Sizzle" one ball, BROWN SHEEP YARN COMPANY "Prairie

Silk" one hank; US size 13 straight knitting needles

DIRECTIONS: With both yarns held together, cast on 15 sts. Work in drop stitch pattern:

Rows 1 – 6 : Knit.

Row 7: Knit across, wrapping yarn around needle twice for every stitch.

Row 8: Knit, dropping one wrap of every stitch.

Repeat rows 1— 8 for pattern, ending with row 6 of pattern, leaving just enough yarn to bind off.

***** HELEN'S "MY STARS!" SCARF *****

This pattern comes from Helen Colclaser, who has knit dozens of scarves with PLYMOUTH YARNS "Stars" and recommends this one as her favorite. Thanks, Helen!

FINISHED SIZE: 6" X 60"

MATERIALS: PLYMOUTH YARNS "Stars" yarn 2 balls, US size 11 straight knitting needles

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 25 sts. Work in garter stitch (K every row) until a yard of yarn remains. Bind off all sts.

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***** NOVELTY YARN HAT *****

One of our instructors, Lisa Carnahan, shares this pattern for embellishing with novelty yarns. This also looks great worked all by itself in a solid or with stripes for the “beanie” look. Thanks, Lisa!

MATERIALS: Worsted weight yarn, approx. 150 yards; small amounts of assorted novelty yarns; US #5 and US #7 16” circular knitting needles;

US #7 double-pointed needles (dpns) OR SIZE NEEDED TO OBTAIN GAUGE

GAUGE: 5 sts = 1” in stockinete stitch on larger needles

INSTRUCTIONS: With smaller needle and worsted weight yarn, cast on 100 sts. Join, place marker. Work in rounds of K2, P2 ribbing for 1”. Change to large needles. Work in stockinette stitch until piece measures 5.5” from beginning, adding novelty yarn stripes as desired (see upper right).

Crown Shaping:

Round 1: *K8, ssk (slip, slip, knit decrease); repeat from * around: 90 sts.

Round 2 and all even-numbered rounds: Knit.

Change to dpns when necessary.

Round 3: *K7, ssk; repeat from * around.

Round 5: *K6, ssk; repeat from * around.

Continuing decreasing 10 sts every other round as established until 10 sts remain.

Last round: *ssk; repeat from * around: 5 sts. Cut yarn. Run tail through remaining sts.

Fasten off.

Optional embellishments: Add tassel, combining novelty and main colors, to top of hat.

Add a pompom or cluster of I-cords to top of hat.

Variations: Work in random or regular stripes of contrasting colors.



Nonie's Scarf (the idea for this pattern was inspired by Nonie Swaim, who first shared this pattern stitch with Kathy during a ribbing workshop.

MATERIALS: CLASSIC ELITE La Gran mohair 3 balls; knitting needles US size 4 & 13; tapestry needle for finishing

FINISHED SIZE: approx. 6" X 60"

GAUGE: not critical; approx. 5 sts / 7 rows = 1" in ribbed pattern

CO 29 sts with larger needle. Reserve yarn for fringe, if desired.

Row 1: With smaller needle, P1; *K1, P1; repeat from * across.

Row 2: With larger needle, K1; *P1, K1; repeat from * across.

Rep these 2 rows until enough yarn remains for bind off. BO all sts. Weave in all ends neatly with tapestry needle. Fringe, if desired.

Peggy Maguire's Inca Alpaca Shawl

MATERIALS: CLASSIC ELITE Inca Alpaca 4 skeins; 29" circular knitting needles US size 7 & US size 15; tapestry needle for finishing.

NOTE: project is worked back and forth on two circular needle, changing needle size every row. Odd numbered rows are worked with a smaller needle, even numbered rows worked with larger needle

GAUGE: not critical, approx. 3 sts / 5 rows = 1"

DIRECTIONS: CO 3 sts with larger needle.

Row 1: with smaller needle, knit across.

Row 2: with larger needle, K1, yo (yarn over), K across to last stitch, yo, K1.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 until yarn is almost used up, leaving enough to bind off.

Weave in all ends neatly with tapestry needle.

Embellishment options: Weave satin ribbon through eyelets created by yarn over stitches at beginning and end of row.

Sally's Ruffly Baby Blanket (adapted from a pattern received from Sally Wirick)

MATERIALS: 5 skeins PLYMOUTH Encore worsted weight yarn; 29" circular knitting needles US sizes 4 and 11; tapestry needle for finishing

GAUGE: not critical

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 145 sts with larger needle. K 7 rows. *Change to smaller needle and K 8 rows. Change to larger needle and K 8 rows. Repeat from * until desired length. BO all sts. Weave in all ends neatly with tapestry needle.

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***** APRIL SCARF OF THE MONTH *****

Felted knitting continues to be a very popular project choice among our customers.

Kathy has designed this fun scarf with a fizzy look to knit, felt, and enjoy!

SIZE: 7.5" X 75.75" **before felting**; actual size after felting will vary (scarf will shrink more in length than width after the felting process)

MATERIALS: CRYSTAL PALACE YARNS "Fizz" 3 balls, NORO YARNS "Kureyon" 3 hanks;

US size 13 knitting needles; tapestry needle for finishing

NOTE: yarns are held together throughout

DIRECTIONS: Holding both yarns **together**, cast on 24 sts.

All rows: Slip 1 st as if to purl, K across rem sts.

Repeat this row until yarn is almost all used up, leaving enough to bind off. Bind off all sts loosely. Weave in all ends with tapestry needle.

CAUTION: The scarf will appear very loose before felting. For the scarf to remain drapey, avoid making solid felt. Stop the process when stitches are blurred, but distinct.

TO FELT: Place scarf in mesh laundry bag or zippered pillowcase to protect washer from excess lint. Set washer for hot wash, low water level and maximum agitation. Add a small amount of liquid dish detergent. Check your project after 5 minutes to avoid over-felting (life it out to check progress). If no sign of felting, reset the washer for more agitation. Do not use the rinse or spin cycles as this may result in permanent creases. Rinse well by hand in the laundry sink, roll in a towel to dry.

FELTING TIP: Place 3 - 4 old tennis balls or a couple of large bath towels in the washer to help with the felting process.

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***** TRINITY SCARF *****

Our customers love scarves they can knit up quickly with just one ball of yarn. Nancy Caldwell worked this design using one ball of JAEGER HANDKNITS "Trinity" (\$7.25, 50 grams, 218 yards, 40% silk / 35% cotton / 25% polyamide, shown lower right). Doesn't it look delicate?

MATERIALS: DK weight cotton/silk yarn 200 yards; US size 10 knitting needles; tapestry needle for finishing

GAUGE: 4 sts = 1" in openwork pattern (gauge not critical), after blocking

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS: 3.5" X 60"

MESH OPENWORK PATTERN STITCH (multiple of 4 + 2)

All rows: K2; *P1, yo, P2tog, K1; repeat from * across.

DIRECTIONS: CO 14 sts. Work in mesh openwork pattern until piece measures 60" long or desired length. BO in pattern.

Weave in all ends. Wet and pin scarf to shape.

Thanks for sharing your pattern, Nancy!



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***** MAY SCARF *****

Michelle Hoke, our star scarf knitter, designed the "Pansy and Papyrus" scarf, using two new yarns (shown left). Thanks, Michelle, for another great scarf idea. What a great accessory for spring, to wear in place of jewelry!

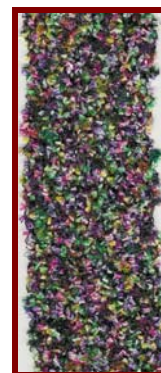
MATERIALS: TAHKI YARNS "Pansy"* one ball shade 05 and GREAT ADIRONDACK YARNS "Papyrus"*one ball shade garden party;

US size 15 needles 10" straight

FINISHED SIZE: 4" X 44"

GAUGE: 3.75 sts / inch (not critical)

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 15 sts. Work K1, P1 ribbing every row until approx. one yard of yarn remains. Bind off all sts in pattern.



***** FOUR-HOUR FLUFF SCARF *****

MATERIALS: THE GREAT ADIRONDACK YARN COMPANY "Fluff" one hank; US size 15 knitting needles

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS: 6" wide X 56" long.

DIRECTIONS: CO 18 sts. Work in stockinette stitch (K1 row, P1 row) until approximately one yard of yarn remains. Bind off.

***** KNITTING IS OUR BAG *****

One of our instructors, Nancy Premoshis, suggests that you carry your knitting in a pretty tote — she feels that your projects are “worthy” of a nice bag. The August 2004 issue of *Knit 'N Style* agrees — they predict that purses will be the next big knitting craze for new and experienced knitters. Another trend in knitwear is making a bag to match your sweater, creating more pizzazz and fun for knitters. Check out this issue (\$5.99, shown lower right), for great purse and bag patterns, or try one of our fabulous novelty yarns to make this bag from Joan Walsh. Joan designed this a while ago (could it be that she set the trend?) and can't remember where the original pattern came from, or how close hers is to the original. It was designed for a “parade of guilds” fashion show at a TKGGA convention. Our thanks to Joan for sharing her pattern idea, her version of “The Sack”.

MATERIALS: approx. 400 yards bulky weight yarn (can work two strands of medium weight yarn doubled to get gauge); US size 13 knitting needles in circular 20” or 24” and double-pointed (dpns) **OR SIZE NEED TO OBTAIN GAUGE**

GAUGE: 12 sts / 28 rows = 4”

DIRECTIONS: Starting at center bottom with dpns, cast on 6 sts and join, being careful not to twist sts.

Round 1: * K2, m 1 (make one increase); repeat from * around: 9 sts.

Round 2 and all even-numbered rounds: P.

Round 3: *K1, m 1; repeat from * around: 18 sts.

Round 5: *K2, m 1; repeat from * around: 27 sts.

Round 7: *K3, m 1; repeat from * around: 36 sts.

Round 9: K.

Round 11: K, increasing 6 sts evenly spaced: 42 sts.

Continue in garter stitch rounds (Knit 1 round, purl 1 round), increasing 6 sts every 4th round until 72 sts.

Change to circular needle when there are too many sts for the dpns.

Continue in garter stitch on these 72 sts for 9”-10”.

Notes from Joan about dividing sts: At this point, work back and forth on half the sts and garter stitch now becomes “knit every row”. You also make an I-cord edge on each side of the half you are working on AND you will decrease one stitch at the beginning of each row (after the 3 I-cord sts are worked) until there are 12 sts remaining on the needle. The first 3 sts on each row are the 3 sts slipped at the end of the previous row. It helps to give the yarn a tug when you start each row. So —

Row 1: K3, K30, move the yarn to the front, slip 3, turn.

Row 2: K3, K30, move the yarn to the front, slip 3, turn.

Row 3: K3, K2tog (knit 2 together), K 28, move the yarn to the front, slip 3, turn: 35 sts remaining (rem).

Row 4: K3, K2tog, K 27, move yarn to the front, slip 3, turn: 34 sts rem.

Row 5: K3, K2tog, K26, move yarn to the front, slip 3, turn: 33 sts rem.

Row 6: K3, K2tog, K25, move yarn to the front, slip 3, turn: 32 sts rem.

Row 7: K3, K2tog, K24, move yarn to the front, slip 3, turn: 31 sts rem.

Row 8: K3, K2tog, K23, move yarn to the front, slip 3, turn: 30 sts rem.

Row 9: K3, K2tog, K22, move yarn to the front, slip 3, turn: 29 sts rem.

Row 10: K3, K2tog, K21, move yarn to the front, slip 3, turn: 28 sts rem.

Continue in this manner until 12 sts rem. Continue **WITHOUT DECREASING** until the strap is long enough (a matter of personal preference!). Put sts on a holder. Enjoy!

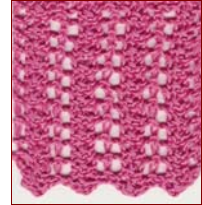
Work the other half the same way. Join the ends with kitchener stitch.

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***** JUNE SCARF OF THE MONTH *****

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS: approx. 4.25" X 54" after blocking

MATERIALS: GGH / MUENCH YARNS "Scarlett" (50 grams, 115 yards);
US size 9 knitting needles OR SIZE NEEDED TO OBTAIN
GAUGE



GAUGE: 4.5 sts / 6.25 rows = 1" after blocking

PATTERN STITCH

Razor Shell Pattern, Garter variation (multiple of 6 + 1)

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2: K1, *yarn over (yo), K1, slip 1, K2tog, pssso, K1, yo, K1; repeat from * to end.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 19 sts. Work in razor shell pattern until approximately 18" of yarn remains.

Bind off all sts. Block lightly to measurements.

This pattern is Kathy's garter stitch variation of the razor shell pattern, which originally appeared in *The Complete Book of Traditional Knitting* by Rae Compton on a stockinette background (row 1 worked as purl instead of knit). This pattern stitch has a narrow rib, but the pattern stitch may be altered to a wide chevron by changing the number of stitches before and after the decrease. Remember that the stitch multiple will also change, and make adjustments in stitch count accordingly. Please feel free to share this pattern with your knitting friends for non-commercial purposes only, with permission of the designer, Kathy Zimmerman.

***** SPRINKLES SCARF *****

FINISHED SIZE: approx. 6" X 50"

MATERIALS: 2 skeins KNIT ONE, CROCHET TOO "Sprinkles" (25 grams, 190 yards); one pair US size 9 (5 mm) knitting needles OR SIZE NEEDED TO OBTAIN GAUGE

GAUGE: In stockinette stitch, 4 sts = 1"

NOTE: Hold 2 strands "Sprinkles" together for entire scarf

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 24 sts. Work in K1, P1 ribbing for 1", ending with a WS row.

Right Side (RS) Rows: Knit.

Wrong Side (WS) Rows: Knit 4, purl to last 4 sts, Knit 4.

Repeat last 2 rows until approx. 49" from beginning, leaving enough yarn to work 1" of ribbing. Work in K1, P1 ribbing for 1". Bind off all sts loosely. Weave in ends.

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***** JULIE'S SCARF *****

The pattern for this beautiful scarf was shared with us by Julie Charlebois. Julie added a knotted fringe to each short end. Thanks, Julie!

FINISHED SIZE: approx. 5" X 66" excluding fringe

MATERIALS: BERROCO YARNS "Mosaic FX" two balls; 200 yards sport weight mercerized cotton;
US size 9 knitting needles

GAUGE: 4.5 sts / 6 rows = 1" with both yarns held together, worked in seed stitch

NOTE: Hold one strand each yarn together for entire scarf; fringe with cotton only

SEED STITCH PATTERN All rows: K1; *P1, K1; repeat from * across row.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 23 sts. Work in seed stitch until piece measures 66" or desired length. Bind off.

Fringe cast on and bound off edges, if desired.

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***** KATHY'S SLIP STITCH HAT *****

SIZES: Child's small (child's medium/ large - adults' medium/large in parentheses)

FINISHED HEAD CIRCUMFERENCE: 16" (20" - 24")

MATERIALS: worsted weight yarn approx. 100 (150 - 200) yards; US size 5 and US size 8
16" circular knitting needles; US size 7 double-pointed needles (dpns) OR
SIZE NEED TO OBTAIN GAUGE

GAUGE: 5 sts = 1" with larger needles in slip stitch pattern, worked circularly
Rosehip Stitch Variation (multiple of 4, stitch shown lower left)

Round 1: *slip 1 purlwise wyib (with yarn in back), K3; repeat from * around.

Round 2: *bring yarn to front of work, slip 1 purlwise wyif (with yarn in front), take yarn
to back of work, P3; repeat from * around.

Round 3: K2; *slip 1 purlwise wyib, K3; repeat from * around, end K1.

Round 4: P2; *slip 1 purlwise wyif, P3; repeat from * around, end P1.

Repeat these 4 rounds for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: With smaller needles, cast on 80 (100 - 120) sts. Join; being careful not to
twist stitches. Work in K1, P1 ribbing for 3 rounds. Work in K1, P3 ribbing until piece
measures 1" (1.5" - 2"). Change to larger needles. Work in rosehip stitch until piece
measures 5" (6" - 7") or desired length from beginning to crown.

Crown Shaping:

Round 1: *K8, K2tog (knit 2 together); repeat from * around: 70 (90 - 110) sts.

Round 2 and all even-numbered round: P.

Round 3: *K7, K2tog; repeat from * around: 60 (80 - 100) sts.

Round 5: *K6, K2tog; repeat from * around: 50 (70 - 90) sts.

Round 7: *K5, K2tog; repeat from * around: 40(60 - 80) sts.

Continue decreasing 10 sts every other round as established until 10 sts remain.

Last round: *K2tog; repeat from * around: 5 sts. Cut yarn. Run tail through remaining
sts. Fasten off. Weave in ends. Add pompom or braid embellishment to top of crown.

VARIATIONS: Work in two or more colors -- one for the ribbing, K 1 round before starting
slip-stitch pattern, alternate 2 or 3 colors in the slip stitch portion for stripes, work the
crown with the same color used for the ribbing, use all colors in a pompom.

Experiment with your own colorway combinations and let us know
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***** JULY SCARF OF THE MONTH *****

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS: 5.5" X 54"

MATERIALS: SKACEL COLLECTION/STAHL "La Spezia" (50 grams, 121 yards) two balls; US size 6 knitting needles OR SIZE NEEDED TO OBTAIN GAUGE

GAUGE: 4.75 sts / 6.25 rows = 1" after blocking

CAT'S EYE PATTERN (multiple of 4, shown upper right)

Row 1 (RS): K4; *yarn over (yo) twice, K4; repeat from * to end.

Row 2: P2; *P2tog (purl two together), (P1, K1) into double yo of previous row, P2tog; repeat from * to last 2 sts, P2.

Row 3: K2, yo; *K4, yo twice; repeat from * to last 6 sts, K4, yo, K2.

Row 4: P3; *(P2tog) twice, (P1, K1) into double yo; repeat from * to last 7 sts, (P2tog) twice, P3.

Repeat rows 1 - 4 for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 26 sts. K 5 rows for garter stitch edge.

Set up pattern: K3, work in cat's eye pattern across 20 sts, K3. Continue in pattern as established, keeping 3 sts at beg and end of every row for garter stitch edge, until piece measures approx. 53" or about 10 yards of yarn remains, end with row 4 of pattern. K 5 rows. Bind off all sts. Block lightly to measurements.

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KNITTED PONCHO

SIZE: One size fits all

GAUGE: 5 sts / 7 rows = 1" with size 8 needles in stockinette stitch

MATERIALS: 1000 yards worsted weight yarn; US size 8 knitting needles; size I crochet hook

Easy Textured Pattern Stitch:

Rows 1 & 3 (RS): Knit.

Row 2: P1, *K1, P1; repeat from * across.

Row 4: Purl.

Repeat rows 1- 4 for pattern.

DIRECTIONS (make 2): Cast on 147 sts. P 1 row. Work in easy textured pattern stitch until piece measures approx. 16", end with pattern row 4. Bind off all sts. Sew bound-off edge of first half to side edge of other half, starting at first row. Sew bound-off edge of other half to side edge of first half.

Edging and fringe is same as crocheted version.

CROCHETED VERSION

SIZE: One size fits all

MATERIALS: 1200 yards worsted weight yarn; size I crochet hook

GAUGE: 5 sts = 2"

DIRECTIONS (make 2): Chain 93.

Row 1: work 1 single crochet (sc) in 2nd chain from hook, 1 double crochet (dc) in next chain; * 1 sc in next chain, 1 dc in next chain, repeat from * across, chain 1, turn.

Row 2: * 1 sc in next dc, 1 dc in next sc, repeat from * across, chain 1, turn.

Repeat row 2 . Continue until piece measures approximately 16". Sew last row of first half to side edge of other half, starting at first row. Sew last row of other half to side of first half.

EDGING FOR BOTH VERSIONS: Join yarn at neck edge.

Row 1: * Chain 1, 1 sc in next st; repeat from * around, pulling in slightly to fit, Join with slip stitch.

Row 2: *Chain 1, 1 sc in each chain -1 space, repeat from * around, dec 1 st at corners. Join with slip stich and fasten off. Join yarn at lower edge, * cahin 2, slip .5", 1 sc in stitch, repeat from * around. Join and fasten off.

FRINGE: Cut three 16" strands, or desired length for fringe. Fold in half and draw through space at lower edge with crochet hook Draw ends through loop and tighten. Repeat in every loop. Trim.

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***** AUGUST SCARF OF THE MONTH *****

Here's a lightweight scarf for cooler evenings ahead, to wear with your favorite blazer or jeans jacket.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS: 5.5" X 54"

MATERIALS: ROWAN YARNS "Wool Cotton" (50 grams, 123 yards, 50% merino

wool / 50% cotton) two balls; US size 5 knitting needles OR SIZE NEEDED TO OBTAIN GAUGE

GAUGE: 6 sts / 8 rows = 1" after blocking

CHECKED RIB PATTERN (multiple of 8 + 2, shown upper right)

Row 1 (WS): P2; *K6, P2; repeat from * to end.

Row 2: K2; *P6, K2; repeat from * to end.

Row 3: K2; *K2, P2, K4; repeat from * to end.

Row 4: P2; *P2, K2, P4; repeat from * to end.

Repeat rows 1 - 4 for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 34 sts. Work in checked rib pattern until piece measures approx. 54", end with row 4 of pattern. Bind off all sts in pattern. Weave in all ends. Block lightly to measurements.

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***** ENVELOPE EVENING BAG *****

This pattern was shared with us by Joanne Walthour -- thanks, Joanne!

MATERIALS: KNITTING FEVER / NORO "Daria" multi-cord three hanks; size US 4 knitting needles straight & double-pointed (dpns); size F crochet hook; lining fabric

GAUGE: not critical

NOTE: bag is knit sideways with flap & body knit in one piece.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 63 sts. Work in stockinette stitch for 8". Bind off.

Gussets: pick up & knit 23 sts along body edge. Knit 4 rows. Bind off. Repeat at other side of body.

Finishing: Sew gussets to bottom and back of body. Crochet one row of single crochet around flap and inside top of bag. Work one row of reverse single crochet around flap and inside top of bag. Make chain of 7 sts. Fold in half and attach to top of gusset. Sew sides of lining fabric to make lining and stitch inside the body of the bag.

Strap: With dpns, Cast on 3 sts. Work in I-cord for 60". Thread cord through chains at top of gusset and slip stitch ends together.

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***** KATHY'S JOYOUS STRIPES HAT *****

SIZES: Child's small (child's M / large - adults' M/L in parentheses)

FINISHED HEAD CIRCUMFERENCE: 16" (20" - 24")

MATERIALS: worsted weight yarn approx. 100 (150 - 200) total

yards in five colors A-B-C-D-E, about 50 yards in color A and oddments of the rest; US size 5 and US size 8 16" circular knitting needles; US size 7 double-pointed needles (dpns) OR SIZE NEED TO OBTAIN GAUGE

GAUGE: 5 sts = 1" with larger needles in slip-stitch pattern, worked circularly

Joyous Stripes (even number of sts)

Round 1: With color A, K2; *slip 1 with yarn in front, K1; repeat from * around.

Round 2 and all even-numbered rounds: Knit all sts using same color as previous round.

Round 3: Repeat round 1 with color B.

Round 5: Repeat round 1 with color C.

Round 7: Repeat round 1 with color D.

Round 9: Repeat round 1 with color E.

Repeat rounds 1- 10 for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: With smaller needles, cast on 80 (100 - 120) sts. Join; being careful not to twist stitches. Work in K1, P1 ribbing for 3 rounds. Work in K1, P3 ribbing until piece measures 1" (1.5" - 2"). Change to larger needles. Work in joyous stripes slip-stitch pattern until piece measures 5" (6" - 7") or desired length from beginning to crown. Change to color A for crown.

Crown Shaping:

Round 1: *K8, K2tog (knit 2 together); repeat from * around: 70 (90 - 110) sts.

Round 2 and all even-numbered round: P.

Round 3: *K7, K2tog; repeat from * around: 60 (80 - 100) sts.

Round 5: *K6, K2tog; repeat from * around: 50 (70 - 90) sts.

Round 7: *K5, K2tog; repeat from * around: 40(60 - 80) sts.

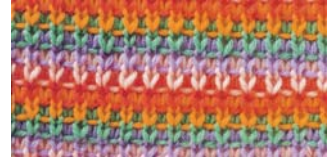
Continue decreasing 10 sts every other round as established until 10 sts remain.

Last round: *K2tog; repeat from * around: 5 sts. Cut yarn. Run tail through remaining sts.

Fasten off. Weave in ends. Add pompom or braid embellishment to top of crown.

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***** LINDA'S DISHCLOTHS *****

Linda Kruel taught these pattern stitches to the Golden Dome Knitting Guild, and has graciously shared them with us, so that you can enjoy making them, too. Dishcloths are a way to experiment with new patterns on a small scale. We recommend CLASIC ELITE "Spotlight" yarn for these projects. Linda was inspired by patterns from her favorite stitch dictionary, "365 Knitting Stitches A Year Perpetual Calendar" (on our bookshelf, \$19.95, spiral bound). Thanks, Linda!

LINDA'S INTERRUPTED RIB DISHCLOTH

MATERIALS: 150 yards cotton worsted weight yarn; US size 8 knitting needles

GAUGE: 4.5 sts / inch (gauge not critical)

FINISHED SIZE: approximately 8" X 8"

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 37 sts. Knit 3 rows.

Row 1 (right side): K3, P1; *K1, P1; repeat from * to last 3 sts, K3.

Row 2: K4; *P1, K1; repeat from * to last 3 sts, K3.

Row 3: K3, purl to last 3 sts, K3.

Row 4: K.

Repeat these 4 rows 10 times. Purl 3 rows. Bind off.

LINDA'S GARTER STITCH EYELET CHEVRON DISHCLOTH (pictured lower right)

MATERIALS: 150 yards cotton worsted weight yarn; US size 8 knitting needles

GAUGE: 4 sts / 6.5 rows = 1"

FINISHED SIZE: approx. 10" X 10"

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 43 sts. Knit 3 rows.

Row 1 (right side): K3; K1, *yarn over (yo), slip 1, K1, pssso, K4, K2tog, yo, K1; repeat from * to last 3 sts, K3.

Row 2: K3, P2; *K6, P3; repeat from * to last 11 sts, K6, P2, K3.

Row 3: K5, *yo, slip 1, K1, pssso, K2, K2tog, yo, K3; rep from * to last 11 sts, yo, slip 1, K1, pssso, K2, K2tog, yo, K5.

Row 4: K3, P3; *K4, P5; repeat from * to last 10 sts, K4, P3, K3.

Row 5: K6; *yo, slip 1, K1, pssso, K2tog, yo, K5; repeat from * to last 10 sts, yo, slip 1, K1, pssso, K2tog, yo, K6.

Row 6: K3, P4; *K2, P7; repeat from * to last 9 sts, K2, P4, K3.

Repeat these 6 rows for desired length. Knit 3 rows. Bind off.

The patterns may also be adapted to scarf designs. Interrupted rib is worked with a multiple of 2 + 1. When working with worsted weight yarn, US size 7 needles to a gauge of 5 sts per inch, cast on 31 sts for a scarf approximately 6" wide. Follow the same pattern as for the dishcloth until 60" or desired length. You will need approximately 500 yards of worsted weight yarn. The width of the scarf may be increased by adding an even number of stitches, but remember you will need to purchase more yarn for your project.

The garter stitch eyelet chevron pattern stitch is worked with a multiple of 9 sts plus 1. Since the width of this dishcloth is more than typically used for a scarf, you may change the width of your scarf by subtracting 9 sts to the number of cast on stitches. In this case, cast on 34 sts for a 7" wide scarf. Follow the same pattern as for the dishcloth, ending with row 6 before adding the garter stitch border. You will need approximately 500 yards for this project, although this stitch may take a little less yarn than the interrupted rib.

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***** Russian Rib Scarf *****

Our scarf-of-the-month series concludes with Kathy's "**Russian Rib Scarf**". Enjoy!

FINISHED SIZE: 6" X 60"

MATERIALS: 300 yards worsted weight yarn such as CLASSIC ELITE YARNS "Lush";
US size 8 knitting needles; tapestry needle for finishing

GAUGE: 6.25 sts / 8 rows = 1" in ribbed pattern stitch

Russian Rib Pattern Stitch (pattern stitch detail shown lower right, multiple of 4 + 2)

Row 1 (WS): K2; *P2, K2; repeat from * across.

Row 2: Knit.

Rows 3, 5 & 7: P2; *K2, P2; repeat from * across.

Rows 4 & 6: K2; *P2, K2; repeat from * across.

Rows 8 & 10: Knit.

Row 9: repeat row 1.

Repeat rows 3 - 10 for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 38 sts. Work in Russian rib until piece measures approx. 60", end with row 9 of pattern. Bind off all sts in pattern. Weave in all ends with tapestry needle.

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***** SANDY'S CHEMO HAT *****

This hat was designed by Kathy Zimmerman, and is named in honor of her friend Judy Croucher's sister Sandy, recently diagnosed with breast cancer. Judy is the Assistant to the Creative Director at CLASSIC ELITE YARNS, whose generous donation of yarn for our chemo hat program is greatly appreciated. Kits are available for purchase, with proceeds going to lung and breast cancer research & education.

FINISHED SIZES: 16" for baby size (17.5" for toddler - 19" for child - 20.5" adult small - 21.75" adult medium - 23.25" adult large in parentheses)

MATERIALS: CLASSIC ELITE "Star" (90% cotton / 1% lycra, 50 grams, 112 yards) 1 (1 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2) balls; US size 8 16" circular needle, US size 8

double-pointed needles for crown; one stitch marker

GAUGE: 5.5 sts / 9 rows = 1" in stockinette stitch after washing

DIRECTIONS: With circular needle, cast on 88 (96 - 104 - 112 - 120 - 128) sts. Place marker for beginning of round. Join; being careful not to twist sts. Knit every round (stockinette stitch) for 1". Work K1, P1 ribbing for 1". Knit every round until piece measures 3.5" (4" - 4.5" - 5" - 5.5" - 6") from ribbing. Begin shaping for crown, changing to double-pointed needles when necessary:

Round 1: *K6, K2 tog; repeat from * around.

Round 2 & all even-numbered rounds: K.

Round 3: *K5, K2tog; repeat from * around.

Round 5: *K4, K2tog; repeat from * around.

Round 7: *K3, K2tog; repeat from * around.

Round 9: *K2, K2tog; repeat from * around.

Round 11: *K1, K2tog; repeat from * around.

Round 13: *K2tog; repeat from * around. Continue on rem sts for 3.5" for I-cord, if desired. Bind off. Tie the cord into a topknot. Weave in ends.

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***** KATHY'S RUSSIAN RIB HAT *****

FINISHED HEAD CIRCUMFERENCE: 18" toddler (20" child to small adult - 22" medium to large adult in parentheses)

MATERIALS: 150 (175 - 200) yards worsted weight yarn; US size 6 & 8 knitting needles; stitch marker; row counter; tapestry needle for finishing

GAUGE: 6 sts / 8 rows = 1" in ribbed pattern stitch, slightly stretched

Russian Rib Pattern Stitch (pattern stitch detail shown upper right, multiple of 4 + 2)

Row 1 (WS): K2; *P2, K2; repeat from * across.

Row 2: Knit.

Rows 3, 5 & 7: P2; *K2, P2; repeat from * across.

Rows 4 & 6: K2; *P2, K2; repeat from * across.

Rows 8 & 10: Knit.

Row 9: repeat row 1.

Repeat rows 3 - 10 for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: Starting with cuff & larger needles, cast on 106 (118 - 130) sts. Work in Russian rib pattern for 10 (10 - 18) rows, end RS. Knit 1 row (this forms a turning ridge for the cuff). Change to smaller needles. Work in K2, P2 ribbing for 9 (9 - 17) rows, end RS. Change to larger needles and work Russian rib pattern until piece measures approx. 7" (8" - 9") in total length from cast on row, ending RS with row 10 of pattern.

Top Shaping:

Row 1 (WS): P2tog (purl 2 together); *K2, P2tog; rep from * across: 79 (88 - 97) sts.

Row 2: K1; *P2, K1; repeat from * across.

Row 3: P1; *K2, P1; repeat from * across.

Row 4: repeat row 2.

Row 5: P1; K2tog (knit 2 together), P1; repeat from * across row: 53 (59 - 65) sts.

Rows 6-8: knit the knit sts & purl the purl sts (1X1 ribbing).

Row 9: *K2tog; repeat from * across, K1.

Row 10: Purl across.

Break yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread the tail through a tapestry needle and draw through remaining sts. Pull up tightly and fasten securely on wrong side of work. Starting at the top, sew seam down to turning row, then reverse seam for cuff. Turn back cuff. Weave in all ends. Add pompom or embellishment to top, if desired.

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***** MARY ANNE'S SCARF PATTERN *****

This pattern originally appeared in the Roof Garden Knitting Guild October 2004 newsletter. Mary Anne Showers has graciously shared her design with us. Thank you, Mary Anne!

MATERIALS: 500 yards knitting worsted weight yarn; US size 8 knitting needles

GAUGE: 5 sts / 10 rows = 1" in slip stitch pattern

FINISHED SIZE: approx. 5" X 60" excluding fringe

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 26 sts. Knit 4 rows.

Pattern Stitch:

Row 1: Slip 1 (sl 1), *Sl 1 purlwise (as if to purl), K3; repeat from * across, end K4.

Row 2: Sl 1, *K3, sl 1 purlwise with yarn in front (wyif); repeat from *, end K1.

Row 3: Sl 1, K2; *sl 1 purlwise with yarn in back (wyib), K3; repeat from *, end sl 1 purlwise, K2.

Row 4: Sl 1, K1; *sl 1 purlwise wyif, K3; repeat from *, end sl 1 purlwise, K3.

Repeat rows 1 - 4 for pattern until 59" or desired length. Knit 4 rows. Bind off.

Variation: Use 2 colors of yarn (Mary Anne prefers a plain color with co-ordinating variegated) -OR - use color A for 24 rows, change to color B for 20 rows, continue to alternate colors every 20 rows, finishing with color A. Fringe, if desired.

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***** LISA'S SELF-STRIPING RIBBED SCARF (shown right) *****

FINISHED SIZE: 6" X 66", excluding fringe or embellishment

MATERIALS: Self-striping sport or DK weight yarn 390 yards (FORTISSIMA/SOCKA Graffiti or Missoni 6-Ply, REGIA 6 Crazy; US size 5 knitting needles; crochet hook size E for fringe; 10 assorted buttons to match yarn colors

GAUGE: 6.5 sts / 8 rows = 1" in ribbed pattern stitch

Split Rib Pattern Stitch:

Rows 1 - 4: *K1, P1; repeat from * across.

Rows 5 - 8: *P1, K1; repeat from * across.

Repeat rows 1- 8 for pattern.

Directions: Cast on 40 sts. Work in split rib pattern stitch until piece measures 66" or desired length.

Bind off loosely in pattern. *With crochet hook and two strands yarn, work a chain 3" long in first stitch of cast-on edge. Cut length of yarn. Thread tails through two holes of button; knot. Repeat from * four more times evenly spaced along cast-on edge. Fringe bound-off edge in the same manner.

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***** KATHY'S TWO-SKEIN WOBBLY RIB SCARF *****

This scarf is the companion to Kathy's "Wobbly Rib" trio seen in the winter 2004 issue of KNITTER'S MAGAZINE K-77. Happy Holidays!

FINISHED SIZE: approx. 6" X 60" (excluding fringe)

MATERIALS: Bulky weight yarn 250 yards; US 10.5 knitting needles OR SIZE NEEDED TO OBTAIN GAUGE (additional 50 yards required for fringe, if desired); Kathy used two skeins BROWN SHEEP LAMBS' PRIDE BULKY



GAUGE: 3.5 sts / 4.75 rows = 1" in pattern stitch

WOBBLY RIB PATTERN (multiple of 6 + 2), a reversible pattern stitch

Rows 1 & 3 (RS): *P2, K4; repeat from *, end P2.

Rows 2 & 4: *K2, P4; repeat from *, end K2.

Rows 5 & 7: K3, *P2, K4; repeat from *, end P2, K3.

Rows 6 & 8: P3; *K2, P4; repeat from *, end K2, P3.

Repeat rows 1 - 8 for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 20 sts. Work in wobbly rib pattern until piece measures 60" or desired length. Bind off all sts. Weave in ends. Fringe, if desired.

To work this project with worsted weight yarn at a gauge of 5 sts/inch, you will need approx. 350 yards of yarn (2 skeins of BROWN SHEEP LAMBS' PRIDE WORSTED). Cast on 32 sts for a scarf that measures 6.5" wide.

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***** TRACEY'S CLASSY STEELER SCARF *****

Hooray -- our favorite NFL football team is having a wonderful season! Tracey Earhart has designed this cozy "scarf with class" for the Steeler nation. This can be adapted for other team colors, too. GO, STEELERS!

FINISHED SIZE: approx. 7" X 56"

MATERIALS: BERROCO "Zen" 3 hanks black color 8253 (A); CRYSTAL PALACE "Whisper" 3 balls black color 2843 (B); PLYMOUTH "Dazzlelash" gold antique mix color 105 (C); US size 15 knitting needles

GAUGE: 2.5 sts / 4 rows = 1" in pattern with one strand each A & B held together

NOTE: Scarf is worked with 2 or 3 strands held together. Carry color C up side of work when not in use.

DIRECTIONS: With A, B & C held together, cast on 17 sts. Knit 6 rows with A, B & C held together. Drop C (see note). Knit 6 rows with A & B held together. Continue to alternate 6 rows each A, B, & C with 6 rows A & B only. When piece measures 56" or desired length, bind off all sts, ending with 6 rows A, B, & C held together.

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***** KATHY'S RIB & SEED HAT WITH GATHERED TOP *****

FINISHED HEAD CIRCUMFERENCE: 18" toddler (20" child to small adult - 22" medium to large adult in parentheses)

MATERIALS: 150 (175 - 200) yards worsted weight yarn; US size 6 & 8 knitting needles; stitch marker; row counter; tapestry needle for finishing

GAUGE: 6 sts / 8 rows = 1" in pattern stitch, slightly stretched

RIB & SEED PATTERN STITCH (shown upper right, even number of sts)

Rows 1 - 6: *K1, P1; repeat from * across row.

Row 7: *P1, K1; repeat from * across row.

Row 8: *K1, P1; repeat from * across row.

Rows 9 - 14: *P1, K1; repeat from * across row.

Row 15: *K1, P1; repeat from * across row.

Row 16: *P1, K1; repeat from * across row.

Repeat these 16 rows for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: Starting with cuff & larger needles, cast on 106 (118 - 130) sts. Work in rib & seed pattern for 16 rows, end RS. Knit 1 row (this forms a turning ridge for the cuff). Change to smaller needles. Work in K1, P1 ribbing for 15 rows, end RS. Change to larger needles and work rib & seed pattern until piece measures approx. 8" (9" - 10") in total length from cast on row, end WS.

Eyelet row: K1, *K2tog (knit 2 sts together), yarn over (yo); repeat from * across row, end K1.

Cont in rib & seed pattern as est for 1.5" (2" - 2") more. Bind off all sts in pattern.

FINISHING: Break yarn, leaving a long tail. Starting at the top, sew seam down to turning row, then reverse seam for cuff. Turn back cuff. Weave in all ends. Weave an I-cord, crochet chain cord or decorative ribbon through eyelet row to gather top.

MATCHING SCARF

FINISHED SIZE: Approx. 4" X 48" (5" X 54" - 6" X 60")

MATERIALS: 300 (450 - 600) yards worsted weight yarn; US size 8 knitting needles; row counter; tapestry needle for finishing

GAUGE: 6 sts / 8 rows = 1" in pattern stitch, slightly stretched

PATTERN STITCH: Rib & seed pattern (see above)

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 25 (31 - 37) sts. Work in rib & seed pattern until scarf reached 48" (54" - 60") or desired length, ending with row 6 or 14 of pattern. Bind off all sts in pattern. Add fringe, if desired.

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***** KATHY'S GeM OF A SCARF *****

The promise of spring was Kathy's inspiration for this elegant scarf perfect for warmer days to come. We've selected BERROCO "GeM" to showcase, a fancy tricot ribbon with expressions of gold stardust on a space dyed bed of brilliant color. This yarn simply glides over the needles creating an ethereal, fluid fabric.

FINISHED SIZE: 4" X 60"

MATERIALS: BERROCO "GeM" 2 balls; US size 9 knitting needles

GAUGE: 5.25 sts = 1"

DROPPED SEED STITCH PATTERN STITCH

Row 1 (wrong side): K1; *P1, K1; repeat from * across row.

Rows 2 - 3: K1; *P1, K1; repeat from * across row.

Row 4: Knit all sts, wrapping each stitch twice.

Row 5: Dropping extra wrap of previous row, K1; *P1, K1; repeat from * across row.

Repeat rows 1-5 of pattern.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 21 sts. Work in dropped seed stitch until piece measures 60" or desired length, end with row 3 of pattern. Bind off all sts in seed stitch pattern. Weave in all ends.

***** CAROLE'S SCARF *****

Carole Williams shared this scarf pattern with us, which she learned from a fellow passenger while on a vacation cruise. Carole uses PLYMOUTH "Eros Glitz" for her scarves, and tells us the yarn works well with bamboo knitting needles. Her husband assists with the task of cutting and attaching fringe. Thanks, Carole!

MATERIALS: 150 yards railroad track-type ribbon yarn; US size 10.5 knitting needles (6.5 mm); crochet hook size H for fringe

GAUGE: not critical

DIRECTIONS: Cut 48 pieces of yarn into 16" sections, to be used for fringe upon completion of project (tip for cutting fringe follows).

With knitting needles, cast on 18 sts.

All rows: P1; *P2tog (purl 2 together), yo (yarn over); repeat from * across row to last stitch, P1.

Work in pattern until a few yards of yarn remains. Cast off in purl. Weave in ends

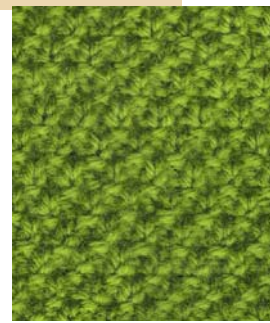
Attach fringe: *fold 2 strands in half and draw loop through end stitch of cast on edge. Bring tails through loop and pull to knot. Repeat from * evenly spaced across remainder of cast on edge, leaving 24 strands. Attach fringe to bound-off edge in the same manner.

Carole also uses this pattern stitch to make a belt, casting on 10 sts, and working until piece measures desired length.

Plymouth introduced Noch Eros in Spring 2005. Carole updated this pattern, using size 13 (9.0mm) needles and cast on 12 sts. This makes a 70 inch scarf, including 6" fringe (24 pieces, 12 on each end). Noch Eros shown in photograph to left.



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***** LUCK OF THE IRISH SCARF & CAP *****

Recently, more knitters are requesting scarf patterns for the guys in their life. We're hearing this lament, "My husband asked me to make him a scarf. He says that I've make so many novelty scarves as gifts for my friends, but none for him. He feels left out. Can you recommend a pattern?" Even better, Kathy has designed this great-looking scarf with matching cap that's sure to please. We've worked ours in PLYMOUTH GALWAY green heather using Irish moss pattern (shown right), in honor of St. Paddy's Day -- other suitable yarns, include TAHKI Donegal Tweed, CLASSIC ELITE Skye Tweed, HARRIS YARNS with ROWAN Aran weight, and JO SHARP Silkroad Aran.

** SCARF PATTERN **

FINISHED SIZE: 7" X 64"

MATERIALS: Medium weight [CYCA yarn classification 4] 300 yards, US size 8 (5.0 mm) needles; tapestry needle for finishing

GAUGE: 5 sts / 7 rows = 1" in Irish moss pattern stitch

IRISH MOSS PATTERN STITCH (odd number of stitches, worked flat)

Row 1 (wrong side): P1; *K1, P1; repeat from * across row.

Rows 2 & 3: K1; *P1, K1; repeat from * across row.

Row 4: P1; *K1, P1; repeat from * across row.

Repeat rows 1 - 4 for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 35 stitches. Work in Irish moss pattern stitch until piece measures 64" or desired length. Bind off all sts in pattern. Weave in all ends.

** HAT PATTERN **

FINISHED CIRCUMFERENCE: Adult small 20" (medium 22" - large 24" in parentheses)

GAUGE: 5 sts / 7 rows = 1" in Irish moss pattern stitch

MATERIALS: Medium weight [CYCA yarn classification 4] 175 (200 - 225) yards; 16" circular knitting needle US sizes 6 (4.0 mm) and 8 (5.0 mm) OR SIZE NEEDED

TO OBTAIN GAUGE; US size 8 double-pointed needles (dpns); stitch marker;

tapestry needle for finishing

IRISH MOSS PATTERN STITCH (even number of sts, worked in rounds)

Rounds 1 & 2: K1; *P1, K1; repeat from * around.

Rounds 3 & 4: P1; *K1, P1; repeat from * around.

Repeat these 4 rounds for pattern stitch.

With smaller circular needle, cast on 100 (108 - 116) sts. Place marker and join, being careful not to twist sts. Work in rounds of P3, K1 ribbing for 2", increasing 0 (2 - 4) sts evenly spaced on last round: 100 (110 - 120) sts. Change to larger circular needle and work in Irish moss pattern stitch until piece measures 8.5" (9" - 9.5"), dec 0 (2 - 4) sts evenly spaced on last round: 100 (108 - 116) sts.

Shape crown (change to dpns when necessary)

Round 1: *P3, K1; repeat from * around.

Round 2: *P2 tog tbl (through the back loops), P1, K1; repeat from * around.

Rounds 3 & 4: *P2, K1; repeat from * around.

Round 5: *P2tog, K1; repeat from * around,

Rounds 6 & 7: *P1, K1; repeat from * around

Round 8: *K2 tog; repeat from * around.

Cut yarn, leaving a 6" tail. Thread tail through tapestry needle and pull through remaining sts on needle.

Draw up tightly and secure. Weave in ends. Add pompom, if desired.

***** LANA'S CONFECTION SCARF *****

Scarves aren't just for keeping warm. Lana Rush, one of our long-distance customers from the Midwest, shared her pattern for a lovely spring scarf, a sweet treat for any knitter. Thanks, Lana!

MATERIALS:

One ball each BERROCO "Candy FX" & TRENDSETTER YARNS "Eyelash";

US size 15 knitting needles

GAUGE: not critical; a loose and airy, short tie-style scarf

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 14 sts. Work in garter stitch (knit every row) until a yard of yarn remains. Bind off all stitches. Weave in ends.



***** BETTY LOU'S SPRINGTIME STOLE *****

This beautiful garter and openwork combination design comes from one of our instructors, Betty Lou Glasso. Betty Lou worked it with lightweight ribbon and a tweed cotton from her stash in a beautiful orange shade. Her pattern is simple, chic, and fun to knit. Thanks, Betty Lou!

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS: 12" X 70" or desired length

MATERIALS: 800 yards **each** light worsted weight (yarn classification 3) ribbon and cotton blend yarns; US size 13 knitting needles

GAUGE: approx. 3 sts = 1"

PATTERN STITCH (multiple of 2 + 1)

Rows 1 - 3: Knit.

Row 4: K1, *yarn over, K2tog; repeat from * across.

Rows 5 - 6 : Knit.

Rows 7 - 12: Repeat rows 4 - 5 twice.

Rows 13 & 14: Knit.

Row 15: Knit, wrapping each stitch twice.

Row 16: Knit, dropping extra wrap.

Rows 17 - 18: Knit.

Repeat these 18 rows for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 37 sts. Knit 4 rows. Beginning with row 1, work in pattern until piece measures 68" or desired length, ending with row 12. Knit 7 rows. Bind off all sts knitwise.

NOTE: We think this would make a great scarf and recommend MUENCH YARNS new ribbon "Oceana" for the main component. Its subtle black eyelash combines with flecks of bright hue for texture, shine, and fabulous color. Combine it with an eyelash or novelty carry-along like PLYMOUTH YARNS "Paradise" (on sale this month) and you'll have a look that's great for work or play. For a skinny 4" wide scarf, you will need approx. 150 yards of each yarn and cast on 12 sts. For a 6" wide scarf, you will need approx. 250 yards of each yarn and cast on 18 sts.

***** SPIRAL RIB HAT *****

Kitty Tyler e-mailed us to request a pattern for a spiral rib hat which we printed in a newsletter several years ago. Here's a tried and true pattern for everyone to enjoy. The original source is Bea Bright and the pattern appeared in the Greater St. Louis, MO, August 1993 newsletter.

MATERIALS: 200 yards worsted weight yarn; US size 5 circular knitting needle 16" length; US size 5 double-pointed needles (dpns); stitch marker; tapestry needle for finishing

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 96 sts and join, being careful not to twist work. Work K4, P4 rib throughout, shifting the first stitch in each rib on every 5th round to give a staggered spiral effect. Continue working in this manner for 7" or desired length.

1st decrease round: K or P tog the last 2 sts in each rib (you will have 72 sts of K3, P3).

Work 12 more rounds, working sts as they appear (K the K sts, P the P sts). Change to dpns when sts become too tight on circular needle.

2nd decrease round: K or P tog the last 2 sts of each rib (you will have 48 sts of K2, P2). Work 2 more rounds.

3rd decrease round: K or P tog the remaining 2 sts in each rib (24 sts).

Break off 10" of yarn and pull it through the remaining 24 sts and fasten off. Weave in ends. Top with a pompom. Enjoy!

***** KATHY'S FRUIT SALAD SCARF *****

Kathy chose two multi-color yarns in shades of cantelope, honeydew and casaba melon for this light and airy summer accent scarf.

FINISHED SIZE: 4.5" X 54"

MATERIALS: one ball each FILATURA DI CROSA "Orchidea" and SCHACHENMAYR NOMOTTA "Brazilia Fantasy Color" (approx. 85 yards each of a novelty faux fur and a ribbon yarn); US size 15 knitting needles

GAUGE: approx. 2.5 sts per inch (not critical)

Dropped Garter Pattern Stitch (shown upper right)

Row 1: Knit across, wrapping each stitch twice.

Row 2: Knit, dropping extra wrap.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 for pattern

NOTE: Hold two strands of yarn together throughout.

DIRECTIONS: With two strands of yarn, cast on 11 sts. Knit one row. Work in dropped garter pattern stitch until piece measures 54", or approx. one yard of yarn remains. Knit one row. Bind off all sts. Weave in ends.



***** JOAN'S RIBBED HAT *****

Thanks to Joan Walsh, a prolific contributor to CAPS FOR KIDS, for sharing her favorite hat pattern!

SIZE: stretches to accommodate medium child to average adult

MATERIALS: 16" circular knitting needle & double-pointed knitting needles (dpns) size US 6; 200 yards sport yarn (Joan uses one strand self-stripping and one strand tweed fingering weight yarns held together for a wonderful effect); stitch marker

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 100 sts. Join, being careful not to twist sts, place marker. Work in rounds of K2, P2 ribbing until piece measures 9".

Crown Shaping (change to dpns when necessary)

Decrease Round: *K2, P2tog (purl 2 sts together); repeat from * around.

Work one round without decreases, working sts as they appear (K the K sts, P the P sts).

Decrease Round: *K2tog (knit 2 sts together); repeat from * around.

Work one round without decreases, working sts as they appear.

Decrease Round: *K2tog; repeat from * around.

Next Round: Knit. Cont to repeat last two rounds until 11-15 sts remain. Cut yarn, leaving a tail. Draw tail through remaining sts. Weave in ends. Turn back cuff to desired length.

Add pompom, if desired.

***** BETTY LOU'S CROCHETED ZEN SCARF *****

Thanks to one of our crochet instructors, Betty Lou Glasso, for another great scarf idea! Betty Lou worked the original scarf in an Aran weight wool (stitch detail shown right), but plans to do a summer version in BERROCO "Zen" ribbon, without fringe.

ABBREVIATION: htr (half treble crochet): - wrap yarn around hook twice, insert hook into the chain space; wrap yarn around hook & draw through loop (making 4 loops on hook); wrap yarn over hook & draw through two loops; wrap yarn over hook again and draw through remaining three loops

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS: 5" X 78" (worked lengthwise)

GAUGE: 10 dc/ 7 rows = 4"

MATERIALS: Aran weight yarn, 70 yards in colors A - B - C & D, 35 yards color E; crochet hook US size H

DIRECTIONS: With color A, chain 201. Turn, work half treble crochet (htr) in 2nd chain and repeat htr in each chain across row. Cut yarn, leaving a 4" tail.

NOTE: Leave a 4" tail at beginning and end of every row.

Row 1: Attach color A at opposite end (beginning of work). *Work a htr in each space (200 htrs). Cut yarn.*

Rows 2 - 9: Repeat between *s of row 1, working color sequence of B, C, D, E, D, C, B, A. Cut eight 14" lengths of colors A, B, C, and D, and E. Work 2 strands of fringe in color corresponding to stripes on each end of work, and weave in tails. Enjoy!

***** KNITTED BELT *****

We were inspired by our customer Lana Rush to design a simple sash-type belt, this summer's trendy "must-have" accessory. She recommends colorful ribbon yarns for belts, and tells us that these go great with denim. Thanks for the idea, Lana!

MATERIALS: BERROCO Suede one ball, US size 8 knitting needles

GAUGE: 5 sts = 1" (not critical)

Dropped Seed Stitch (odd number of sts)

Rows 1 - 5: K1, *P1, K1; repeat from * across.

Row 6: K, wrapping each stitch twice.

Row 7: Dropping extra wrap of previous row, K1, *P1, K1; repeat from * across.

Rows 8 - 11: K1, *P1, K1; repeat from * across.

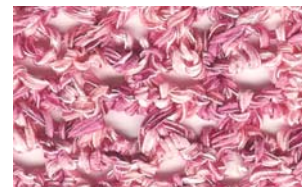
Repeat rows 6 - 11 for pattern stitch.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 9 sts. Work in pattern stitch until piece measures 50" or desired length, ending with row 11 of pattern stitch. Bind off all sts. Weave in ends.

NOTE: if fringe is desired, belt may be worked to a shorter length. Cut fringe before beginning project. Please test ribbon yarn before cutting lengths to make sure that the ribbon is suitable for use (cut edge not going to fray).

***** KATHY'S GARDEN PARTY SCARF AND STOLE *****

Kathy was so impressed with CRYSTAL PALACE YARNS "Party" ribbon yarn that she designed a scarf and wrap perfect for special summer evenings (\$6.25, 50 grams, 87 yards, 100% nylon, tulip petals shade shown right). The pattern stitch garners a second look -- it looks like crochet, but is actually knit.



Kathy recently learned a new selvedge edge from Marlyn Ibele, who credits the original source as Vivian Hoxbro of *Shadow Knitting* fame. The first stitch of the row is always slipped as if to knit through the back loop, and the last stitch of the row is always purled. It makes a very neat edging for scarves, wraps, and afghans.

Grand Eyelets Pattern (multiple of 4 + 2)

Row 1 (wrong side): Sl 1 as if to knit through the back loop (sl 1 tbl), P2, *yarnover (yo), purl 4 together (P4tog); repeat from * to last 3 sts, P3.

Row 2: Sl 1 tbl, K3, (K1, P1, K1) into the next st, *K1, (K1, P1, K1) into next st; rep from * to last 3 sts, K2, P1.

Row 3: Sl 1 tbl, K across to last st, P1.

Repeat these 3 rows for pattern.

SCARF (4.5" X 50")

MATERIALS: 2 balls CRYSTAL PALACE "Party", US size 10.5 knitting needles

GAUGE: 4.5 sts / 4.75 rows = 1" in pattern

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 22 sts. Work in grand eyelets pattern until piece measures 50" BO all sts.

STOLE (13.5" X 72")

MATERIALS: 8 balls CRYSTAL PALACE "Party" (add an extra ball if fringe is desired), US 10.5 knitting needles

GAUGE: 18 sts / 19 rows = 4" in pattern

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 66 sts. Work in grand eyelets pattern until piece measures 72" or desired length. Fringe, if desired.

FIRECRACKER SCARF

Sash measures 2" wide X 50"; Scarf measures 4.5" X 54"

Gauge 2.5 sts / 2 rows = 1" in seed stitch

MATERIALS: 90 yards each novelty yarn in red, white and blue (we used one ball of PLYMOUTH ADRIAFIL "Stars" in red color 87 and one ball each S.

Charles "Cancun"

color 75 white and color 81 blue mix); US Size 15 knitting needles

SEED STITCH PATTERN (odd number of sts)

All rows: K1; *P1, K1; repeat from * across row.

DIRECTIONS: With three strands of yarn held together, cast on 5 sts for sash, 11 sts for scarf. Work in seed stitch pattern until piece measures 50" for sash, 54" for scarf or desired length. Fringe with any leftover yarn.

TIPS FOR COLOR VARIATIONS: We found that this pattern works best with one fuzzy novelty (like Schacehnmery Brazilia or Berroco Fizz) and two track-type yarns or tufted yarns (such as CRYSTAL PALACE Little Flowers, PLYMOUTH Electra or CLASSIC ELITE Whimsey).



******* SUMMER SHOULDER TOTE *******

Knitting on the go deserves a pretty tote bag. This pattern is adapted from two Deco-Ribbon bag free patterns originally appearing on the CRYSTAL PALACE website, www.straw.com

MEASUREMENTS" approx. 12" wide X 12" tall

MATERIALS: CRYSTAL PALACE Deco-Ribbon 4 balls; US size 8 knitting needles straight & 16" circular; stitch marker; tapestry needle for finishing

GAUGE: 4 sts / 6 rows = 1"

DIRECTIONS: Beg with bottom and straight needles, cast on 13 sts. Work back and forth in seed stitch all rows: K1; *P1, K1; repeat from * across. Cont in seed stitch as est until piece measures 12". BO all sts. With circ needle, pick up & knit 97 sts around outside edge of bottom piece; place marker. Work seed stitch in rounds as follows:

1st round: K1; *P1, K1; repeat from * around.

2nd round: P1; *K1, P1; repeat from * around.

Repeat these 2 rounds until piece measures 12". Bind off all sts in pat as est. Weave in ends.

Straps (Make 2): With straight needles, cast on 7 sts. Work in seed stitch as for bottom of bag until strap measures 36" or desired length. Bind off. Sew straps in place at sides of bag. Weave in ends.

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***** CROCHETED DRAWSTRING BAG *****

One of our crochet instructors, Nancy Premoshis, passed along this beginner-easy pattern for a cute drawstring bag. Thanks, Nancy!

MATERIALS: medium weight yarn (CYCA weight classification 4) approx. 100 yards,
US size G crochet hook

GAUGE: not critical

DIRECTIONS: Chain 6; join into ring. Work 12 single crochet (sc) into ring. Mark beginning of round.

Round 1: *work 1 sc, 2 sc in next chain; repeat from * around.

Round 2: *work 1 sc in next 2 stitches, 2 sc in next stitch; repeat from * around.

Round 3: *work 1 sc in next 3 stitches, 2 sc in next stitch; repeat from * around.

Repeat this pattern, increasing the number of sc in each round until desired circumference for bottom of bag. Work sc in each stitch around until bag measures desired length.

Next Round: *Chain 4, sc in every third sc; repeat from * around for edge. Fasten off.

Make chain for handle, weave through top loops of bag

***** SQUARE DISHCLOTH *****

APPROXIMATE FINISHED SIZE: approximately 8" square

MATERIALS: 125 yards medium weight 100% cotton yarn such as KNIT ONE, CROCHET TOO



Cottonade (CYCA weight classification 4); set of 5 double-pointed needles (dpns) US size 9; tapestry needle

GAUGE: 4 sts = 1"

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 128 stitches, divided evenly on 4 dpns. Join, being careful not to twist stitches.

Round 1: Knit.

Round 2: Purl.

Round 3: *ssk (slip, slip, knit), knit to last two stitches on first needle, K2tog (knit 2 sts together); repeat from * across each of three remaining needles. Repeat rounds 2 & 3 until 8 stitches remain (2 on each of the four needles), ending with round 2, a purl round. Cut yarn and draw through remaining stitches. Pull up tightly and weave in ends.

Design Notes: to vary size of square, add or subtract a multiple of 8 sts.

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***** EASY KNITTED SHRUG *****

Shrugs are versatile, comfortable alternatives to sweaters and shawls — the ideal summer accessory for cool evenings.

SIZES: small/medium (large/tall in parentheses); measure wrist-to-wrist for custom fit

MATERIALS: medium weight yarn approx. 600 (800) yards [CYCA weight classification 4]; knitting needles US size 10 [14" straight or 24" circular, knitter's choice], double-pointed needles (dpns) US size 8 [may use 12" circular needle US size 8, knitter's choice]; tapestry needle

GAUGE: 4.5 sts / 9 rows = 1"

DIRECTIONS: With dpns, cast on 48 (52) sts. Join, being careful not to twist sts. Work in rounds of K2, P2 for 4" (5") or desired length, increasing 1 st in **each** stitch on last round: 96 (104) sts. Change to larger needles and work back and forth in garter stitch (knit every row) until piece measures desired length across the back to the other wrist minus 4" (5"). Change to dpns & join. On next round, work K2tog across: 48 (52) sts. Work in rounds of K2, P2 for 4" (5"). Bind off all sts. Weave in ends.

Design Option: Instead of working "cuff-to-cuff", work in two halves and join at center seam (a more portable project). This shrug looks great worked with self-striping yarns ON LINE "Tessa", LANG YARNS "Tosca" or FILATURA DI CROSA "127

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***** KATHY'S TEXTURED HAT *****

FINISHED HEAD CIRCUMFERENCE: child's 20" (adults 22" in parentheses)

MATERIALS: CLASSIC ELITE "Renaissance" [CYCA classification 4] 110 (150) yards;

US size 8 straight knitting needles; tapestry needle for finishing

GAUGE: 5 sts / 7 rows = 1"

PATTERN STITCH

Rows 1 - 4: Knit.

Rows 5 - 8: *K1, P1; repeat from * across.

Rows 9 - 12: Knit.

Rows 13-16: *P1, K1; repeat from * across.

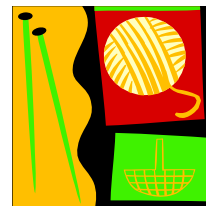
Repeat rows 1 - 16 for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 100 (110) sts. Work in pattern stitch until piece measures 7" (8.5"),

end pattern stitch row 8 or 16.

Next Row: K1, *K2tog; repeat from * across to last st, K1: 51 (56) sts.

Next Row: K1, *K2tog; repeat from * across, end K 0 (1): 26 (29) sts. Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Draw tail through remaining sts, pull to secure. Sew back seam. Add pompom, braid, or other embellishment, if desired.





***** EASY COZY SLIPPERS FOR THE FAMILY *****

SIZE: to fit toddler (child's small - child's medium/adult's small - adult's medium - adult's large in parentheses)

MATERIALS: 1 (1 - 2 - 2 - 2) skeins BROWN SHEEP Lambs' Pride Bulky; US size 9 knitting needles OR SIZE NEEDED TO OBTAIN GAUGE

GAUGE: 4 sts / 8 rows = 1" in garter stitch

DIRECTIONS: Starting at back of heel, cast on 20 (23 - 29 - 35 - 41) sts.

Row 1 (right side): Knit (K).

Row 2: K 6 (7 - 9 - 11 - 13) sts, P1, K 6 (7 - 9 - 11 - 13), P1, K 6 (7 - 9 - 11 - 13).

Repeat rows 1 & 2 until piece measures 3" (4" - 5" - 7" - 9"), inc 1 (2 - 2 - 2 - 2) sts on last row: 21 (25 - 31 - 37 - 43) sts.

Work in K1, P1 ribbing for 1.5" (2.5" - 3" - 3.5" - 4") or desired length for foot.

Next Row: K2tog across row to last st, K1. Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Draw tail through remaining sts & pull up tightly. Fasten securely.

FINISHING: Sew ribbing together along ribbing for instep. Fold cast-on edges together and sew back seam. Add a pompom or knitted cord bow, if desired.

***** LANNIE GARTNER'S REVERSIBLE CABLE AFGHAN *****

While looking through back issues of the Golden Dome Knitting Guild's newsletter we found this afghan, with original design credit given to the Three Rivers Knitters Newsletter in 1990. We've updated this classic for a new generation of knitters!

3/3 RC (right cross) cable: slip 3 sts to cable needle (cn) & hold in back, K3, K3 from cn

FINISHED SIZE: 50" X 60"

MATERIALS: 2000 yards heavy worsted or Aran weight yarn (such as CLASSIC ELITE Monteria); 29" circular knitting needle US size 10; cable needle (cn)

GAUGE: 1 repeat of 12 sts (1 cable each side) = 2.5"; 4 sts = 1" in stockinette stitch

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 238 sts.

Rows 1 & 3: K2; *K6, P6; repeat from * across row, end K8.

Row 2: K2; *P6, K6; repeat from * across row, end P6, K2.

Row 4: K2; *P6, 3/3 RC; repeat from * across row, end P6, K2.

Rows 5 & 7: Same as row 1.

Rows 6 & 8: Same as row 2.

Row 9: K2; *3/3 RC, P6; repeat from * across row, end with 3/3RC, K2.

Row 10: Same as row 2.

Repeat rows 1- 10 until afghan measures approx. 60" from beginning, ending with row 3 of pattern.

Bind off in pattern as for row 2.

Fringe: Knot 6 12" strands of yarn into every 6th stitch across each bind off and cast on edges of afghan.

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***** PRETTY POINTS DISH CLOTH FROM HAZEL SCHROCK *****

MATERIALS: 100 yards heavy worsted 100% cotton yarn (such as K1,C2 Cotonade or PLYMOUTH YARNS Fantasy Naturale), US size 8 knitting needles

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 16 sts.

Row 1: Slip 1 stitch, K3, yo, K10, turn & K back.

Row 2: Slip 1 stitch, K3, yo, K 9, turn & K back.

Row 3: Slip 1 stitch, K3, yo, K 8, turn & K back.

Row 4: Slip 1 stitch, K3, yo, K 7, turn & K back.

Row 5: Slip 1 stitch, K3, yo, K 6, turn & K back.

Row 6: Bind off 5 sts, K to end of row.

Row 7: Knit across.

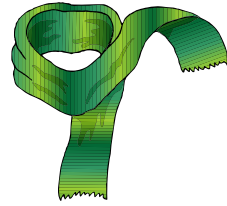
Repeat these 7 rows until there are 12 points. Bind off on next row, leaving a 12" tail.

Stitch around center, pull together and join 2 sides together.

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***** JINGLE BELL SCARF *****

Thanks to Marge Burns for inspiring the Jingle Bell Scarf. We have a large assortment of jingle bells in all shapes, colors and sizes for embellishment, as well as “Christmas light” charms and heart-shaped red or green heart-shaped jinglers (Kathy’s choice for our shop model)...



FINISHED SIZE: 6” X60”

MATERIALS: CLASSIC ELITE YARNS “Skye Tweed” shade 1258 red 2 balls (A), CRYSTAL PALACE YARNS “Fling” shade 3536 green (B; US size 15 knitting needles; JHB INTERNATIONAL jingle bells five each style 09347 red heart and style 09348 green heart

GAUGE: 3 sts / 6 rows = 1”

DIRECTIONS: Working with one strand A & B held together, cast on 18 sts. Work in garter stitch until scarf measures 60” or desired length. Bind off all sts. Sew on 5 jingle bells evenly spaced on each end, alternating 3 red and 2 green on cast-on edge, 3 green and 2 red to bind off edge. Holiday style never looked so good!

***** SPIRAL SCARVES *****

KNIT VERSION (worked sideways, back and forth on a long circular needle; DO NOT JOIN)

MATERIALS: 225 yards lightweight fuzzy bulky yarn (such as GGH Apart); US size 11 circular knitting needle 29” or 32” length

GAUGE: 3 sts / 4.5 rows = 1”

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 150 sts.

Row 1 (WS): Knit.

Row 2: Knit, increasing (inc) 1 st in EVERY stitch (knit into front & back of every stitch) -- 300 sts.

Row 3: Purl.

Row 4: *Inc 1 in next st, K1; rep from * across row -- 450 sts.

Row 5: Knit.

Row 6: Repeat row 4 -- 675 sts.

Row 7: Purl.

Rows 8 & 9: Knit. Bind off all sts.

CROCHET VERSION (worked lengthwise)

MATERIALS: 275 yds. lightweight fuzzy bulky yarn (such as GGH Apart); US size K crochet hook

DIRECTIONS: Chain 121.

Row 1: work 1 sc into 2nd ch from hook, 1 sc in each ch to end -- 120 sts. Turn.

Row 2: Ch 1, work 2 sc in each st to end of row -- 240 sts. Turn.

Row 3: Ch 2, *2 dc in next st, 1 dc in next st; rep from * to end of row -- 360 sts. Turn.

Row 4: Ch 2, *2dc in next st, 1 dc in each of next 2 sts; rep from * to end of row -- 480 sts. Turn.

Row 5: Ch 1, 1 sc in each st to end of row.

Row 6: Ch 1, *1sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; rep from * to end of row. Fasten off.

NOTE: This can be worked with several colors or types of yarns -- try experimenting!

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***** LINDA'S DISHCLOTH PATTERNS *****

Cotton dishcloths in holiday colors make terrific last-minute hostess or "grab bag" gifts. Try tucking one or two in a basket filled with cookies or other goodies for a handmade touch. Linda's designs have textured ridges which makes washing dishes less of a chore. Our thanks to Linda Krueel for sharing her designs!



STOCKINETTE RIDGE DISHCLOTH (stitch detail shown right)

FINISHED SIZE: approx. 8.5" X 8.5"

MATERIALS: 100 yards 100% cotton yarn weight classification 4 (K1, C2 Cottonade or PLYMOUTH Fantasy Natural work well); US size 8 knitting needles

GAUGE: 4.5 sts = 1" in pattern

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 38 sts. Knit 3 rows.

Pattern Stitch (do not count sts after row 2; check count on rows 1, 3 or 4 only)

Row 1: Knit (K).

Row 2: K2, P1; *K2tog, repeat from * across to last 3 sts, P1, K2.

Row 3: K3; *Knit into front and back of next stitch, repeat from * to last 3 sts, K3.

Row 4: K2, purl to last 2 sts, K2.

Repeat rows 1 - 4 until piece measures 8" or desired length. Knit 3 rows. Bind off.

Weave in ends with CLOVER "Chibi" tapestry needle.

LIZARD LATTICE DISHCLOTH (stitch detail shown lower left)

FINISHED SIZE: approx. 8.25" X 8.5"

MATERIALS: 100 yards 100% cotton yarn weight classification 4 (K1, C2 Cottonade or PLYMOUTH Fantasy Natural work well); US size 8 knitting needles

GAUGE: 4.5 sts = 1" in pattern

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 37 sts. Knit 3 rows.

Rows 1 & 3 (right side): Knit (K).

Rows 2, 4, & 6: K2, purl across to last 2 sts, K2.

Row 5: K2, P3; *K3, P3, repeat from * across to last 2 sts, K2.

Rows 7 - 9: Repeat rows 5 & 6 once, then row 5 again.

Row 10: K2, purl across to last 2 sts, K2.

Row 11: K.

Rows 12 - 13: Repeat rows 10 & 11.

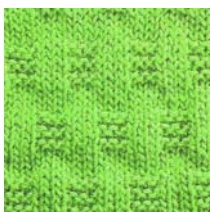
Row 14: K2, P3; *K3, P3, repeat from * to last 2 sts, K2.

Row 15: K.

Rows 16 - 18: Repeat rows 14 and 15 once, then row 14 again.

Repeat these 18 rows until piece measures approx. 8". Knit 3 rows. Bind off all sts.

Weave in ends with CLOVER "Chibi" tapestry needle.



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TWEED SEED SCARF 6" X 60"

MATERIALS: 100 yards worsted weight yarn in each of three colors (300 yards total); US size 8 knitting needles; tapestry needle for finishing

GAUGE: 4.5 sts / 7 rows = 1" in pattern

SEED STITCH (over an odd number of stitches)

All rows: K1; P1, K1; repeat from * across.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 27 sts. Work in seed stitch using three-ball technique for 60" or desired length. Weave in ends with tapestry needle.

Or try experimenting with this two row pattern and the three-ball technique for an interesting variation:

BROKEN RIB STITCH (odd number of stitches)

Row 1 (wrong side): Purl.

Row 2: K1; *P1, K1; repeat from * across.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 for pattern.

DESIGN NOTE: This technique looks great with rustic tweed yarns such as CLASSIC ELITE "Skye Tweed" or TAHKI "Donegal Tweed" (guys love this look). For a decidedly feminine combination, try CLASSIC ELITE "La Gran" mohair in three pastels or three brights. The possibilities are limited only by your imagination as far as pattern stitches or color combinations-- go for it!

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***** LET IT SNOW SCARF AND HAT *****

The weather outside is frightful and Kathy's cozy duo is so delightful! Since you've got lots of places to go, here's the perfect outdoor scarf and hat for wintry days ahead.

DOUBLE BASKETWEAVE PATTERN STITCH (multiple of 4 + 3)

Row 1 and every odd-numbered rows (right side): K.

Rows 2 & 4: *K3, P1; rep from * to last 3 sts, K3.

Rows 6 & 8: K1; *P1, K3; repeat from * to last 2 sts, end P1, K1.

Repeat rows 1 - 8 for pattern (stitch detail shown at right).



THE SCARF

FINISHED SIZE: 6" X 60"

MATERIALS: 300 yards worsted weight yarn (yarn weight classification 4); knitting needles US size 8; tapestry needle for finishing

GAUGE: 5 sts / 7 rows = 1" in pattern

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 31 sts. K 1 row. Work in double basketweave pattern until piece measures 60" or desired length, ending with row 4 or 8 of pattern. K1 row. Bind off all sts. Weave in ends.

THE HAT (worked flat)

SIZES: Child's small (child's medium - child's large/adult's medium - adult's large in parentheses)

FINISHED HEAD CIRCUMFERENCE: approximately 18" (20" - 21.5" - 23")

MATERIALS: 100 (125 - 150 - 175) yards worsted weight yarn (weight classification 4); knitting needles US sizes 6 & 8; tapestry needle for finishing

GAUGE: 5 sts / 7 rows = 1" in pattern

DIRECTIONS: With smaller needles, cast on 91 (99 - 107 - 115) sts.

Row 1 (wrong side); P1; K1, P1; repeat from * across row.

Row 2: K1; *P1, K1; repeat from * across row.

Work rows 1 & 2 until piece measures approximately 1" (1.5" - 1.75" - 2"), end with row 1 of pattern on wrong side.

Change to larger needles and work in double basketweave pattern stitch until piece measures approximately 6" (6.5" - 7" - 7.5"),

end on wrong side with row 4 or row 8 of pattern stitch. Knit 2 rows, dec 1 st at center of last row: 90 (98 - 106 - 114) sts.

Shape crown:

Row 1: K1; *K6, K2 tog; repeat from * across to last st, K1.

Row 2 & all wrong-side rows: K.

Row 3: K1; *K5, K2tog; repeat from * across to last st, K1.

Row 5: K1; *K4, K2tog; repeat from * across to last st, K1.

Row 7: K1; *K3, K2tog; repeat from * across to last st, K1.

Row 9: K1; *K2, K2tog; repeat from * across to last st, K1.

Row 11: K1; *K1, K2tog; repeat from * across to last st, K1.

Row 13: K1; *K2tog; repeat from * across to last st, K1.

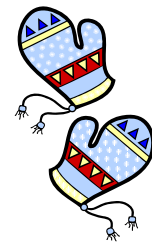
FINISHING: Cut yarn, leaving a 6" tail. Thread tail through tapestry needles and weave through remaining sts. Pull through sts, and draw up firmly. Sew back seam. Weave in ends.

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***** HANDJIVE MITTENS *****

Knitting for others is one of the things that makes the craft so rewarding. Tracey Earhart shared a New Year's resolution from her stitching and spinning group. Instead of stressing out in November frantically trying to complete all the handmade gifts on their holiday lists in time, the group resolved to "de-stress" by starting early and doing one gift project a month.



The finished items will accumulate gradually over the course of the year, to avoid the last-minute rush. We're planning to help out with a mitten pattern, perfect for our "Warm Hands, Warm Hearts" theme for February. We hope that you will find these basic mittens helpful in planning your own original variations and design features. Look for more ideas in upcoming newsletters. Enjoy!

SIZE: Child's large / Ladies' medium (measures approx. 7" around palm)

MATERIALS: one skein BROWN SHEEP LAMBS' PRIDE worsted weight (190 yards, yarn weight classification 4); set of 5 double-pointed knitting needles (dpns) US size 5 and US 6; two small stitch holders; stitch markers; scissors; tapestry needle for finishing

GAUGE: 5 sts = 1" in stockinette stitch (knit every round) with larger needles

DIRECTIONS: With smaller dpns, cast on 36 sts. Divide sts evenly on four needles (9 sts on each needle). Join; being careful not to twist sts. Place marker (pm). Work in knit 2, purl 2 ribbing for 2.5" cuff. Change to larger needles. Knit (K) two rounds.

Shape thumb gusset:

Round 1: K1; place marker (pm), knit into the front and back of next st (inc), K1, pm,
K around to end: 3 sts between markers.

Rounds 2 & 3: K, slipping markers on every round.

Round 4: K1, slip marker, inc 1, K1, inc 1, slip marker, K around to end: 5 sts between markers.

Rounds 5 & 6: K, slipping markers on every round.

Repeat rounds 4 - 6, inc after the first marker and before the second marker until there are 13 sts between markers.

Next round: K1, remove first marker, place 13 sts on small holder for thumb, remove second marker, K remaining 35 sts. Work even in stockinette stitch (K every round) until piece measures 5.5" from top of ribbed cuff. Shape top of mitten:

Next round: *K4, K2tog; repeat from * around. K one round.

Next Round: *K3, K2tog; repeat from * around. K one round.

Next Round: *K2, K2tog; repeat from * around. K one round.

Cut a long tail and thread through rem sts with tapestry needles. Pull up tightly and secure. Weave in ends neatly.

Thumb: Slip 13 sts from holder to larger dpns. Attach yarn, pick up 2 sts in gap: 15 sts. K 1 round. Work in stockinette for 2".

Decrease Round: *K1, K2tog; rep from * around.

Decrease Round: *K2tog (knit 2 sts together); rep from * around.

Cut yarn; leaving a tail. Thread yarn through tapestry needle and draw through rem sts. Pull up tightly and secure. Weave in end. Gently tighten the tail at the base of the thumb and weave in ends. Repeat for second mitten.

VARIATIONS: Use a self-striping yarns or work in stripes of contrasting colors. For larger size, work with bulky yarn (weight classification #5) and US 7 & 8 dpns. For smaller size, work with light worsted (yarn classification #3) and US 3 and 4 dpns.

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***** THE "HOLIDAY DE-STRESS" PATTERN OF THE MONTH *****

In our February newsletter, we told you about Tracey Earhart's fiber group's resolution to "de-stress the holidays" by starting early and doing one gift project a month. The finished items will accumulate gradually over the course of the year, to avoid the last-minute rush and budget crunch. Kathy designed a soft, textured hat in one of our newest yarns, JAEGER "Roma" 50 grams, 137 yards, 63% viscose / 22% nylon / 15% angora) to keep you merrily "de-stressing" away. The resilience of this DK weight yarn also makes this an ideal choice for chemo hats. Our thanks to Stephanie Bronder-Fagan of the Laurel Highlands Knitting Guild for the pattern stitch which inspired this design...



THE ROMA HAT (worked flat)

SIZES: Child's small (child's medium - child's large/adult's medium - adult's large in parentheses)

FINISHED HEAD CIRCUMFERENCE: approximately 17" (20" - 21.5" - 23"), slightly stretched

MATERIALS: 150 (175 - 200 - 225) yards DK weight yarn (weight classification 3); knitting needles US sizes 4 & 6; tapestry needle for finishing

GAUGE: 6.5 sts / 8 rows = 1" in pattern

CHICKENFOOT PATTERN STITCH (multiple of 4 sts, shown upper right with rib cuff and yes, that's the real name of the pattern -- understand why we call it the "Roma" Hat?)

Rows 1 & 3 (right side): Knit (K).

Row 2: K1; *P2, yarn over (yo), K2, pass yo over the K2; rep from * across, end P2, K1.

Row 4: K1; *yo, K2, pass yo over the K2, P2; rep from * across, end yo, K2, pass yo over the K2, K1.

Repeat rows 1 - 4 for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: With smaller needles, cast on 110 (130 - 142 - 150) sts.

Row 1 (wrong side); P2; *K2, P2; repeat from * across row.

Row 2: K2; *P2, K2; repeat from * across row.

Work rows 1 & 2 until piece measures approximately 1" (1.5" - 1.75" - 2"), end on wrong side, inc 1 st at beg and end of needle: 112 (132 - 144 - 152). Change to larger needles and work in chickenfoot pattern stitch until piece measures approximately 5" (6.5" - 7" - 7.5") end on wrong side with row 2 or row 4 of pattern stitch. Knit next row, dec 0 (0 - 2 - 0) sts evenly spaced: 112 (132 - 142 - 152) sts. P 1 row.

Shape crown:

Row 1: K1; *K8, K2 tog; repeat from * across to last st, K1.

Row 2 & all wrong-side rows: P.

Row 3: K1; *K7, K2tog; repeat from * across to last st, K1.

Row 5: K1; *K6, K2tog; repeat from * across to last st, K1.

Row 7: K1; *K5, K2tog; repeat from * across to last st, K1.

Row 9: K1; *K4, K2tog; repeat from * across to last st, K1.

Row 11: K1; *K3, K2tog; repeat from * across to last st, K1.

Row 13: K1; *K2, K2tog; repeat from * across to last st, K1.

Row 13: K1; *K3, K2tog; repeat from * across to last st, K1.

Row 15: K1; *K2tog; repeat from * across to last st, K1.

FINISHING: Cut yarn, leaving a 6" tail. Thread tail through tapestry needles and weave through remaining sts. Pull through sts, and draw up firmly. Sew back seam. Weave in ends.

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***** LACY ONE-ROW PATTERN SCARF OR STOLE *****

Lace and openwork are very important looks for spring. This vintage pattern stitch originally appeared in a Pat Trexler newspaper column in the 1980's and Kathy has adapted it as an easy reversible scarf or wrap for a new generation of knitters. Enjoy!

MATERIALS: NASHUA HANDKNITS "Creative Focus Worsted" two balls for scarf, 3 balls for stole (CYCA classification 4); knitting needles US size 7

GAUGE: in openwork pattern stitch, 4 sts = 1"

MEASUREMENTS: approx. 6" X 60" for scarf; 10" X 60" rectangular stole

Openwork Pattern Stitch (multiple of 4 + 2, pattern not shown)

All rows: K2, *P1, P2tog (purl 2 sts together), yarnover, K1; repeat from * across row.

Scarf directions: Cast on 26 sts. Work in openwork pattern until piece measures 60" or desired length.

Bind off all sts. Add fringe, if desired.

Stole directions: Cast on 42 sts. Work in openwork pattern until piece measures 60" or desired length.

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***** THE "HOLIDAY DE-STRESS" PATTERN OF THE MONTH *****

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RIDGED RIB HAT

FINISHED HAT CIRCUMFERENCE: approximately 20" child (22" adult medium)

MATERIALS: Worsted weight yarn, approx. 150 (175) yards; US #5 and US #7 16" circular knitting needles; US #7 double-pointed needles (dpns) OR SIZE NEEDED TO OBTAIN GAUGE.

GAUGE: 5 sts = 1" in pattern stitch on larger needles

RIDGED RIB PATTERN (shown upper right, knit with CLASSIC ELITE YARNS "Princess")

Round 1: Knit (K).

Round 2: Purl (P).

Rounds 3 & 4: *K1, P1; repeat from * around.

Repeat these 4 rounds for pattern, worked circularly.

HAT INSTRUCTIONS (worked circularly): With smaller needle and worsted weight yarn, cast on 100 (110) sts. Join, place marker, being careful not to twist sts. Work in rounds of K1, P1 ribbing for 1" (1.5"). Change to large needles. Work in ridge rib stitch until piece measures 5.5" (6") from beginning.

Crown Shaping (garter stitch):

Round 1: *K8, ssk (slip, slip, knit decrease); repeat from * around: 90 sts.

Round 2 and all even-numbered rounds: Purl.

Change to dpns when necessary.

Round 3: *K7, ssk; repeat from * around.

Round 5: *K6, ssk; repeat from * around.

Round 7: *K5, ssk; repeat from * around.

Round 9: *K4, ssk; repeat from * around.

Round 11: *K3, ssk; repeat from * around.

Round 13: *K2, ssk; repeat from * around.

Round 15: *K1, ssk; repeat from * around.

Round 17: *ssk; repeat from * around. Cut yarn. Run tail through remaining sts.

Fasten off.

SCARF FINISHED MEASUREMENT: 6" X 60"

MATERIALS: Worsted weight yarn, approx. 300 yards; US #7 16" knitting needles OR SIZE NEEDED TO OBTAIN GAUGE of 5 sts = 1" in pattern stitch on larger needles

RIDGED RIB PATTERN (shown upper right, knit with CLASSIC ELITE YARNS "Princess")

Row 1: Knit (K).

Row 2: Knit (K).

Row 3: P1, *K1, P1; repeat from * across.

Row 4: K1; *P1, K1; repeat from * across.

Repeat these 4 rows for pattern, worked flat.

SCARF INSTRUCTIONS (worked flat, back & forth): Cast on 31 sts. Work in ridged rib pattern until piece measures 60" or desired length. Bind off all sts in pat. Weave in ends. To adjust for wider or narrower scarf, add or subtract stitches in multiple of 2.

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***** FELTED CELL PHONE COVER *****

This project was inspired by a program given by Janice Reeping for the Roof Garden Knitting Guild. It is ideal for “take-along”. Thanks, Janice!

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS: approx. 3” wide X 5” long, after felting (without strap)

MATERIALS: approx. 100 yards wool yarn (or other suitable yarn for felting); US size 9 set of 5 double-pointed knitting needles (dpns); stitch marker

GAUGE: 19 sts / 25 rows = 1” before felting

Make one (m1) — make one stitch by picking up the horizontal loop before next stitch and knitting into the *back* of this loop

ssk—slip, slip, knit decrease (slip two stitches, one at a time, as if to knit; insert left-hand needle through the fronts of these two stitches and knit them together)

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 32 sts. Divide evenly onto 4 needles (8 on each needle). Join; being careful not to twist sts, place marker. K 10 rounds.

Next Round: *K1, m1, K14, m1, K1; repeat from * once: 36 sts. Knit 10 rounds even.

Next Round: *K1, m1, K16, m1, K1; repeat from * once more: 40 sts. Knit 8 rounds even.

Next Round: *K1, K2tog, K16, ssk, K1; repeat from * once: 36 sts. Knit 1 round even.

Next Round: *K1, K2tog, K14, ssk, K1; repeat from * once: 32 sts. Knit 1 round even.

Slip sts from first dpn into 2nd dpn (16 sts). Slip sts from 3rd dpn onto 4th dpn (two sets of 16 sts). Join by working 3 needle bind-off or graft seams.

STRAP: With right side facing, pick up & K 6 sts along top edge, centering sts over side edge of case.

Row 1 (wrong side): K1, P4, K1.

Row 2: Knit. Repeat rows 1 & 2 until strap measures 5.5”, end with row 1.

Next Row: K1, ssk, wrap yarn around needle twice, K2tog, K1.

Next Row: K2, (K1, P1) into double yarnover, K2.

Next Row: Purl. Bind off all sts as if to K. Felt & embellish as desired.

***** ANNE’S SHAWL *****

Anne Levin shared her favorite shawl “recipe” with us. She is particularly fond of the “beginner-easy” edging, and thinks it looks especially pretty with S. CHARLES COLLEZIONE “Cancun” or “Rialto”.

Thanks, Anne, for sharing this design with us...

MATERIALS: approx. 240 yards novelty yarn; US size 11 needles

GAUGE: not critical, size of shawl will vary with weight of yarn used

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 3 sts.

Rows 1 - 7: K 1, inc in next st by knitting into the back & front of the next stitch, K to end: 10 sts.

Row 8: K 5, inc in next st by knitting into the front & back of the next stitch, K to end.

Repeat row 8, working an inc on every row following the K 5 edging, until piece measures the desired width. Bind off all sts loosely.

Anne tells us this will work with a variety of ribbon yarns. The shawl may also be worked with a stockinette stitch interior. Simply keep the first and last 5 sts as garter (K every row, markers are recommended) and work stockinette (K all RS rows, P all WS rows) in between the markers.

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***** DE-STRESSING THE HOLIDAYS *****

Tracey Earhart has us planning ahead for the holidays and gift-giving. Here's a hat and placemat using the simple but elegant box stitch pattern and a wider variation.

"TAKE IT FROM THE TOP" HAT

MATERIALS: worsted weight yarn 150 (175 - 200) yards; set of four double-pointed needles (dpns) and 16" circular needles in US size 7 OR SIZE NEEDED TO OBTAIN GAUGE; 16" circular needle US size 5; stitch markers; circular row counter; tapestry needle for finishing

NOTE: dpns may be used throughout in place of circular needles

GAUGE: 5 sts / 7 rows = 1" in wide box stitch pattern

TAKE TIME TO SAVE TIME, CHECK YOUR GAUGE

FINISHED HEAD CIRCUMFERENCE: 18" babies' (20.5" child - 23" adult in parentheses)

DIRECTIONS: Beg at top of hat, cast on 6 sts. Join, being careful not to twist sts; divide evenly onto three dpns. Place circular row counter at beg of round.

Round 1: Knit.

Round 2: Inc 1 in each st: 12 sts (4 sts on each dpn).

Round 3: Knit.

Round 4: *Inc in first st on dpn, K across to last st on dpn, inc in last st on dpn; rep from * across each dpn.

Change to larger circular needle when enough sts are present to work on needle without stretching. Place markers at increase points (beg & end of each dpn when transferring sts). Repeat rounds 3 & 4 until total stitch count is 90 (102 - 114) sts -- multiple of 6 sts. Begin wide box stitch pattern:

Rounds 1 & 2: *K3, P3; repeat from * around.

Rounds 3 & 4: *P3, K3; repeat from * around.

Repeat these 4 rounds until piece measures 4" (4.5" - 5") from beg of wide box stitch pattern. Change to smaller circular needles and repeat rounds 1 & 2 for 1" (1.5" - 2"). Bind off all sts in pat. Weave in ends.

DESIGN OPTIONS: Odds and ends of knitting stash yarns in the same weight may be used. Try a different color for the hat, the crown, the ribbing. When changing colors, knit one row in the new color to avoid color change bumps.

BOX STITCH PLACEMAT (multiple of 4 + 2)

MATERIALS: 2 hanks TAHKI "Cotton Classic Colors" per placemat; 24" circular knitting needle US size 6 (circular needle used to accommodate number of stitches comfortably); tapestry needle for finishing

GAUGE: 5 sts / 7 rows = 1" in box stitch

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS: 12" X 18"

DIRECTIONS: With circular needle, cast on 90 sts. Work in box stitch pattern (shown lower right) back and forth as follows:

Row 1 (WS): *P2, K2; rep from * across row to last 2 sts, P2.

Rows 2 & 3: *K2, P2; rep from * across to last 2 sts, K2.

Row 4: Repeat row 1.

Repeat these 4 rows for pattern until piece measures 12" or desired length. Bind off all sts in pat. Cut yarn. Weave in ends.

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***** JANE'S SLIP-STITCH HAT *****

Slip-stitch stripes are an easy way to do impressive colorwork, adding a woven look to your knitting without a lot of fuss. Our thanks to Jane Armstrong for sharing her original hat pattern, shown at right. This is a great stash-reducing project -- experiment with a variety of colors! Change the colors one row at a time, to see how different the fabric looks just by rearranging your color choices. Stitch and color combinations are endless once you master the technique. For more information, see KNIT SIMPLE Fall 2006 for a great color workshop with illustrations, sure to spark your imagination...



SIZES: child's small (large in parentheses)

MATERIALS: Worsted weight yarn in at least 3 colors, approx. 75 yards main color (A), 50 yards each in two contrasting colors (B & C); 16" circular knitting needles in US sizes 6 and 9; double-pointed knitting needles (dpns) US size 9

GAUGE: 5 sts = 1" in stockinette stitch

With color A and smaller circular needles, cast on 80 (88) stitches. Work in K2, P2 rib for 1" to 4" as desired (1" - 2" for single rib band, or 3" - 4" for a fold-over cuff). Change to larger circular needles. K 2 rounds with color A, increasing 4 (8) sts on the first round: 84 (96) sts.

Begin slip-stitch pattern:

Rounds 1- 3: with color B, *K3, sl 1 (slip 1); rep from * around.

Rounds 4 -6: with color C, K1,* Sl 1, K3 * repeat between *s, end K 2.

Repeat rounds 1 through 6, keeping color sequence (row one on next repeat will be color A). Continue for 5" (6") to start of crown shaping. Cut B & C.

Crown Shaping (work with color A, changing to dpns when needed)

Round 1: *K10, K2tog; rep from * around.

Round 2 and all even-numbered rounds: K.

Round 3: *K9, K 2 tog; rep from * around.

Round 5: *K8, K2tog; rep from * around

Continue in this manner to dec 7 (8) sts every round until 49 (48) stitches remain. Work decs **every** round until 7 sts remain. Cut yarn. Thread tail through and fasten off.

Weave in ends.

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***** THE SYMPHONY WRAP *****

This wrap was inspired by Carol Ober, whose stole was the hit of the Westmoreland Symphony Gala fund-raising auction. Thanks, Carol, for permission to adapt your lovely design with our musically-titled yarn from SKACEL, "Preludio".



FINISHED MEASUREMENT: 70" wide by 18" long

MATERIALS: SKACEL COLLECTION "Preludio" 7 balls; US size 13 circular knitting needle

36" or 40" long

GAUGE: 10 sts / 12 rows = 4" in openwork pattern stitch

PATTERN STITCH (multiple of 4 + 2)

Rows 1 - 3: Knit.

Row 4: K2; *P1, yarnover (yo), P2tog (purl 2 sts together), K1; repeat from * across.

Repeat rows 1 - 4 for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: With circular needle, cast on 174 sts. Work in pattern stitch until piece measures 18". Bind off all sts in pattern.

***** KATHY'S "OVER THE RAINBOW" SCARF, STOLE AND HAT *****

Our own Tracey Earhart has inspired us to plan ahead for the holidays and gift giving by working on projects a little at a time.

This will avoid the last-minute rush and de-stress the holiday season. OK, Tracey, you've got us convinced -- we're taking our knitting along (everywhere we go!) to take advantage of every knitting opportunity, no matter how small. Here's an easy quick-knit scarf or stole, and a matching hat done with an elegant self-striping mohair that will make even the newest beginner's project look like an expert. Love those self-striping yarns!

MEASUREMENTS: scarf 8" X 60"; stole 16" X 64" (in parentheses)

MATERIALS: 270 (550) yards mohair yarn; US size 15 needles

Kathy used REYNOLDS "Fusion" shade 77 two balls for scarf; shown at upper right (3 balls will do 2 scarves)

GAUGE: 3 sts / 3.5 rows = 1" in pattern using size 15 needles

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 24 (48) sts. K 5 rows for edge.

Garter & Stockinette Pattern Stitch (3 rows stockinette, 5 rows garter)

Rows 1 & 3 (RS): K.

Rows 2: P.

Rows 4 - 8: K.

Repeat these 8 rows until a few yards of yarn remains. Work rows 1-3 once, then K 4 rows. Bind off all sts as if to K.

VARIATION: This could be worked using a variety of stash yarns, changing colors every 8th row on row 1. When substituting, please make certain that all yarns used for project are similar in weight and compatible for cleaning (for example, all machine wash or all hand wash; if even one yarn is dry clean only, then garment should be dry cleaned for best results).

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"OVER THE RAINBOW" HAT

SIZES: Child's (small adult - large adult in parentheses)

FINISHED HEAD CIRCUMFERENCE: 17" (21" - 24")

MATERIALS: 125 (150 - 175) yards mohair yarn; US sizes 13 and 15 circular knitting needles 16" length; US size 15 double-pointed knitting needles (dpns); jumbo stitch marker; tapestry needle

GAUGE: 3 sts / 3.5 rows = 1"

DIRECTIONS: With smaller circular needle, CO 52 (62 - 72) sts. Join, being careful not to twist sts, place marker for beginning of round. (K1 round, P1 round) three times. Change to larger needles. Work in stockinette stitch (K every round) until piece measures 7" (8" - 9"). Work decrease rounds as follows:

Round 1: *K2tog; repeat from * around

Round 2: Knit.

Repeat rounds 1 & 2 twice, changing to dpns when it becomes difficult to move the sts. Cut yarn, leaving a tail. Draw tail through remaining sts with tapestry needle & secure. Weave ends in neatly.

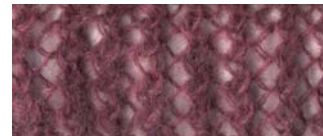
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***** KATHY'S RIDGED LACE SCARF AND STOLE *****

It wouldn't be "Mohair Month" without a project made with this fabulous fiber. Kathy chose a light and airy openwork pattern to showcase the delicate yarn.



MEASUREMENTS: scarf 8" X 60"; stole 16" X 64" (in parentheses)

MATERIALS: 600 (1300) yards lace weight mohair yarn; US size 8 needles

Kathy used CRYSTAL PALACE YARNS "Kid Merino" shade 4672 three balls for scarf;

(6 balls needed for the stole)

GAUGE: 5.5 sts / 7.5 rows = 1" in pattern using size 8 needles

NOTE: Work with yarn doubled throughout.

Ridged Lace Pattern (multiple of 2, stitch detail shown at upper right)

Row 1 (right side): K1; yarnover (yo), ssk (slip, slip, knit decrease); repeat from * to last stitch, K1.

Row 2: K1; *yo, p2tog; repeat from * to last stitch, end K1.

DIRECTIONS: With two strands of yarn, cast on 44 (88) sts.

Set-up Row (wrong side): K1; *yo, P2tog; repeat from * to last stitch, K1. Beginning with row 1, work in Ridged Lace pattern until piece measures 60" (64"). Bind off all sts as if to K. Weave in all ends neatly. Block lightly to measurements.

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***** WHO DEY? WE DEY! STEELER SCARF *****

Tracey Earhart wants to remind all Steeler fans to send positive energy to rally our team by knitting a "Terrible" scarf and showing our colors. Kathy chose black and gold yarn with contrasting eyelash, knitting seven garter ridges before changing colors (seven for QB Big Ben *and* the number of points for scoring a touchdown with an extra point). For more luck, knit a FIBER TRENDS "Huggable Hedgehog" in black and gold!

SCARF DIMENSIONS: 6" X 60"

MATERIALS: NASHUA HANDKNITS "Creative Focus Worsted" one ball each 0500 ebony (A) and 1933 goldenrod (B); TRENDSETTER "Eyelash" two balls each color 30 gold (C) and color 5 black (D); US size 9 knitting needles

GAUGE: 4.5 sts = 1" in garter stitch with 2 strands held together

DIRECTIONS: With A & C held together, cast on 27 sts. Work in garter stitch (knit every row) for 14 rows (7 ridges). Cut yarn. With B & D held together, knit 14 rows. Cut yarn. Continue alternating A & C and B & D every 14 rows until scarf measures 60" or desired length. Bind off all stitches. Weave in all ends. Enjoy a Steeler victory!

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***** "OH, MY!" THUMBLESS BABY MITTENS *****

In response to requests during our chilly Fort Days sidewalk sale, here is Kathy's easy pattern for baby and toddler mittens, shown at right.

SIZE: One size fits all babies (toddlers in parentheses)

MATERIALS: PLYMOUTH YARNS "Oh, My!" one ball; US size 7 needles; tapestry needle

GAUGE: 5 sts / 8 rows = 1" (mittens are worked with a tighter gauge than recommended on the ball band, to provide warmth)

DIRECTIONS (make two): Cast on 25 (29) sts.

Ribbing Row 1 (wrong side, WS): P1, *K1, P1; repeat from * across.

Row 2: K1; *P1, K1; repeat from * across.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 of ribbing until 7 (9) rows completed, end wrong side. Work in stockinette stitch (knit 1 row, purl 1 row) until piece measures 3" (4") or desired length above ribbing, end WS. Shape top:

Row 1: *K2, K2tog (knit two sts together); repeat from * to last st, K1: 19 (22) sts.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: *K1, K2tog; repeat from * to last st, K1: 13 (15) sts.

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: (K2tog) across to last st, K1: 7 (8) sts. Cut yarn, leaving a tail. Thread tail through tapestry needle, draw through remaining sts, and pull up tightly. Sew seam.

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***** "MY SO CALLED SCARF" FROM IMAGIKNIT *****

Have you ever wanted to try knitting with hand-dyed yarns? Here's the perfect project! This scarf was the hit of the recent Golden Dome Knitting Guild camp. The pattern appeared on the "Sheep In The City" internet blog, with original design credit and permission to share from *Imagiknit* yarn shop in San Francisco. Make one for a friend and one for yourself.

Enjoy!

MATERIALS: 2 hanks MANOS DEL URAGUAY handpainted wool; US size 11 knitting needles; tapestry needle

ABBREVIATIONS

pssso - pass slipped stitch over

P2tog - purl 2 together

GAUGE: approximately 4.5 sts = 1" in pattern stitch

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 30 stitches.

Row 1: K1; *slip 1, K1, pssso but before dropping the slipped stitch from the left needle, knit into the back of it; repeat from * until there is one stitch left, K1.

Row 2: *P2tog, do not slip stitches off the needle, purl first stitch again, slip both stitches

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off needle; repeat from * across row.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 until a few yards of yarn remain. Bind off all sts. Weave in ends with tapestry needle.

Not familiar with MANOS yarns? The MANOS DEL URAGUAY Cooperative was founded in 1968 to develop economic possibilities for the women in rural Uruguay, where there were and continue to be, few opportunities for work. The handspun yarn is dyed in large kettles over wood fires, resulting in beautiful color shadings called "stria".

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***** HOW CUTE ARE THESE CAPS? *****

Vikki Roth stopped by with the two hats pictured on this page. Our thanks to her for sharing her ideas. We've adapted them to quick-knitting caps that are beginner easy.



SNOWMAN HAT

SIZES: Babies' (toddler - child's medium in parentheses)

FINISHED HEAD CIRCUMFERENCE: 16" (18" - 20.5")

MATERIALS: PLYMOUTH "Encore Chunky" one ball white (MC) and 25 yards blue (CC) for ribbing; US sizes 8 & 10 16" circular knitting needle; US size 10 double-pointed knitting needles (dpns); tapestry needle for weaving in ends; two small buttons or one yard black yarn for eyes; orange craft felt; orange sewing thread & needle to attach nose; stitch marker (Vikki felted a square of orange wool & cut it for the nose)

GAUGE: 3.5 sts / 5 rows = 1"

DIRECTIONS: With smaller circular knitting needle & CC, cast on 56 (64 - 72) sts. Join, place marker, being careful not to twist sts. Work in rounds of K2, P2 ribbing for 1" (1.25" - 1.5"). Cut CC. Join MC. Work in stockinette stitch (K every round) until piece measures 3.5" (4" - 4.5") from beginning.

Shape crown (change to dpns when there are too few sts to work comfortably):

Round 1: *K6, K2tog (knit 2 sts together); repeat from * around: 49 (56 - 63) sts.

Rounds 2, 4, 6, 8, & 10: K.

Round 3: *K5, K2tog; repeat from * around: 42 (48 - 54) sts.

Round 5: *K4, K2tog; repeat from * around: 35 (40 - 45) sts.

Round 7: *K3, K2tog; repeat from * around: 28 (32 - 36) sts.

Round 9: *K2, K2tog; repeat from * around: 21 (24 - 27) sts.

Round 11: *K1, K2tog; repeat from * around: 14 (16 - 18) sts.

Round 12: *K2tog; rep from * around: 7 (8 - 9) sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a 6" tail. Draw yarn through remaining sts. Pull up tightly to secure.

Weave in ends. Sew buttons in place as shown for child's version, embroider yarn "eyes" for babies' & toddlers. For nose, cut a triangular shaped piece 1" wide at the base and 2" along each side of triangle. Sew into place as shown in photo.

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GIRL'S TIE HAT (same sizes & gauge as previous page)

MATERIALS: PLYMOUTH "Encore Chunky" one ball white (MC) and 25 yards pink (CC) for ribbing; US size 10 16" circular knitting needle; US size 10 double-pointed knitting needles (dpns); tapestry needle for weaving in ends; stitch marker

GAUGE: 3.5 sts / 5 rows = 1"

DIRECTIONS: With US 10 circular knitting needle & CC, cast on 56 (64 - 72) sts. Join, being careful not to twist sts. Work in stockinette stitch (K every round) until piece measures 2" from beginning.

Eyelet round: *K2, yarn over (yo), K2tog; rep from * around.

Work in CC yarn for 1" more, cut yarn & join MC. Cont in stockinette stitch (knit every round) until piece measures 3.5" (4" - 4.5") from beginning. Work crown shaping same as snowman hat. Cut yarn, leaving a 6" tail. Draw yarn through remaining sts.

Pull up tightly to secure. Weave in ends. Make crochet or knitted

I-cord from MC 24" (26" - 28") long & weave through eyelets. Tie in bow.

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***** SIDEWAYS SCARF *****

From the November 2006 Greater St. Louis Knitters' Guild: Have you ever knit a lengthwise scarf only to have it hang skewed? This occurs because the cast on tension usually does not match the bind-off tension. Try using a provisional (temporary) cast on. When the scarf is finished and the last row is bound off, undo the provisional cast on, place the "Live" stitches onto the needles. Then, bind off in the same manner and the two long sides will match. Here's a pattern from Kathy using a self-stripping yarn that uses this method:



SIDEWAYS SEED STITCH SCARF (stitch detail shown upper right, shade #51 jungle green)

APPROXIMATE SIZE: 6" long X 60" wide

MATERIALS: NASHUA HANDKNITS "Wooly Stripes" three balls (88 yards each); 29" circular

knitting needle US size 9; crochet hook size I; 10 yards smooth mercerized cotton (waste yarn); stitch markers (optional)

GAUGE: With US size 9 needles, 4.25 sts = 1" in seed stitch pattern

SEED STITCH (over odd number of sts)

All rows: K1; *P1, K1; repeat from * across.

DIRECTIONS: With waste yarn and crochet hook, loosely chain 258 sts. Cut yarn. Attach Wooly Stripes by knotting onto cut end. With US size 9 circular needle and Wooly Stripes, pick up and knit 1 st into the back of each "purl bump" of the first chain. Continue knitting 1 stitch into each chain until you have 255 sts on needle. Do not work into remaining chains.

HELPFUL HINT: It may be helpful to place stitch markers every 20 stitches to keep track of the number of stitches when counting as you cast on.

Work in seed stitch until a few yards of yarn remain. Bind off all stitches in pattern.

Untie knot at provisional cast on edge. Remove waste yarn one stitch at a time by unraveling chain and placing each bottom loop onto the circular needle. Bind off all sts in pattern. Add fringe to side edge, if desired.

VARIATIONS: This can be a wonderful stash buster. Work each row in a different coordinating color, leaving a 8" tail at the beginning and end for fringe "as you go".

Scarf length may be adjusted by varying the amount of cast-on stitches (remember to keep an odd number) and scarf width by working less rows.

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***** MARY'S STRIPED HAT *****

This hat was inspired by one of our favorite customers, Mary Shonk. Mary graciously consented to let us borrow her striping sequence from a holiday gift hat she knit for her son. Kathy adapted her colorway idea into this hat for you to try. Thanks, Mary!

SIZES: Child's small (child's med - child's large - adult med - adult's large in parentheses)

FINISHED HEAD CIRCUMFERENCE: 16" (18" - 20" - 22" - 24")

MATERIALS: NASHUA HANDKNITS "Julia" one ball each colors A and B; US sizes 5 & 7 16"

circular knitting needle; US size 7 double-pointed knitting needles (dpns); tapestry needle for weaving in ends; combination circular stitch marker /row counter

GAUGE: 5 sts / 7 rows = 1" in stockinette stitch

DIRECTIONS: With smaller circular knitting needle & B, cast on 80 (90 - 100 - 110 - 120) sts. Join, place marker, being careful not to twist sts. Work in rounds of K1, P1 ribbing for .75" (1" - 1.25" - 1.5" - 1.75"). Join A. Work in stockinette stitch (K every round) in color sequence as follows: 4 rows color A; 4 rows color B; 3 rows color A; 3 rows color B; 2 rows color A; 2 rows color B; 1 row color A; 1 row color B. Cut B. Cont in color A until piece measures 3.75" (4" - 4.5" - 5" - 5.5") from beginning.

Shape crown (change to dpns when there are too few sts to work comfortably):

Round 1: *K8, K2tog (knit 2 sts together); repeat from * around.

Rounds 2, 4, 6, 8, & 10: K.

Round 3: *K7, K2tog; repeat from * around.

Round 5: *K6, K2tog; repeat from * around.

Round 7: *K5, K2tog; repeat from * around.

Round 9: *K4, K2tog; repeat from * around.

Round 9: *K3, K2tog; repeat from * around.

Round 11: *K2, K2tog; repeat from * around.

Round 12: *K1, K2tog; repeat from * around.

Round 13: *K2tog; rep from * around: 7 (8 - 9) sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a 6" tail. Draw yarn through remaining sts. Pull up tightly to secure.

Weave in ends.

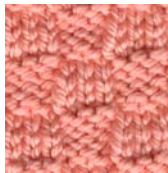
VARIATION: Add more color stripes or use variegated yarn for color B.

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***** BETTY LOU'S BABY AFGHAN *****

Kathy designed this delicate, easy-to-knit baby afghan, requested by Betty Lou Glasso. Why not knit one for the special baby in your life?

FINISHED SIZE: 32" X 36" (36" X 46" in parentheses)

MATERIALS: DK weight (CYCA yarn classification 3) 1100 (1500) yards;
29" circular knitting needle US 5 (3.75 mm) or as needed to obtain gauge

GAUGE: 5.5 sts = 1"

IRISH CHECK PATTERN STITCH (multiple of 6 + 3, stitch detail shown upper left)

Rows 1 & 3: K3, *P3, K3; rep from * across.

Rows 2 & 4: P3, *K3, P3; rep from * across.

Rows 5 & 7: Repeat rows 2 & 4.

Rows 6 & 8: Repeat rows 1 & 3.

Work these 8 rows for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: With circular knitting needles, CO 175 (199) sts. K every row for 9 rows.

Set-up Pattern: K5 (garter edge), place marker, work across center 165 (189) sts in pattern stitch, K5 (garter edge). Work in pattern as established until piece measures approx. 34.5" (44.5") from beginning, end on WS with row 4 or 8 of pattern. K every row for 9 rows. BO all sts knitwise.

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***** GRANDMA BAKER'S BLANKET *****

Wendy Stemple's blanket pattern stitch from the December 2006 newsletter of the Roof Garden Knitting Guild inspired our adaptation of this throw. Thanks, Wendy!

FINISHED SIZE: 44" X 56"

MATERIALS: Worsted weight yarn approx. 2400 yards; 36" circular knitting needle US 8

GAUGE: 5 sts / 7 rows = 1" in pattern stitch.

PATTERN STITCH (multiple of 5 + 1)

Rows 1, 3 & 5 (right side): K6 (garter side border); * K4, P1; rep from * across to last 10 sts, K4, K6 (garter side border).

Rows 2 & 4: K6; purl across to last 6 sts, K6.

Row 6: Knit across row.

Repeat these 6 rows for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 221 sts. Work in garter stitch for 13 rows. Work in pattern stitch until piece measures 54.5" or desired length, end with row 6 of pattern. K 12 rows. Bind off all sts. Weave in all ends.

***** WENDY'S MOCK CABLE SCARF *****

Our thanks again to Wendy Stemple for sharing this scarf pattern. She recommends rustic tweed yarns for this project. Thanks, Wendy!

FINISHED SIZE: 7.5" X 60"

MATERIALS: Worsted weight yarn approx. 300 yards; knitting needles US size 8

GAUGE: 6 sts = 1" in pattern stitch.

MOCK CABLE PATTERN (multiple of 4 + 2)

Row 1 (WS): *K2, P2; repeat from * across, end K2.

Row 2: *P2; K2tog but do not take the sts off needle, knit the first stitch again and slip both sts off needle; rep from * across, end P2.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 46 sts. Work in pattern until piece measures 60", end WS. Bind off all sts. Weave in ends. Fringe, if desired.

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***** RIBBED CHECK SCARF AND HAT *****

This easy to knit textured pattern stitch is versatile enough to use in small knitted items or garments. Kathy has designed a unisex scarf and hat set that looks great on both guys and gals...

FINISHED SIZE: 7.5" X 60"

GAUGE: 5 sts / 7 rows = 1"

MATERIALS: BROWN SHEEP COMPANY "Lambs' Pride Worsted Weight" yarn two skeins (CYCA yarn classification 4); US size 7 needles

RIBBED CHECK PATTERN STITCH (shown upper right, multiple of 5 + 2)

Rows 1, 3 & 5 (RS): P3; *K1, P4; rep from * across to last 4 sts, end K1, P3.

Rows 2, 4 & 6: K3; *P1, K4; rep from * across to last 4 sts, end P1, K3.

Rows 7 & 9: K2; *P3, K2; repeat from * across row.

Row 8 & 10: P2; *K3, P2; repeat from * across row.

Repeat rows 1- 10 for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 37 sts. Work in ribbed check stitch until piece measures 60" or desired length. Bind off all sts in pattern. Fringe, if desired.

RIBBED CHECK HAT

SIZES: Child's small (child's med - child's large - adult med - adult's large in parentheses)

FINISHED HEAD CIRCUMFERENCE: 16.5" (18.5" - 20.5" - 22.5" - 24.5")

MATERIALS: BROWN SHEEP YARNS "Lambs' Pride Worsted Weight" one skein; US size 7 circular needle 16" length & double-pointed knitting needles (dpns); tapestry needle for weaving in ends; combination circular stitch marker /row counter

GAUGE: 5 sts / 7 rows = 1" in stockinette stitch

DIRECTIONS: With circular knitting needle, cast on 82 (92 - 102 - 112 - 122) sts. Join, place marker, being careful not to twist sts. *Work 6 rounds repeating row 1 of ribbed check pattern. Work 4 rounds repeating row 7 of ribbed check pattern. Repeat from *, alternating 6 rounds row 1 with 4 rounds row 7 until piece measures 3.75" (4" - 4.5" - 5" - 5.5") from beginning. Knit next round, decreasing 2 sts evenly spaced: 80 (90 - 100 - 110 - 120) sts.

Shape crown (change to dpns when there are too few sts to work comfortably):

Round 1: *K8, K2tog (knit 2 sts together); repeat from * around.

Rounds 2, 4, 6, 8, & 10: K.

Round 3: *K7, K2tog; repeat from * around.

Round 5: *K6, K2tog; repeat from * around.

Round 7: *K5, K2tog; repeat from * around.

Round 9: *K4, K2tog; repeat from * around.

Round 9: *K3, K2tog; repeat from * around.

Round 11: *K2, K2tog; repeat from * around.

Round 12: *K1, K2tog; repeat from * around.

Round 13: *K2tog; rep from * around. Cut yarn, leaving a 6" tail. Draw yarn through remaining sts. Pull up tightly to secure. Weave in ends.

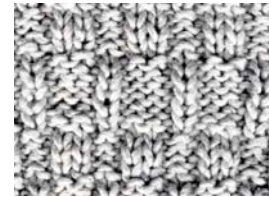
SKILL BUILDING:

--- Try working a different number of rows for each pattern change(for example, repeat pattern rows for a total of 10 rows each rib sequence instead of 6 and 4).

--- Try working this pattern in more than one color. Always remember to knit one right-side row when changing colors to avoid a purl "bump".

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***** "KNIT A CLASSIC" DISHCLOTH *****

MATERIALS: CLASSIC ELITE YARNS "Provence" one hank; US size 5 knitting needles

GAUGE: 5.5 sts / 9 rows = 1" in seed stitch

FINISHED MEASUREMENT: 8" square

PATTERN STITCHES

Seed stitch (all rows, worked over odd number of sts): K1; *P1, K1; rep from * across.

Garner Stitch: Knit every row.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 45 sts. Work in seed stitch for 9 rows.

Next row: Work in seed stitch across first 11 sts, work next 23 sts in garter stitch, work across rem 11 sts in seed stitch.

Repeat last row until piece measures approx. 7" from beginning. Work in seed stitch

for 9 rows. Bind off all sts as if to knit. Crochet a loop or knit an I-cord for hanging, if desired. Enjoy!

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***** THE CLASSIC ELITE CHEMO HAT *****

FINISHED SIZES: 16" baby (17.5" toddler - 19" child - 20.5" adult small - 21.75" adult medium - 23.25" adult large in parentheses)

MATERIALS: CLASSIC ELITE "Star" [99% cotton / 1% lycra, 50 grams, 112 yards] 1 (1 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2) hanks; US size 8 16" circular needle; US size 8 double-pointed needles for crown; one stitch marker

GAUGE: 5.5 sts / 9 rows = 1" in stockinette stitch, after washing

DIRECTIONS: With circular needle, cast on 88 (96 - 104 - 112 - 120 - 128) sts. Place marker for beginning of round. Join, being careful not to twist sts. Knit every round

(stockinette stitch) for 1". Work K1, P1 ribbing for 1". Knit every round until piece measures 3.5" (4" - 4.5" - 5" - 5.5" - 6") above ribbing. Begin shaping for crown, changing to double-pointed needles when necessary:

Round 1: *K6, K2tog; repeat from * around.

Round 2 & all even-numbered round: Knit.

Round 3: *K5, K2tog; repeat from * around.

Round 5: *K4, K2tog; repeat from * around.

Round 7: *K3, K2tog; repeat from * around.

Round 9: *K2, K2tog; repeat from * around.

Round 11: *K1, K2tog; repeat from 8 around.

Round 13: *K2tog; repeat from * around.

Continue on remaining sts for 3.5" for I-cord, if desired. Bind off. Tie I-cord into a topknot. Weave in ends.

VARIATIONS: This may be worked in striped variations, changing colors for ribbing and striping as desired. Top of hat may be embellished with cords, spirals, strips, etc.

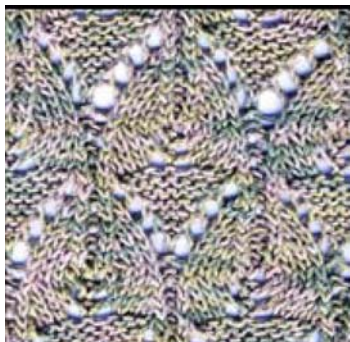
(see child's version at lower right). One important sizing point to bear in mind when knitting hats for hair-loss recipients is that the head size is smaller than it would be with hair. Do not make them too large. "Star" is an excellent choice because of the cotton (natural fiber content), the elasticity of the yarn and washability.

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***** ORIEL AFGHAN *****

Kathy was inspired by a beautiful vintage lace pattern which appeared in Barbara Walker's *A Second Treasury of Knitting Patterns*.

APPROXIMATE SIZE: 48" X 60"

SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate

MATERIALS: 2000 yards worsted weight yarn (CYCA yarn classification 4); US size 8 36" circular knitting needle; stitch markers; tapestry needle for finishing

GAUGE: 5 sts / 7 rows = 1" after blocking

Oriel Pattern Stitch (multiple of 12 + 1, stitch detail upper left)

Rows 1, 3, & 5 (right side): P1; *ssk, K3, yo, P1, yo, K3, K2tog, P1; rep from * across row.

Rows 2, 4, 6, & 8: K1; *P5, K1; rep from * across row.

Row 7: P1; *yo, K3, K2tog, P1, ssk, K3, yo, P1; rep from * across row.

Row 9: P2; *yo, K2, K2tog, p1, ssk, K2, yo, P3; rep from *, end last rep P2.

Row 10: K2; *P4, K1, P4, K3; rep from *, end last rep K2.

Row 11: P3; *yo, K1, K2tog, P1, ssk, K1, yo, P5; rep from *, end last rep P3.

Row 12: K3; *P3, K1, P3, K5; rep from * across, end last rep K3.

Row 13: P4; *yo, K2tog, P1, ssk, yo, P7; rep from *, end last rep P4.

Row 14: K4; *P2, K1, P2, K7; rep from * across, end last rep K4.

Rows 15, 17 & 19: Rep row 7.

Rows 16, 18, 20, & 22: Rep row 2.

Row 21: Rep row 1.

Row 23: P1; *ssk, K2, yo, P3, yo, K2, K2tog, P1; rep from * across row.

Row 24: K1; *P4, K3, P4, K1; rep from * across row.

Row 25: P1; *ssk, K1, yo, P5, yo, K1, K2tog, P1; rep from * across row.

Row 26: K1; *P3, K5, P3, K1; rep from * across row.

Row 27: P1; *ssk, yo, P7, yo, K2tog, P1; rep from * across row.

Row 28: K1; *P2, K7, P2, K1; rep from * across row.

Rep rows 1 - 28 for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: With circular needles, CO 241 sts. Work in garter stitch (K every row) for 15 rows, end wrong side.

Next Row: K1 (garter edge), [K1, P1] twice, K1, place marker (pm); beg with row 1, work oriel pattern across center 229 sts [19 reps of pattern], pm; [K1, P1] twice, K2.

Next Row: K1 (garter edge), [P1, K1] twice, P1, slip marker; work in oriel pattern as est across center 229 sts, slip marker; P1, [K1, P1] twice, P1, K1.

Cont in pat as est, slipping markers every row, keeping 1 st at each end in garter, keeping 5 sts before and after markers in 1X1 ribbing, and center 229 sts in oriel pattern, until piece measures 58" or desired length, edging with row 14 or 28 for best appearance. Remove markers. Work in garter stitch (K every row) for 14 rows. BO all sts as if to knit. Weave in ends. Block lightly as needed.

Abbreviations: K - knit; P - purl; sts - stitches; ssk - slip, slip, knit decrease; yo - yarn over;

K2tog - knit 2 sts together; rep - repeat

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***** "FELTED-IN-A-FLASH" BAG *****

Our thanks to Jennifer Ferrence for sharing her pattern!

MATERIALS: 100 yards Worsted weight feltable yarn; US size 10 (6.0 mm) 16" circular knitting needles plus one US size 10 dpn for 3-needle bind-off; stitch marker

GAUGE: not critical

INSTRUCTIONS: Cast on 60 stitches (sts). Join into a round, place marker. Work in garter stitch (knit 1 round, purl 1 round) for 8 rounds.

Round 9: *Knit 7, bind off 16 sts, Knit 7; repeat from * once.

Round 10: *Knit 7, turn work, cast on 16 sts using cable cast on method, turn work to continue round in original direction, Knit 7; repeat from * once.

Work in garter stitch for 6 more rounds, then work in stockinette stitch (knit every round) until the stockinette section measures 16". Fold piece in half and work 3-needle bindoff to finish. Sew in ends.

FELTING: Felt in washing machine with a few pair of jeans and a mild soap (jennifer recommends "Soak" brand). Use hot water, checking often during the agitation cycle so that you can stop the felting when the piece is the desired size. The bag can vary greatly in size, depending on the amount of felting. When the bag is felted as much as you would like it to be, turn the washer to the rinse cycle, as the cold water will stop the felting process. To remove most of the excess water, you may put the bag through the rinse cycle, but remove it immediately after the cycle is completed to avoid a crease. Happy felting!

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***** KATHY'S TEXTURED BLOCKS DISHCLOTH *****

Finished Measurement: 9" X 10.25"

Gauge: 5 sts / 7 rows - 1" in pattern stitch

Materials: US size 7 knitting needles; 110 yds. worsted weight 100% cotton yarn (CYCA yarn classification 4); stitch markers

Note: Slip markers every row.

Pattern Stitch (multiple of 12 + 9, stitch detail lower right)

Rows 1, 5, & 9 (right side): K1; place marker (pm) *P1, (K1, P1) twice, K1, P6; rep from * twice, P1, (K1, P1) three times, pm, K1.

Rows 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 14, 16, 18, 20, & 22: K1, work sts as they appear across row to last st, K1.

Rows 3 & 7: K1; *P2, (K1, P1) twice, P1, K5; rep from * twice, P2, (K1, P1) twice, P1, K1.

Rows 11 & 23: K.

Rows 12 & 24: K1, P across to last st, K1.

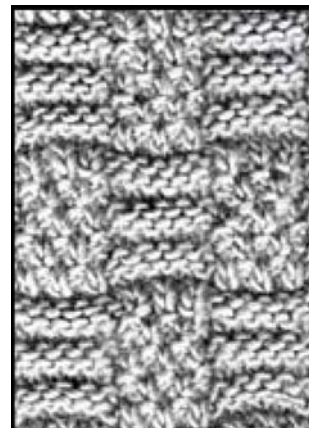
Rows 13, 17, & 21: K1, *P7, (K1, P1) twice, K1; rep from * twice; P7, K1.

Rows 15 & 19: K1; *P1, K5, P2, (K1, P1) twice; rep from * twice, P1, K5, P1, K1.

Repeat rows 1 - 24 for pattern.

Directions: Cast on 45 sts. Work in pat as est for approx. 10", ending with row 10 or 22 of the pattern stitch. Bind off all sts. Weave in ends.

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***** KATHY'S FINGERLESS MITTS *****

During cooler weather, you need something to keep your hands warm, but still need to have your fingers free. Fingerless mitts are the ideal solution, and they also make great gifts. Try a pair of these...

MATERIALS: 2 balls JO SHARP "Silkroad Aran Tweed" (200 yards heavy worsted weight) yarn; US size 7 double-pointed needles (dpns, set of five)

FINISHED SIZE: Adult's medium (approx. 8" around X 10" long)

GAUGE: 5.5 sts / 7 rows = 1" in pattern, slightly stretched

DIRECTIONS (make 2): Cast on 44 sts. Divide evenly with 11 sts on each of 4 dpns. Join, being careful not to twist sts.

Rounds 1 - 4: *K2, P2; repeat from * around.

Rounds 5 & 6: *P2, K2; repeat from * around.

Round 7: *K2, P2; repeat from * around.

Repeat round 7 until piece measures 6" total, end at marker.

Next round: Bind off 6 sts in ribbing for thumb opening, continue in rib as established.

Next Round: Cast on 6 sts over the bound-off sts. Continue in rib around.

Work in ribbing as established until piece is 8" long. Repeat rounds 5 & 6.

Repeat rounds 1 - 4 once. Bind off all sts in rib pattern. Weave in all ends.

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***** ONE-SKEIN "TREAT YOURSELF" SCARVES *****

Our sincere thanks to Jennifer Ferrence for sharing these patterns! Jen tells us that each pattern may also be done with two skeins, for a longer, more luxurious scarf.

MATERIALS (same for each scarf): One (or two) skeins of TRENDSETTER YARNS "Dune"; knitting needles US size 11 for Ruffled Ends Scarf, US size 13 for Square Lace Scarf; row counter

GAUGE: not critical

Ruffled Ends Scarf (two skein directions are in parentheses)

Cast On 48 stitches with size 11 needles.

Work in stockinette stitch for 6 rows.

Row 7: K2tog all the way across the row. (24 sts)

Row 8: Purl.

Row 9: K2tog all the way across the row. (12 sts)

Row 10: Knit.

Start short-row shaping by doing the following:

Row 11-33: K1, turn, P1, turn, K2, turn, P2, turn. Continue in this manner to K12.

Row 34: K1, P10, K1.

Row 35: K12.

Repeat rows 12 and 13 until scarf measures 9.5" (19") after the ruffle, about 70 (106) rows. End with a wrong side row. For those of you who, like me, obsess about using every last bit of yarn, you should have .875 oz of yarn remaining when starting the next section.

Complete other end ruffle as follows:

Rows 71-92 (107-128) K11, turn, P11, turn, K10, turn, P10, turn (continue in this way until you K1, turn, P1, turn).

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Row 93 (129): Knit in the front and the back of each stitch all the way across the row. (24 sts)

Row 94 (130): Purl

Row 95 (131): Knit in the front and the back of each stitch all the way across the row. (48 sts)

Work even in stockinette stitch for 6 rows.

Bind off and weave in ends.

Block. Scarf will curl slightly at sides.

Square Lace Scarf (shown lower right)

Cast on 13, 15, or 17 stitches with US size 13 needles.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: K1 *yo, K2tog* rep * to * end.

Row 4: Knit.

Repeat these 4 rows until you are nearly out of yarn or the scarf is long enough. Bind off and sew in ends.

Block if desired.

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What projects are our shopgals knitting for holiday gift giving? It seems that one and two-skein projects are the unanimous picks, and our gals are making them in multiple quantities for everyone on their list. Tracey has knit twelve sets of colorful, super bulky two-hour earflap hats and matching mittens (and still counting!); Kathy works fingerless mitts while riding her stationary bike (test knitting Lisa's new pattern) with plans for children's mittens & hats; Betty Lou has tallied four sets of legwarmers thus far; Joyce is working on her trademark Christmas stockings; Jen is making a special one-of-a-kind scarf for a friend, and Kelly, our felting maven, is felting bags, bags and more bags! Here's Betty Lou's pattern for legwarmers (shown upper left, in CLASSIC ELITE yarn) to help you knit the season. Thanks for sharing your pattern, Betty Lou!

***** BETTY LOU'S STRIPED LEGWARMERS *****

FINISHED SIZE: medium ladies' 14" long; 12" calf circumference

GAUGE: 4.5 sts / 6 rounds = 1" in pattern

MATERIALS: Worsted weight yarn in two colors (A & B), approx. 150 yards each; US size 7 double-pointed needles (dpns) or 12" circular knitting needle; tapestry needle for finishing

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 56 sts (14 sts on each needle if using dpns). Join, being careful not to twist sts.

With A, work K2, P2 ribbing in rounds for 1.25".

With B, K 8 rounds.

With A, work 1 round K1, P1 ribbing. K 7 rounds with A.

With B, work 1 round K1, P1 ribbing. K 5 rounds with B.

With A, work 1 round K1, P1 ribbing. K 3 rounds with A.

With B, work 1 round K1, P1 ribbing. K 2 rounds with B.

With A, work 1 round K1, P1 ribbing. K 1 round with A.

With B, work 1 round K1, P1 ribbing. K 7 rounds with B.

With A, work 1 round K1, P1 ribbing. K 6 rounds with A.

With B, work 1 round K1, P1 ribbing. K 7 rounds with B.

With A, work 1 round K1, P1 ribbing. K 1 round with A.

With B, work 1 round K1, P1 ribbing. K 2 rounds with B.

With A, work 1 round K1, P1 ribbing. K 3 rounds with A.

With B, work 1 round K1, P1 ribbing. K 5 rounds with B.

With A, work 1 round K1, P1 ribbing. K 7 rounds with A.

With B, work 1 round K1, P1 ribbing. K 7 rounds with B.

With A, K 1 round. Work in K2, P2 ribbing for 1.25". Bind off all sts in rib pat. Weave in all ends.

NOTE: Betty Lou twisted colors every round on the inside of the piece and carried them up the work, creating a faux back seam. You may wish to use more colors, and cut ends and re-join, weaving them in.

DESIGNS VARIATIONS: To make the leg warmers longer, add more rows in the middle of the work or add more ribbing to cuff at each end. Stripes may also be random, choosing to match the pair or not. For a wider calf, add sts in increments of 4 (4, 8, 12, etc.)

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***** "EWE" TUBE REVERSIBLE HAT *****

Sizes: Toddler (child's medium - adult small - adult large in parentheses)

Finished Head Circumference: 18.5" (20" - 21.5" - 23.25")

Materials: Knitting worsted weight yarn (CYCA 3) approx. 125 (150 - 175 - 200) yards solid color A and approx. 75 (100 - 125 - 150) yards self-stripping color B; 16" circular and double-pointed (dpns) needles US size 8; stitch marker; tapestry needle for finishing

Gauge: 5 sts / 7 rounds = 1" in stockinette stitch

Note: slip marker at beg of each round

Directions: With dpns & color A, beg at top end, cast on 23 (25 - 27 - 29) sts, leaving a 12" tail. Join, being careful not to twist sts; place marker.

Next Round: K, inc into the front & back of every stitch: 46 (50 - 54 - 58) sts.

Next Round: K into front & back of every stitch: 92 (100 - 108 - 116) sts. Change to circular needle. Continue to knit every round with color A until piece measures 14" (15" - 16" - 17") from beginning. Cut yarn; attach color B. Knit every round for an additional 5" (5.5" - 6" - 6.5"). Turn work inside out (purl side is the public side of work).

Next round: P2tog around: 46 (50 - 54 - 58) sts.

Next Round: P2tog around: 23 (25 - 27 - 29) sts. Cut yarn, leaving a 12" tail. Thread tail through tapestry needle. Draw through remaining sts and pull up tightly; fasten securely. Thread tail of cast-on end through tapestry needle; weave through cast-on edge and pull up tightly; fasten securely. Stuff one end inside the other and fold back cuff. This tube hat may be worn two ways, simply stuff the opposite end inside the other to change the look.



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***** THE SIDEWAYS SCARF FELTED (shown lower right) *****

Several years ago, our BROWN SHEEP sales rep Lois Walker introduced us to the sideways scarf, a simple garter stitch scarf worked lengthwise changing colors every row, adding fringe "as you go". We've re-visited this basic idea a couple of times,

substituting openwork or textures for the garter stitch for unique effects. And now, Lois has a new take on the idea - a felted version! Lois worked hers with some odds and ends of BROWN SHEEP monochromatic shades from her stash. She cautions us to use "Color Catcher" in the hot water to keep the colors bright and to check the felting often, separating the fringe to keep it from clumping together. Lois used a long-tail cast on, using two shades, one for the foundation and one for the loop on the needle.

Have fun -- we'd love to hear your success stories about this project.

FINISHED SIZE: approx. 5" X 62" after felting

MATERIALS: 325 yards BROWN SHEEP Lamb's Pride worsted weight (mixed colors); US 10.5 circular knitting needle 40" length; one sheet SHOUT "Color Catcher" (available in the laundry section of most supermarkets)

GAUGE: not critical

DIRECTIONS: Leaving a 6" - 8" tail at the beginning and with long-tail method, cast on 172 sts. Cut yarn, leaving a 6" - 8" tail. Knit 42 - 44 rows garter stitch (knit every row), always cutting yarn at the end of each row, leaving a 6" - 8" length at the beginning and end for fringe. Mix and match colors, varying the colors from 1 - 5 rows of each color. The width of the piece should be 8" - 9" before felting. Bind off loosely.

FELTING: Place scarf in zippered pillowcase. Set washing machine to smallest load and select hot water. Add one sheet "Color Catcher" and an old pair of jeans or tennis balls. Agitate 12 -15 minutes on regular cycle. Check every five minutes to separate fringe. When scarf reaches desired felting, remove from washer. Roll in towels to absorb water. Shape into

desired measurements and lay flat to air dry. Thanks, Lois!

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***** LACY MITTS *****

Our thanks to Betty Lou Glasso for sharing her beautiful lacy mitts pattern! The refined elegance of these mitts make them the perfect lightweight accessory for spring. Betty Lou worked her mitts with a subtly variegated blend of bamboo, merino wool and silk.

SIZE: instructions written for ladies' size medium to large

SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate

KNITTED MEASUREMENTS: 8" (around palm) X 7" long (cuff to top of mitt)

MATERIALS: CRYSTAL PALACE "Panda Silk" 2 balls (50 grams, 204 yards, fingering weight); one set of five US size 1 double-pointed needles (dpns); stitch markers; small 2" stitch holder

GAUGE: 40 sts / 48 rounds = 4" over lace pattern

HORSESHOE LACE PATTERN STITCH (multiple of 9 sts, abbreviations below)

Round 1: *P1, K7, P1; repeat from * around.

Round 2: *P1, yo, K2, SK2P, K2, yo, P1; rep from * around.

Rounds 3 & 5: Repeat round 1.

Round 4: *P1, K1, yo, K1, SK2P, K1, yo, K1, P1; rep from * around.

Round 6: *P1, K2, yo, SK2P, yo, K2, P1; rep from * around.

Repeat rounds 1 - 6 for pattern.

NOTES: Slip marker every round.

CUFF: Using one needle, cast on 72 sts. Divide sts evenly onto 4 needles (18 sts on each needle). Join, being careful not to twist sts; mark for beginning of round. Beg with round 1, work in horseshoe lace pattern stitch for 2.5".

Thumb Gusset:

Round 1: work 36 sts in pat, pm, m 1, pm, work in lace pat over rem 36 sts: 73 sts.

Rounds 2 & 3: work in pat to 1st marker, slip marker, K to 2nd marker, slip marker, work in pat to end.

Round 4: work in pat to 1st marker, slip marker, m 1, K to 2nd marker, m 1, slip marker, work in pat to end: 75 sts.

Repeat rounds 2 - 4 until 21 sts between markers, end with round 3: 93 sts.

Next Round: Work 36 sts in pat, remove marker, place 21 stockinette sts on holder, work rem 36 sts in pat: 72 sts.

Work in lace pat as established for approx. 2.5", end with round 6 of lace pattern.

Next Round: Bind off all sts in pat, working P2tog over P sts between lace columns.

Thumb: With right side facing & dpns, pick up & K 3 sts along hand section, place 5 sts onto 1st dpn (* sts on needle). Work 8 sts each on 2 dpns: 24 sts. K around for 1.25", then work K1, P1 around for 4 rounds. Bind off in pattern. Weave in all ends.

ABBREVIATIONS: K - knit; P - purl; st - stitch; rep - repeat; rem - remaining; pat - pattern; yo - yarn over needle; SK2P - slip one, knit two together, pass the slipped sts over the K2tog; pm - place marker; m 1 - (make one) increase 1 st by lifting up bar between two sts & K into the back of the bar

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***** WHELK PATTERN PLACEMAT & WASHCLOTH *****

FINISHED SIZE: 13" X 18" rectangle

MATERIALS: CLASSIC ELITE "Provence" one hank (100% mercerized Egyptian cotton, 100 grams, 205 yards); US size 6 (4.0 mm) knitting needles

GAUGE: 5.5 sts / 9 rows = 1"

Pattern Stitch (multiple of 4 + 3, shown lower right)

Row 1 (right side): K3; *slip 1 purlwise (as if to purl) wyib (with yarn in back), K3; repeat from * to end.

Row 2: K3; *slip 1 purlwise wyif (with yarn in front), K3; repeat from * to end.

Row 3: K1; * slip 1 purlwise wyib, K3; rep from * to last 2 sts, end slip 1 purlwise wyib, K1.

Row 4: P1, slip 1 purlwise wyif, *P3, slip 1 purlwise wyif; repeat from * to last st, P1.

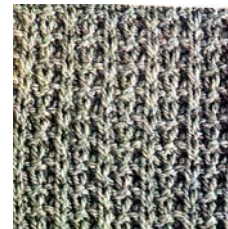
Repeat rows 1 - 4 for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 71 sts. K 3 rows. Work in whelk pattern until piece measures 17.75", end row 4. K 3 rows. Bind off all sts.

WASH CLOTH (8" x 8")

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 43 sts. K 3 rows. Work in whelk pattern until piece measures 7.75", end row 4. K 3 rows. Bind off all sts.

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***** DIAGONAL WASH CLOTH AND BABY BLANKET *****

Our thanks to Ginny T for inspiring Kathy's designs for a washcloth and baby blanket knit with an easy diagonal pattern.

DIAGONAL WASHCLOTH (finished measurement 8" X 8" approx.)

MATERIALS: One ball NEEDFUL YARNS "Cotton Joy" (100% cotton, 50 grams, 151 yards, 100% cotton); US size 6 knitting needles; stitch markers; tapestry needle for finishing

GAUGE: 6 sts = 1" in pattern with US 6 knitting needles

NOTES: Slip markers every row.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 3 sts. K next 3 rows, inc 1 st at beg of each row: 6 sts.

Row 1 (right side): K3, place marker; yarn over (yo), K to end.

Row 2: K3, place marker, yo, P to marker, K3.

Rows 3 & 4: repeat rows 1 & 2.

Row 5: K3, yo, K to end.

Row 6: K3, yo, K to end.

Rows 7 & 8: repeat rows 5 & 6.

Repeat increase rows 1 through 8 four times. If a larger wash cloth is desired, work one more repeat. Begin decreases:

Row 1 (right side): K3, place marker; knit 2 sts together (K2tog), K to end.

Row 2: K3, place marker, ssk (slip, slip, knit), P to marker, K3.

Rows 3 & 4: repeat rows 1 & 2.

Row 5: K3, k2tog, K to end.

Row 6: K3, ssk, K to end.

Rows 7 & 8: repeat rows 5 & 6.

Repeat decrease rows 1 - 8 until 6 sts remain. Dec 1 st at beg next 3 rows: 3 sts remain.

BO remaining 3 sts.

EASY DIAGONAL SQUARE BABY BLANKET (size will vary)

MATERIALS: 4 skeins PLYMOUTH Encore Worsted Weight (receiving blanket) or 6 skeins for larger blanket: US size 8 circular knitting needles 29" length for receiving blanket and 32"-36" length for larger blanket.

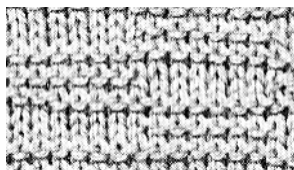
GAUGE: 5 sts = 1"

DIRECTIONS: CO 3 sts. Follow instructions for wash cloth, continuing to work increase rows until half of yarn is gone, ending on row 8 of increase pattern repeat. Work decrease rows with remainder of yarn, ending with row 8 of decrease pattern repeat. BO all sts.

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***** BABY BLANKETS *****

In the spirit of our "doubles" month, Kathy designed two baby blankets in our new UNIVERSAL Chunky yarns. The pattern stitches are uni-sex, so feel free to choose pink for girls, or blue for boys or neutrals / brights for either. Enjoy!

*** GARTER CHECK STITCH BABY BLANKET (stitch detail shown upper left)

FINISHED SIZE: approx. 32" X 36" (36" X 40" in parentheses)

MATERIALS: 7 balls UNIVERSAL YARNS "Chunky Classic LP " for receiving blanket or 9 balls for larger blanket: US size 10 circular knitting needles 29" length for receiving blanket and 32"-36" length for larger blanket.

GAUGE: 3.5 sts = 1"

PATTERN STITCH (shown upper right, multiple of 14 sts)

Rows 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 & 8: Purl.

Row 3: *K7, P7; repeat from * across.

Row 7: *P7, K7; repeat from * across.

Repeat rows 1- 8 for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 112 (126) sts. K 6 rows (garter border), end wrong side. Work in pat until piece measures 35" (39"), end row 8 of pat. K 6 rows. BO all sts. Weave in ends.

*** WOVEN GARTER CHECK STITCH BABY BLANKET (stitch detail shown lower right)

FINISHED SIZE: approx. 29" X 34" (38" X 40" in parentheses)

MATERIALS: 6 balls UNIVERSAL YARNS "Chunky Classic LP "(receiving blanket)or 9 balls for larger blanket: US size 10 circular knitting needles 29" length for receiving blanket and 32"-36" length for larger blanket.

GAUGE: 3.5 sts = 1"

PATTERN STITCH (stitch detail shown lower left, multiple of 20 sts)

Rows 1 - 4: *K10, P10; repeat from * across.

Row 5: P.

Rows 6 - 9: *P10, K10; repeat from 8 across.

Row 10: K.

Repeat rows 1- 10 for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 102 (132) sts. K 5 rows, end wrong side. K1, place marker, work in pat over center 100 (120) sts, pm, K1. Cont to keep 1 st at each end for garter border (K every row), work until piece measures 33" (39"), end row 10 of pat. K 5 rows,

BO all sts. Weave in ends.

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***** RAPTUROUS RIDGES FINGERLESS MITTS *****

Our thanks to Jennifer Ferrence, who shared this fingerless mitts pattern, inspired by a program on tuck stitch presented by Karen McCullough to the Laurel Highlands Knitting Guild. We think that she did a fantastic job on these clever mitts -- what a terrific example of trying something new on a small project. Thanks, Jen!

MATERIALS: approx. 72 yards lightweight bulky yarn in two colors (A & B); US size 9 (5.0 mm) double-pointed knitting needles (dpns); circular row counter; tapestry needle for finishing; Jen used REYNOLDS "Rapture" yarn (50% silk / 50% wool; 50 grams, 72 yards; CYCA 5)

GAUGE: 14 sts / 20 rows = 4" in stockinette

TUCK STITCH ROUND TIP: Jen says, "First, look at the wrong side of the knitted piece. You have several purl bump rows of color B. Below those you have a "bump" row of color A and a "bump" row of color B at the very bottom. You will be focusing on these very bottom color B "bumps".

1. Working from the right side of the mitt, insert the needle into the next stitch as if to knit.
2. Insert the working needle down the wrong side of the piece and pick up the purl bump 4 rows earlier in the same column. This should be the first row you worked with color B.
3. Place the purl bump onto the left-hand needle, and knit it together with the stitch you were starting to work.
4. Repeat steps 1-3 around. You should have a "ridge" of color B on the right side of work.

DIRECTIONS: With color A, cast on 30 sts & divide onto 4 dpns, joining into a round. Place marker for beginning of round.

Rounds 1 & 3: (Knit 1, Purl 1) around.

Rounds 2 & 4: (Purl 1, Knit 1) around.

Rounds 5 - 8 : Knit. Change to color B.

Rounds 9 - 12: With color B, knit.

Round 13: With color A, work tuck stitch round (see above).

Rounds 14 - 16: With color A, knit.

Rounds 17 - 24: Repeat rounds 9 - 16.

Rows 25 - 29: Repeat rows 9 - 13.

Rounds 30 - 40: With color A, knit.

Thumb Opening, right mitt:

Round 41: Knit 22, bind off 4 stitches, knit to end of round: 26 sts.

Round 42: Knit 22, cast on 5 stitches using the backward loop method, knit to end of round: 31 sts.

Thumb Opening, left mitt:

Round 41: Knit 4, bind off 4 stitches, knit to end of round: 26 sts.

Round 42: Knit 4, cast on 5 stitches using backward loop method, knit to end of round: 31 sts.

Top of mitt, same for both left and right:

Rounds 43 - 45: with color A, knit.

Rounds 46 - 49: with color B, knit.

Round 50: with color A, knit a tuck stitch round.

Rounds 51 & 53: with color A, (K1, P1) around to last stitch, K1.

Round 52: (P1, K1) around to last stitch, P1.

Bind off all stitches in seed stitch, following pattern row 52 stitch sequence. Weave in all ends with tapestry needle, closing any holes around thumb. Block lightly.

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***** HELEN'S RIBBED HAT *****

Our thanks to Helen Colclaser for sharing her ribbed hat pattern, which we've adapted. Members of her charity knitting group have knit dozens of these. Helen tells us they are very stretchy and will fit a variety of head sizes, from a large child to adult.

SIZE: One size fits all

GAUGE: 16 sts / 22 rows = 4" in rib pattern, slightly stretched

MATERIALS: CLASSIC ELITE "Montera" 2 hanks; US size 9 knitting needles; tapestry needle

Abbreviations: K - knit; P - purl; sts - stitches; K2tog - knit 2 sts together; P2tog - purl 2 sts together

PATTERN STITCH (multiple of 8 + 2)

Row 1 (wrong side): K1 (edge stitch); *P4, K4; repeat from * across row to last stitch, K1 (edge stitch).

Row 2: K1; *K4, P4; repeat from * across row to last stitch, K1.

Row 3: Repeat row 1.

Repeat rows 2 & 3 for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 82 sts. Work in pattern stitch until piece measures approx. 6" from beginning, end WS.

Shape crown:

Row 1: K1, *K1, K2tog, K1, P4; repeat from * across to last st, K1.

Row 2 and all WS rows: Work sts as they appear (K the K sts, P the P sts).

Row 3: K1; *K3, P1, P2tog, P1; repeat from * across to last st, K1.

Row 5: K1; *K2tog, K1, P3; repeat from * across to last st, K1.

Row 7: K1; *K2, P2tog, P1; repeat from * across to last st, K1.

Row 9: K1; *K2tog, P2; repeat from * across to last st, K1.

Row 11: K1; K1, P2tog; repeat from * across to last st, K1.

Row 13: K1; K2tog across to last st, K1.

FINISHING: Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through tapestry needle and draw through remaining sts, pull tightly to secure. Sew seams and weave in ends.

MATCHING SCARF BY KATHY

Kathy adds a scarf to make Helen's hat a duo, sized for standard & new wider look for fall 2008. Enjoy!

FINISHED SIZE: approx. 6.5" X 60" (10" X 66" in parentheses)

GAUGE: 16 sts / 22 rows = 4" in rib pattern, slightly stretched

MATERIALS: CLASSIC ELITE "Montera" 3 (5) hanks; US size 9 knitting needles

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 24 (40) sts. K 5 rows, inc 1 st at beg & end of last row: 26 (42) sts. Repeat rows 2 & 3 of pattern stitch until piece measures 1" less than desired length, end row 3 of pattern, dec 1 st at beg and end of last row: 24 (40) sts. K 4 rows. Bind off all sts knitwise (as if to knit). Weave in ends.

PATTERN STITCH VARIATION:

Row 1: K1; *K4, P4; repeat from * across row to last stitch, K1.

Row 2: K1; Work sts as they appear (K the K sts, P the P sts) to last st; K1.

Rows 4 - 8: Repeat rows 1 & 2.

Row 9: K1, *P4, K4; repeat from * across row to last stitch, K1.

Row 10: Repeat row 2.

Repeat rows 1 - 10 for pattern.

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***** GYPSY STITCH SCARF *****

FINISHED SIZE: 6.5" X 60"

MATERIALS: NASHUA HANDKNITS "Julia" worsted weight yarn 300 yards

US size 7 knitting needles; tapestry needle

GAUGE: With US 7 needles in pattern, 5 sts = 1"

GYPSY STITCH PATTERN (shown upper right, multiple of 6 + 3 + 2 edge)

Row 1 (RS): K 1 (edge); *K3, P3; repeat from * across to last 4 sts, end K3, K1 (edge).

Row 2: K 1 (edge)*P3, K3; repeat from * across to last 4 sts, end P3, K1 (edge).

Row 3: K 1 (edge) *yo (yarnover), slip 2 sts together as if to K, K1, pass the 2 slipped sts over the K1 (p2sso), yo, P3; repeat from * to last 4 sts, end yo, slip 2, K1, p2sso, yo, K1 (edge).

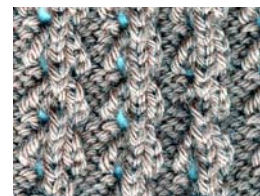
Row 4: K1 (edge) *P3, K3; repeat from * to last 4 sts, end P3, K1.

Repeat rows 1 - 4 for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 33 sts. Work 5 rows garter stitch (K every row), inc 1 st at each end on last row: 35 sts.

When piece measures 59" or desired length, end with row 4 of pattern. K 1 row, dec 1 st at each end: 33 sts. Work 4 rows of garter stitch. Bind off all sts as if to knit. Weave in ends with tapestry needle. Block lightly.

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***** BABY THUMBLESS MITTENS *****

Kathy designed these cute little handwarmers for wee ones with our new machine washable, cuddly soft, faux-chenille wool blend yarn.

SIZES: 3 - 6 months (6 - 9 months; 12 - 18 months in parentheses)

MATERIALS: 100 (150 - 200) yards SCHOELLER / STAHL "Fortissima Socka Teddy" DK weight superwash; one set each US sizes 2 and US 4 double-pointed needles (dpns); tapestry needle for weaving in ends

GAUGE: 6 stitches = 1"

DIRECTIONS: With smaller dpns, cast on 24 (26 - 28) sts. Join; being careful not to twist sts. Work in K1, P1 rib for 1" (1.5" - 2"), increasing 4 (4 - 6) sts evenly spaced across last row: 28 (32 - 36) sts. Change to larger size dpns. Work in stockinette stitch (K every round) until piece measures 3" (4" - 5") from beginning.

Shape top:

Round 1: *K1, K2tog [together], K9 (11 - 13), K2tog; repeat from * once.

Round 2: *K1, K2tog, K7 ((9 - 11), K2tog; repeat from * once.

Round 3: *K1, K2tog, K5 (7 - 9), K2tog; repeat from * once.

Round 4: *K1, K2tog, K3 (5 - 7), K2tog; repeat from * once.

Divide remaining 12 (16 - 20) sts evenly on 2 dpns & weave sts together for mitten tip.

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*** THE LITTLE SCARF THAT HOOD ***

Scarves with hoods are an upcoming hot fashion accessory for cooler weather ahead. Get started early on your holiday gift list -- your friends and family will be very impressed that you are so fashion-savvy. As a stash buster, try working this with two strands of worsted weight yarns or mix a ribbon with lightweight mohair (about 450 yards needed for project).

MATERIALS: TRENDSETTER "Dune" 5 balls; US size 10 & US size 15 needles; tapestry needle; small pins; tapestry needle for finishing

GAUGE: approx. 3.5 sts = 1" (not critical); scarf measures 10" X 66" approximate

Abbreviations: BO - bind off; CO - cast on; pat as est - pattern as established; sts - stitches; eor - every other row

DIRECTIONS: With smaller needles, cast on 35 sts. *Knit 6 rows (3 ridges) with US 10 needles, knit 2 rows with US 15 needles, knit 6 rows with US 10 needles, knit 6 rows with US 15 needles. Repeat from * until piece measures 21", end right side.

Shape hood: CO 2 stitches at marked edge three times: 41 sts. Place small pin at shaped edge to mark for seaming. Work even for 6". At marked edge, BO 1 st at beg of row and every 4th row twice, then every other row 6 times. Cont to work all BO sts at marked edge, BO 2 sts twice, 3 sts once, 5 sts once, then 17 sts once: 5 sts. Cont in pat as est, work 1 row even. At marked edge, CO 17 sts once, 5 sts once, 3 sts once, 2 sts twice, 1 st eor 6 times, then 1 st every 4th row 3 times: 41 sts. Work even for 6", end at marked edge. Place pin to mark for seaming. BO 2 sts at marked edge eor 3 times: 35 sts. Work in pat as est until piece measures 21". BO all sts. Even edge forms the front edge of the hooded scarf. Fold piece in half and sew back hood seam (shaped edge) between small pins. Block lightly, if needed.

*** A LITTLE OF THIS, A LITTLE OF THAT TRIANGULAR SHAWL ***

MATERIALS: 350 yards lightweight bulky alpaca yarn (A); 200 yards lightweight bulky mohair yarn (B) ; 100 yards lightweight bulky ribbon yarn (C); US size 10.5 circular knitting needle 32" length; stitch markers

Abbreviations - ssk (slip 2 sts together as if to knit, knit 2 together through the front loops); K2tog - knit 2 stitches together

GAUGE: 3 sts / 6.5 rows = 1" in pattern stitch

NOTES: Carry unused yarns up side of work when not in use. Slip markers every row.

PATTERN STITCH (not shown)

Rows 1, 2 & 4: With B, Knit.

Row 3: With B, K1; *yarnover (yo), ssk across.

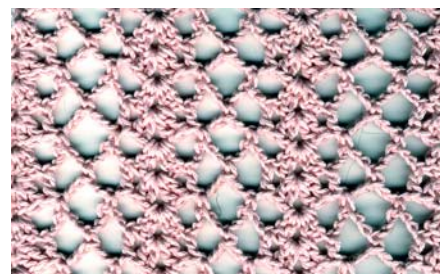
Rows 5 & 6: With C, knit.

Rows 7 - 12: With A, knit.

Repeat these 12 rows for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: With circ needle & yarn A, CO 251 sts. K 5 rows, end WS, placing marker before and after center stitch of piece (stitch #126). Work in pattern stitch (see notes), dec 1 st on each side of marked center stitch EOR
ON RIGHT SIDE

by working sssk before marker, K center stitch, K2tog together after marker. At end of EACH row, end K2tog and always slip the first stitch of every row as if to knit. Work in pattern stitch until 3 sts remain. Bind off. Add fringe, if desired (will need additional quantities of yarn for fringe).



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*** HIT THE SLOPES QUICK KNIT HAT ***

Thick, ribbed hats are quite popular, as well as practical. This winter warmer was inspired by our new multi-color super chunky yarn, NATURALLY NZ "Aspire" (\$28.95, 200 grams, 145 yards, 70% NZ wool / 30% alpaca).

SIZES: Ladies' small (medium - large in parentheses)

FINISHED HEAD CIRCUMFERENCE: 19" (20.75" - 22.5")

MATERIALS: NATURALLY NZ "Aspire" approx. 60 (75 - 80) yards; US size 15 knitting needles in 16" length and double-pointed (dpns) OR SIZE NEEDED TO OBTAIN

GAUGE; tapestry needle for finishing

GAUGE: 10 sts / 12 rows = 4" over K1, P1 rib, slightly stretched with US 15 needle

TAKE TIME TO SAVE TIME, CHECK YOUR GAUGE

DIRECTIONS: With circular needle, cast on 48 (52 - 56) sts. Work in rounds of K1, P1 for 6.5" (7" - 7.5"). Change to dpns. Shape crown:

Round 1: *K1, K2tog (knit two stitches together); repeat from * around.

Round 2: Knit.

Round 3: K2tog around.

Round 4: Knit.

Round 5: K2tog around.

Cut yarn, leaving an 8" tail. Draw through remaining sts and pull tightly. Secure & weave in ends.

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*** ALISEO FINGERLESS RIBBED MITTS ***

SIZE: Adult's One Size Fits All

MATERIALS: FILATURA DI CROSA "Aliseo" two balls; set of five US size 7 double-pointed needles OR SIZE NEEDED TO OBTAIN GAUGE; stitch marker; tapestry needle for finishing

GAUGE: approx. 5 sts / 7 rows in stockinette stitch

2X2 Ribbing

All rounds: "K2, P2; repeat from * around.

DIRECTIONS(make 2): Cast on 44 sts. Divide onto four needles (11 sts per needle); place marker & join, being careful not to twist sts. Work in rounds of 2X2 ribbing until piece measures 7" or desired length to thumb opening, end at marker.

Next Round: Bind off the first 8 sts in ribbing, continue around in rib pattern as established.

Next Round: Cast on 8 sts over the bound-off sts. Continue in ribbing as established.

Work in rib pattern until total length is 10" or desired length. Bind off loosely in ribbing. Weave in all ends with tapestry needle.

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*** LAST-MINUTE RIBBED HAT ***

SIZES: Toddler's (child's - adult small - adult medium - adult large in parentheses)

MATERIALS: 100 (150 - 175 - 200 - 225) yards worsted weight yarn; US size 7 16" circular
needle & double-pointed needles (dpns); stitch marker

GAUGE: approx. 5 sts = 1" in stockinette stitch

DIRECTIONS: With circular needles, cast on 88 (92 - 96 - 100 - 104) stitches. Place marker; join, being careful not to twist stitches. Work in K2, P2 ribbing until piece measures 6" (6.5" - 7" - 7.5" - 8"), ending at marker. Work crown, changing to dpns as needed.

Round 1: *K2, P2tog (purl 2 sts together); repeat from * around.

Rounds 2 & 3: *K2, P1; repeat from * around.

Round 4: *K2tog (knit 2 sts together), P1; repeat from * around.

Round 5: *K1, P1; repeat from * around.

Rounds 6 & 7: *K2tog; repeat from * around. Cut tail, leaving a 12" tail. Weave through remaining stitches, pull up tightly and secure. Weave in ends.

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*** ALAN'S PATTERN SCARF (finished size 7" X 64") ***

Kathy designed this winter warmer scarf and home dec projects from a fascinating, easy-to-knit textured pattern stitch, Alan's Pattern.

GAUGE: 5 sts / 7 rows = 1"

MATERIALS: PLYMOUTH "Galway" 3 skeins (approx. 600 yards); US size 8 knitting needles;
stitch markers

PATTERN STITCH (multiple of 8 sts, stitch detail shown lower right)

Row 1 (right side): K.

Row 2: *K4; P4; repeat from * across row.

Row 3: *K4, P4; repeat from * across row.

Row 4: K.

Row 5: *K4, P4; repeat from * across.

Row 6: *K4, P4; repeat from * across.

Row 7: K.

Row 8: *P4, K4; repeat from * across row.

Row 9: *P4, K4; repeat from * across row.

Row 10: K.

Row 11: *P4, K4; repeat from * across row.

Row 12: *P4, K4; repeat from * across row.

Repeat rows 1 - 12 for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: With US 8 needles, cast on 34 sts. K 7 rows, end wrong side.

Set-up Row (right side): K5, pm; beg with row 1, work pattern stitch across 24 sts (three pattern repeats), pm; K5. Keeping 5 sts before and after markers as garter edge (K every row), work in pattern until piece measures 63" or desired length. Remove markers. K 7 rows. Bind off all sts as if to knit. Weave in ends. Block to measurements.

*** ALAN'S PATTERN DISHCLOTH (approx. 7.5" X 7.5") ***

GAUGE: 4.5 sts / 6.5 rows = 1"

MATERIALS: PLYMOUTH "Fantasy Naturale" 100% cotton 1 skein: US size 8 knitting needles

DIRECTIONS: With US 8 needles, cast on 34 sts. K 5 rows, end wrong side.

Set-up Row (right side): K5, pm; beg with row 1, work pattern stitch across 24 sts (three pattern repeats), pm; K5.

Keeping 5 sts before & after markers as garter edge (K every row), work in pattern until piece measures approx. 7".

Remove markers. K 5 rows. Bind off all sts as if to knit. Weave in ends.

*** ALAN'S PATTERN AFGHAN (finished size 48.5" X 60") ***

GAUGE: 5 sts / 7 rows = 1"

MATERIALS: PLYMOUTH "Encore Worsted Weight" 12 skeins (approx. 2400 yards); US size 8
circular knitting needle 36" or 40" length; stitch markers

DIRECTIONS: With US 8 circular needle, cast on 242 sts. K 7 rows, end wrong side.

Set-up Row (right side): K5, pm; beg with row 1, work in pattern stitch across 232 sts (nine pattern repeats), pm; K5.

Keeping 5 sts before and after markers as garter edge (K every row), work in pattern until piece measures 60" or desired length. Remove markers. K 7 rows. Bind off all sts as if to knit. Weave in ends. Block to measurements.

Abbreviations: beg - beginning; K - knit; P - purl; pm - place marker;
sts - stitches

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*** KATHY'S FAUX BRIOCHE RIB SCARF & HAT ***

HAT SIZE: Adult's medium (large in parentheses) to fit head circumference 22" (23.5")

SCARF: 7.5" X 60"

MATERIALS: ROWAN "Purelife Organic Wool DK" 300 yards for scarf, 125 (135) yards for hat; US sizes 4 & 6 knitting needles; tapestry needle for finishing

GAUGE: 22 sts / 30 rows = 4" in pattern, using size US 6 knitting needles

PATTERN STITCH (multiple of 4 + 1)

Row 1 (wrong side, WS): K2, P1; *K3, P1; repeat from * across row, end K2.

Row 1 (right side, RS): P1; *K3, P1; repeat from * across row.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 for pattern.

HAT DIRECTIONS (worked flat, back & forth)

With smaller needles, cast on 121 (129) sts. Work in pattern stitch for 1" (1.25"). Change to larger needles. Continue in pattern until work measures approx. 6" (6.25"), end WS.

Shape crown:

Row 1 (RS): P1, *ssk (slip, slip, knit decrease), K1, P1; repeat from * across row: 91 (97) sts.

Row 2 & all even-numbered rows: *K2, P1; repeat from * across row, end K1.

Row 3: P1; *K2tog, P1; repeat from * across row: 61 (65) sts.

Row 4: *K1, P1; repeat from * across to last st, K1.

Row 5: K1, *K2tog (knit 2 sts together); repeat from * across: 31 (33) sts.

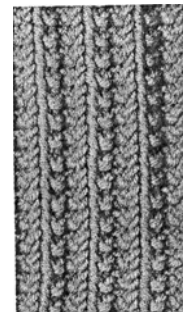
Cut yarn, leaving a 12" tail. Draw through remaining sts & pull up tightly to secure. Sew seam. Weave in end.

SCARF DIRECTIONS (worked flat, back & forth)

With larger needles, cast on 41 sts. Work in faux brioche rib pattern until piece measures 60" or desired length. Bind off all sts in pattern. Cut yarn.

Weave in ends.

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*** BETTY LOU'S STASH BUSTER BABY HAT (photo unavailable) ***

SIZES: 6 - 12 months (1 - 2 years; 2 - 4 years in parentheses)

HEAD CIRCUMFERENCE: 14" (16" - 18")

MATERIALS: Worsted weight yarn, approx. 50 yards main color (MC), 15 yards each three contrasting colors (A, B, C): US size 7 circular needle 16" & dpns OR SIZE

NEEDED TO OBTAIN GAUGE; stitch marker; tapestry needle for finishing

GAUGE: 20 sts = 4" in stockinette stitch

PATTERN STITCH (worked circularly)

Round 1: Knit.

Round 2: K2, P2; repeat from * around.

Repeat rounds 1 & 2 for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: With MC & circ needle, cast on 72 (80 - 88) sts. Join, being careful not to twist sts, place marker. Knit every round for 1.25". With MC, work in pattern stitch for 1", end with round 2. With A, K 1 round, P1 round. With B, K 2 rounds. With A, K1 round, P 1 round. With C, work in pattern stitch for 2" (2.5" - 3"). With A, K1 round, P 1 round. With B, K 2 rounds. With A, K1 round, P 1 rounds. With MC, K 2 rounds.

SHAPE CROWN (use MC for crown):

Round 1: *K6, K2tog; repeat from * around: 63 (70 - 77) sts.

Round 2: *K5, K2 tog; repeat from * around: 54 (60 - 66) sts.

Round 3: K.

Change to double-pointed needles.

Round 4: *K4, K2tog; repeat from * around: 45 (50 - 55) sts.

Round 5: K.

Round 6: *K3, K2tog; repeat from * around: 36 (40 - 44) sts.

Rounds 7 & 8: K.

Round 9: *K2, K2tog; repeat from * around: 27 (30 - 33) sts.

Round 10: K.

Round 11: *K1, K2tog; repeat from * around: 18 (20 - 22) sts.

Round 12: K2 tog around: 9 (10 - 11) sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through remaining sts with tapestry needle.

Secure and weave in tail. We thank to Betty Lou for sharing her pattern.

Abbreviations: K - knit; K2tog - knit 2 sts together; P - purl; sts - stitches

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*** "BEAUTIFUL TEXTURES" RIBBED STOLE ***

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS: approx. 12" wide X 72" long

MATERIALS: NASHUA HANDKNITS "Creative Focus Silk" 7 balls (approx. 840 yards);

US size 6 knitting needles

OPTIONAL: purchase approx. 100 yards additional yarn for fringe, if desired

GAUGE: With US size 6 needles in pattern stitch, 21 sts / 28 rows = 4"

PATTERN STITCH (multiple of 10 + 1)

Row 1 (RS): slip 1 as if to purl; *P3, K3, P3, slip 1 as if to purl; repeat from * across.

Row 2: P1; *K3, P1, K1, P1, K3, P1; repeat from * across.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 for pattern.

With US size 6 & cable cast-on method, cast on 61 sts. Work in pattern stitch until piece measures 72" or desired length, end with row 1 of pattern stitch. Bind off all sts in rib pattern. Weave in ends. Add fringe (optional).

Abbreviations: K - knit; P - purl; sts - stitches

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*** KATHY'S SPRING BLOOMS ***

Kathy challenges you to try this textured stitch which looks like spring buds.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS: 8" X 8" dishcloth; 12" X 60" table runner

MATERIALS: NASHUA HANDKNITS "Creative Focus Cotton" 100% cotton, one ball (93 yards) for dishcloth, 900 yards for table runner (10 balls) ; US size 7 knitting needles

GAUGE: 5 sts / 7 rows = 1"

LITTLE CROWN PATTERN (multiple of 3 + 2, pattern stitch detail lower left)

Row 1 (right side): Knit.

Row 2: Knit.

Row 3: K 1; knit to the last stitch, wrapping yarn around needle twice for each stitch, K1.

Row 4: K1; *pass next 3 sts to right-hand needle dropping extra loops, pass these 3 stitches back to left-hand needle, K1, P1, K1 through the 3 sts together; repeat from * to last stitch, end K1.

DISHCLOTH DIRECTIONS: Cast on 41 sts. Knit one row. Work in pattern stitch until piece measures 7.5", end row 4 of pattern. Knit 3 rows. Bind off all sts as if to knit.

TABLE RUNNER DIRECTIONS: Cast on 62 sts. Knit 5 rows. Work in pattern stitch until piece measures 59" or 1" less than desired length. Knit 7 rows. Bind off all stitches as if to knit. Block to measurements.

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*** KATHY'S FAVORITE MARKET BAG TO KNIT ***

From June through September, we have a wonderful Country Market in Ligonier every Saturday morning from 8 am - 12 noon featuring crafts, baked goods, plants, produce, food booths, and much more. This stretchy tote is ideal for farmer's market or grocery shopping -- you'll want to make more than one!

SIZE: approx. 15" high (excluding handles) X 15" diameter

MATERIALS: Worsted weight yarn (CYCA yarn classification 4) approx. 500 yards; US size 9 knitting needle, straight and 24" circular; two small holders; tapestry needle for finishing

(Kathy's sample worked in NASHUA HANDKNITS "Cilantro" 70% cotton / 30% polyester)

GAUGE: approx. 4.5 sts / 6 rows = 1" in dropped seed stitch pattern

SEED STITCH (All rows, uneven number of stitches) K1; *P1, K1; repeat from * across row.

DROPPED SEED PATTERN STITCH (multiple of 2, worked circularly)

Rows 1 & 3: * K1, P1; repeat from * around.

Row 2: *P1, K1; repeat from * around.

Row 4: Knit around, working each stitch by wrapping it twice.

Row 5: Dropping extra wrap, *K1, P1; repeat from * around.

Rows 6 & 7 : Repeat rows 2 & 3.

Repeat rows 4 - 7 for pattern stitch.

Directions: BASE (3" wide X 12") : With straight needles, cast on 13 sts. Work in seed stitch until piece measures approx. 12" in length (72 rows). Bind off all sts in pattern.

Body of bag: With circular knitting needles & beginning at cast-on edge of base, pick up & knits sts along edges of base as follows: 13 sts at cast-on edge, 54 sts along side edge, 13 sts along bound-off edge, 54 sts along side edge: 134 sts. Worked in rounds of dropped seed stitch pattern until piece measures 15" or desired length above base.

Top: Repeat rows 2 & 3 three times.

Handles: Bind 4 sts, K 5 sts & place on hold, bind off remaining sts. Place 5 sts back onto straight needles. Work back & forth in seed stitch pattern until handle measures 24" or desired length. Bind off in pattern.

Sew bound off edge to opposite end of bag. Weave in ends.

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*** STOCKINETTE FINGERLESS MITTENS ***

SIZE: Ladies' medium, one size fits all

MATERIALS: CLASSIC ELITE "Montera" 2 hanks (approx. 150 yards light bulky weight yarn, CYCA yarn classification 4), double-pointed knitting needles (dpns), US #8 & #9; tapestry needle for finishing

GAUGE: approx. 4 sts / 6 rows = 1" in stockinette stitch, with US size 9 needles

DIRECTIONS: With smaller dpns, cast on 30 sts. Join, place marker (pm), being careful not to twist work. Work K1, P1 ribbing in rounds for 3". Change to larger dpns and knit 5 rounds.

Begin thumb gusset: K 14 sts, pm; inc 1 st in each of next 2 sts, pm, K remaining 14 sts.

Knit 1 round.

Round 1: K to first marker, slip marker & increase in next st, knit to 1 st before 2nd marker, increase in next stitch, slip marker, K to end.

Round 2: Knit around without increasing.

Repeat rounds 1 & 2, inc 2 sts between markers every other round as established until there are 14 sts between markers, end with round 2.

Thumb: Working on 14 sts between markers ONLY, knit in rounds for 1". Work in K1, P1 rib for 2 rounds. Bind off all sts. Cut tail and sew thumb.

Hand: K across 14 sts, pick up 2 sts at base of thumb, knit to end. K all rounds on 30 sts until piece measures 4" or desired length above cuff. Work in rounds of K1, P1 for 2". Bind off all sts in rib pattern.

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*** YARN-TASTING BOOKMARKS FROM JENNIFER FERRENCE ***

Inspired by our recent "yarn tastings", Jen shared these bookmarks with us, for you to enjoy, too. Choose one of your samples (or something from your stash!) and create a functional swatch that you can use to mark the page of your favorite work of fiction or nonfiction. Thank you, Jen -- clever idea!

Materials: US Size 8 knitting needles; "Taste" of new Fall yarns (each 25 yard sample will make one bookmark)

A Nod to the Classics

With needles and yarn sample, cast on 10 stitches.

Every row: (K1, P1) to end.

Repeat this simple rib pattern until your bookmark is the length you'd like it to be.

You may choose to create a tassel or fringe with any remaining yarn from the sample.

Essay on The Seeds of Nature

Featuring a knitted fringe, inspired by a Chris Bylsma workshop on dropped stitches.

With yarn sample and needles, cast on 40 stitches.

Row 1: (K1,P1) to last 4 stitches; knit 4.

Row 2: Purl 4; (P1, K1) to end.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 to desired width of bookmark.

Be sure you have just completed Row 2 of the pattern, then Bind Off all but the last 3 stitches, following the pattern stitches of Row 1.

Leave the 3 live stitches on your left needle and finish off the Bind Off, allowing about 6 inches at the tail end of the yarn to weave in later as part of the fringe.

Now for the fun part! Create the knitted fringe by dropping the 3 remaining stitches off of the left-hand needle.

Unravel them completely, and admire your looped fringe! Tie a knot at the base of each loop to secure. You can use the tail of the BO to create another loop. Block if necessary to straighten and smoothe the fringe.

What's Life Without a Little Romance Novel?

- *Abbreviations:*

K2tog: Knit two stitches together as one.

yo: yarn over by bringing the yarn to the front of the work as if to purl

With needles and yarn sample, cast on 7 stitches.

Knit 2 rows.

Row 3: K1, K2tog, K1, yo, K2tog, K1.

Row 4: Purl..

Rows 5 and 6: Knit

Repeat rows 3 through 6 to desired length.

Knit 2 rows.

Bind off. Block lightly, if needed.

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*** KATHY'S EASY RIB SCARF ***

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS: approx. 7" X 64"

MATERIALS: Worsted weight yarn 600 yards (sample knit with MANOS DEL URAGUAY Rittenhouse Merino 5-Ply 3 balls); US size 8 knitting needles or size needed to obtain gauge



NOTE: for best results when working with kettle-dyed yarns, alternate three balls when knitting (every row)

GAUGE: 6 sts / 7 rows = 1", slightly stretched, after blocking

PATTERN STITCH (multiple of 12 + 7, stitch detail lower right):

Row 1 (right side): K3, *P1, K2, P3, K1, P3, K2; repeat from * across row to last 4 sts, end P1, K3.

Row 2: P3, *K1, P2, K3, P1, K3, P2; repeat from * across to last 4 sts, end K1, P3.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: With US 8 needles, cast on 43 sts.

Set-up row (wrong side): P3, *K1, P2, K3, P1, K3, P2; repeat from * across to last 4 sts, end K1, P3.

Continue with US 8 needles and work in pattern stitch (see note for working with kettle-dyed yarns) until piece measures 64" or desired length. Bind off all stitches.

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*** JANE'S HELIX HAT ***

This hat was presented as a program to the Laurel Highlands Knitting Guild by Jane Armstrong. Jane tells us that she adapted this pattern from a variation, and has made several for charity. Her CAPS FOR KIDS hats can be found on our "We Care" tree. Thanks for sharing this "recipe" with us, Jane!

MATERIALS: Worsted weight yarn in three contrasting colors, approx. 75 yards each (main color MC, A & B); US size 6 & US size 7 circular knitting needles 16" length; US size 7 double-pointed needles (dpns); stitch marker

FINISHED SIZE: Head circumference approx. 20" when finished (child's medium to large)

GAUGE: approx. 5 sts / 7 rounds per inch

DIRECTIONS: With main color (MC) & smaller circular needles, cast on 80 stitches. Place marker & join, being careful not to twist stitches. Work in K1, P1 or K2, P2 ribbing of choice for 1". If a fold-back cuff is desired, work for 3".

When ribbing is the desired length, change to larger circular needle. Knit 1 round in MC, increasing 4 stitches evenly spaced: 84 sts.

Next round: Knit 21 sts (1/4 of the total number of stitches) in MC, weaving in color A on the 21st stitch. Knit the next 42 stitches (1/2 of the total) with color A. Weave in color B on the 42nd stitch. Knit with color B until you reach the MC hanging down (42 more stitches or 1/2 the total). Pick up MC, making sure the last stitch of color A and the first stitch of color B are loose knit on to the next tail. Do NOT twist colors, just pick up the hanging yarn and knit on. Continue in this manner picking up the colors as you come to them and knitting around piece measures approx. 6" from beginning cast on round.

Crown Shaping (7-point decrease), continuing color sequence changing

Round 1: *Knit 10, K2tog (knit 2 together); repeat from * around.

Round 2: Knit.

Round 3: *K9, K2tog; repeat from 8 around.

Round 4: Knit.

Change to dpns when necessary. Continue to decrease in this manner, working one less stitch between decreases on every other round until 42 stitches remain, then decrease every round. "At about K4, K2tog, cut the color A and weave it in. Repeat with color B, & work remainder of hat with MC. Decrease down to K2tog all around"..

Cut yarn, leaving an 8" tail. Draw the tail through the remaining stitches and pull up tightly. Weave in all ends.

Add pompom or embellishment, if desired.

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*** COLOR STRIPE SCARF ***

This easy 1X1 ribbed scarf was shared with us by Barbara McIntire (shown right). She adapted it from the generic 1X1 ribbed scarf mentioned in a 2007 blog by Jared Flood. We think it is an interesting use of self-stripping yarns and our shop model in progress is worked with two complementary shades of CRYSTAL PALACE "Mochi Plus" yarn introduced last spring (\$8.95, 50 grams, 95 yards, 80% merino wool / 20% nylon, CYCA yarn classification 4).

SIZE: Approx. 6" X 64", rib slightly stretched

MATERIALS: 200 yards each worsted weight self-stripping yarn in two complementary contrasting colors; US size 9 knitting needles OR SIZE NEEDED TO OBTAIN GAUGE

GAUGE: 5.5 sts / 7.5 rows = 1" in rib pattern stitch (not critical)

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 34 stitches.

Pattern Row (all rows): slip 1 st as if to purl, knit 1, *purl 1, knit 1; repeat from * across to end.

Work in pattern, changing colors every 2nd row, until piece measures 64" or desired length. Bind off all sts in rib pattern. Weave in all ends. Thanks, Barbara!



*** RIBBED WATCH CAP ***

MATERIALS: 200 yards PLYMOUTH ENCORE TWEED worsted weight yarn; US size 6 circular knitting needle 16" length; US size 6 double-pointed knitting needles (dpns); stitch marker; tapestry needle for finishing

GAUGE: 5 stitches / 7 rounds = 1" in stockinette stitch

APPROXIMATE FINISHED SIZES: small to fit large child (medium to fit average adult and large to fit large adult in parentheses); will stretch to fit

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 108 (116 - 124) sts. Join; being careful not to twist stitches. Work in K2, P2 ribbing for 3". Begin pattern:

Round 1: Knit all stitches.

Round 2: *K2, P2; rep from * around.

Repeat these two round until piece measures 7" (8" -9"), end with round 2 of pattern.

Corwn Shaping (change to dpns when necessary):

First decrease round: *K2, P2tog (purl 2 together); repeat from * around: 81 (87 - 93) sts. Work in K2, P1 ribbing for 4 rounds.

Second decrease round: *K2tog (knit 2 together), P1; repeat from * around: 54 (58 - 62) sts. Work in K1, P1 ribbing for 3 rounds.

Third decrease round: *K2tog; repeat from * around: 27 (29 - 31) sts. Knit 1 round.

Fourth decrease round: *K2tog; repeat from * around, end K1: 14 (15 - 16) sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a tail about 6" long. Thread tail through remaining stitches, pulling up tightly. Fasten off, Weave in tail. Turn back cuff folded up about 1 - 1.5".

ADDITIONAL SIZING: To adjust size, add or subtract in multiple of 4 stitches.

DESIGN OPTIONS: Substitute a self-stripping wool for a colorful but easy variation (Manos Wool Classica would be warm and cozy), or do some stash busting by using leftover odds and ends of worsted weight yarns.

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*** KNITTED ELFIN HAT ***

Thanks to our many customers who filled the branches of our "We Care" tree with 114 handknit and crocheted "gifts". The hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves were donated to the Laurel Highlands Knitting Guild Caps For Kids project, and were distributed to area food banks. Your hats not only helped the guild achieve their goal of over 500 items (actual total 568 items), but will keep needy area children warm this winter. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated.

The hat which travelled the greatest distance was handknit by LHKG member Sheila Ryle of Maidenhead, Berks, England (shown right). Sheila has kindly shared her pattern. We think it would look terrific in team colors, especially black & gold. Thank you, Sheila!



MATERIALS: 92 meters / 100 yards Aran weight yarn (CYCA yarn classification 4);

knitting needles US 9 (5.0 mm); stitch markers

SIZE: Child's medium. Sheila suggests adjusting the yarn and needle size for a larger hat. Adjust length by working more pattern repeats. Adjust width by working more panel repeats. For child's size, Sheila cast on 6 panels / 120 stitches; for larger size, you may use 7 panels / 140 stitches, etc.

GAUGE: 18 sts / 34 rows = 10 cm (4") in garter stitch

NOTE: Instructions for one panel are given; repeat instructions for as many panels as needed. Sheila recommends using stitch markers to separate each panel because the garter stitch makes it difficult to see the crown shaping. Slip markers on each row.

INSTRUCTION FOR ONE PANEL

Cast on 20 sts.

Rows 1 & 2: Knit.

Row 3: Knit twice (Knit into the front & back) of the first 2 sts, K4, K2tog twice, skp (slip 1, knit 1, pass the slipped stitch over the knit 1) twice, K4, knit twice into the next 2 stitches.

Row 4: Knit.

Repeat rows 3 & 4 twelve more times (28 rows total from beginning)

Shape crown:

Row 29: Knit twice into the first st, K5, K2tog twice, skp twice, K5, Knit twice into the next stitch: 18 sts.

Row 30 and every even-numbered row: Knit.

Row 31: Knit twice into the first st, K4, K2tog twice, skp twice, K4, Knit twice into the next stitch: 16 sts.

Row 33: Knit twice into the first st, K3, K2tog twice, skp twice, K3, Knit twice into the next stitch: 14 sts.

Row 35: Knit twice into the first st, K2, K2tog twice, skp twice, K2, Knit twice into the next st: 12 sts.

Row 37: Knit 2, K2tog twice, skp twice, K2: 8 sts.

Row 39: K2tog twice, skp twice: 4 sts.

Row 41: K2tog twice: 2 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. With tapestry needle, thread the tail through the remaining stitches and sew the seam.

Optional: Sheila worked an I-cord topknot on her hat; a braid or small pompom would also be wonderful embellishments.

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*** TWIN RIB SCARF ***

Eleanor Swogger gave us the idea for this versatile, but cozy traditional winter warmer -- the simple pattern stitch makes it perfect for guys or gals. Thanks, Eleanor!

MATERIALS: KRAEMER YARNS "Perfection" 3 balls (approx. 500 yards worsted weight); US size 8 knitting needles

SIZE: 7" X 63" (sized for adult's unisex)

GAUGE: 5.5 sts / 7 rows = 1" in pattern stitch

TWIN RIB PATTERN (multiple of 6 + 3)

Row 1 (right side): K 3; *P3, K3; repeat from * across row.

Row 2: K1; *P1, K1; repeat from * across row.

Repeat these 2 rows for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 39 sts.

Set-up Row (wrong side): K1; *P1, K1; repeat from * across.

Beginning with row 1, work in twin rib pattern until piece measures 63" long or desired length, end with a right side row. Bind off all sts in pattern. Weave in ends. Fringe, if desired.

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*** DIAGONAL SCARF WITH KEYHOLE ***

It's fun -- it's easy -- thanks to Susan Shabo for sharing this pattern with us.

MATERIALS: One skein COLINETTE "Isis"; knitting needles US #10

GAUGE: approx. 2.5 sts = 1" (not critical)

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 2 stitches.

Row 1: Increase in each stitch.

Row 2: Knit.

Row 3: Increase in first stitch, knit to last stitch, increase in last stitch. Repeat rows 2 & 3 until the side edge measures 4.5", ending with row 2. Count your stitches and mark it down here: _____ (just so you'll be able to stay on track!)

Continue as follows:

Row 1: Increase in first stitch, knit to last 2 stitches, K2tog (knit 2 together).

Row 2: Knit.

Repeat these 2 rows until piece measures about 10 - 11", then make keyhole:

Keyhole: on next row, bind off the center 6 stitches. On the following row, cast on 6 stitches over the previously bound-off stitches. Work as established until approx. 5 yards of yarn remains, ending with a knit row.

Finish the corner as follows:

Row 1: K2tog, knit to the last 2 stitches, K2tog.

Row 2: Knit.

Repeat these 2 rows until 2 stitches remain. K2tog and fasten off. Wear with flair!



*** BIRTHDAY COWL ***

Snoods, cowls, eternity scarves, and tubes are this season's hottest accessory and ones that will keep you snug when winter winds blow. The pattern originated on Ravelry by Nova Seals, and was adapted with permission for MANOS "Silk-Blend" by Susan Shabo of "I'd Rather Be Knitting", who graciously shared this pattern with us (thanks, Susan!). If you haven't checked out this wonderful 30% silk / 70% merino superfine kettle-dyed wool, take our word for it that it is a truly special yarn, one worthy of a truly special handmade birthday gift. Our shop model was knit by Karen McCullough (thanks, Karen!).

MATERIALS: one skein MANOS DEL URAGUAY Silk-Blend (30% silk / 70% merino DK weight, 50 grams, 150 yards); US size 7 16" circular knitting needle; one stitch marker

GAUGE: 5 sts = 1" in stitch pattern

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 88 stitches. Place marker and join, being careful not to twist.

Work 5 rounds of garter stitch (P 1 round, K 1 round, P 1 round, K 1 round, P 1 round). Begin pattern stitch:

Round 1: *slip 1 as if to purl, K1, pssso, K6, yo, K3; repeat from * around.

Round 2: K.

Repeat rounds 1 & 2 until cowl measures 9" (or desired length), ending with round 1. Work 5 rounds of garter stitch, starting with a purl round. Bind off loosely. Weave in ends and enjoy!

Abbreviations: K- knit; P - purl; yo - yarn over needle; pssso - pass slipped stitch over



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*** VINTAGE AFGHAN ***

This vintage pattern can be a stashbuster. You need approximately 2000 yards worsted weight yarn for the entire afghan, about 125 yards per strip, 16 strips across.

FINISHED DIMENSION: 48" X 60"

MATERIALS: worsted weight yarn, approx. 2000 yards, US size 8 knitting needles

GAUGE: 5 sts / 7 rows = 1" in pattern stitch

PATTERN STITCH (panel of 16 stitches)

Row 1 (right side): K4; *yo (yarn over needle) twice, K1; repeat from * to last 4 sts, yo once, K last 4 sts: 33 sts.

Row 2: K4; *drop one yo wrap, P2; repeat from * to last 4 sts, K4: 24 sts.

Row 3: K4, K2tog (knit 2 stitches together), K12, K2tog, K4: 22 sts.

Row 4: K4, K2tog, K10, K2tog, K4: 20 sts.

Row 5: K4, P2tog (purl 2 stitches together), P8, P2tog, K4: 18 sts.

Row 6: K4, K2tog, K6, K2tog, K4: 16 sts.

Repeat these 6 rows for pattern stitch.

Each strip (make 16): Cast on 16 sts. K 8 rows (garter border). Work in pattern stitch for 58", ending with row 6. K 8 rows (garter border). Sew strips together. Weave in ends.

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*** KNITTED COWL HOOD ***

This pattern was gleaned from a vintage 1989 newsletter from the Chesapeake Purls Knitting Guild. It is very interesting that everything old is new again, since cowls are quite the rage now, over 20 years later. The original yarn suggestion was for a delicate mohair and (you heard it here first), look for mohair to make a huge comeback in fall 2010.

FINISHED SIZE: approx. 10.5" at top; 9.5" at bottom and 18" long

MATERIALS: 200 yards heavy worsted weight mohair yarn; US 10.5 needles or size
needed to obtain gauge

GAUGE: 3.5 stitches / 5 rows = 1" in stockinette stitch

NOTE: Piece is worked flat, then seamed. Cast on with a larger needle or e-wrap method.

PATTERN: STOCKINETTE STITCH (K all right-side rows, purl all wrong-side rows)

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 90 sts LOOSELY. Work in stockinette stitch for 3 rows.

Decrease 1 st at beg of next 10 rows by working fully-fashioned decreases as follows: K2, K2 together on right-side rows and P2, P2 together on wrong-side rows: 80 sts. Work even in stockinette stitch until piece measures 18". Bind off LOOSELY. Sew side seam and weave in ends.

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*** WAVE & SHIELD SCARF ***

Our thanks to our dear designer friend and nationally-known knitting instructor Shanta Moitra for sharing her scarf pattern with us for our birthday. The graceful, lacy pattern with its pretty curves and its combination of textures was originally knit for Shanta's sister-in-law. Knit with "Classic One Fifty", a gorgeous, soft, lightweight merino wool yarn from CLASSIC ELITE that provides excellent drape and stitch definition.



FINISHED SIZE: 7" X 64"

MATERIALS: CLASSIC ELITE "Classic One Fifty" (100% fine merino wool, 50 grams, 150 yards, CYCA yarn classification 3); US size 6 knitting needles, two stitch markers

WAVE & SHIELD STITCH PATTERN (multiple of 14 + 1)

Row 1 (right side): K1; *yo, K2, P3, P3tog, P3, K2, yo, K1; repeat from *.

Row 2: *P4, K7, P3; repeat from * across, end P1.

Row 3: K1; *K1, yo, K2, P2, P3tog, P2, K2, yo, K2; repeat from *.

Row 4: *P5, K5, P4; repeat from *, end P1.

Row 5: K1; *K2, yo, K2, P1, P3tog, P1, K2, yo, K3; repeat from *.

Row 6: *P6, K3, P5; rep from *, end P1.

Row 7: K1; *K3, yo, K2, P3tog, K2, yo, K4; repeat from *.

Row 8: *P7, K1, P6; repeat from *, end P1.

Row 9: P2tog; *P3, K2, yo, K1, yo, K2, P3, P3tog; repeat from *, end last repeat P2tog.

Row 10: *K4, P7, K3; repeat from *, end K1.

Row 11: P2tog; *P2, K2, yo, K3, yo, K2, P2, P3tog; repeat from *, end last repeat P2tog.

Row 12: *K3, P9, K2; repeat from *, end K1.

Row 13: P2tog; *P1, K2, yo, K5, yo, K2, P1, P3tog; repeat from *, end last repeat P2tog.

Row 14: *K2, P11, K1; repeat from *, end K1.

Row 15: P2tog; *K2, yo, K7, yo, K2, P3tog; repeat from *, end last repeat P2tog.

Row 16: *K1, P13; repeat from *, end K1.

Repeat rows 1 - 16 .

Original pattern source: *A Treasury of Knitting Patterns* by Barbara Walker, page 163.

Note: Slip markers every row.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 49 stitches. Knit 9 rows (5 garter ridges), end WS.

Set-up pattern (right side): K3 (garter edge), place marker (pm); beg with row 1, work wave & shield pattern across center 43 sts, pm; K3 (garter edge). Keeping 3 sts at beg & end every row in garter (K every row), work in pat until approx. 63" completed, end with row 8 or 16 of pattern. Knit 9 rows, end RS. BO all sts as if to knit on next row.

Weave in ends. Block lightly.

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*** LOVELY LEAFY SCARF ***

Our thanks to our dear designer friend and nationally-known knitting instructor Shanta Moitra for sharing another scarf pattern with us. The lacy leaf patterned scarf was originally knit for one of her sisters-in-law. Thank you, Shanta!

FINISHED SIZE: 7" X 64"

MATERIALS: 300 yards Manos del Uruguay Silk Blend DK yarn; US size 7 knitting needles:

stitch markers

GAUGE: 5 sts / 7 rows = 1" in pattern stitch, after blocking

LEAF PATTERN (multiple of 14 + 1)

Row 1 (right side): K1; *yo, P2, K2tog, K5, ssk, P2, yo, K1; repeat from * once.

Row 2: *P2, K2, P7, K2, P1; repeat from * once, end P1.

Row 3: K1; * yo, K1, P2, K2tog, K3, ssk, P2, K1, yo, K1; repeat from * once.

Row 4: *P3, K2, P5, K2, P2; repeat from *once , end P1.

Row 5: K1; *yo, K2, P2, K2tog, K1, ssk, P2, K2, yo, K1; repeat from * once .

Row 6: *P4, K2, P3, K2, P3; rep from * once, end P1.

Row 7: K1; *yo, K3, P2, SKP2 (central double decrease), P2, K3, yo, K1; repeat from * once.

Row 8: *P5, K2, P1, K2, P4; repeat from *, end P1.

Row 9: K1; *K2, ssk, P2, yo, K1, yo, P2, K2tog, K3; repeat from *once.

Row 10: *P4, K2, P3, K2, P3; repeat from *, end P1.

Row 11: K1; *K1, ssk, P2, (K1, yo) twice, K1, P2, K2tog, K2; repeat from * once.

Row 12: *P3, K2, P5, K2, P2; repeat from * once, end P1.

Row 13: K1; *ssk, P2, K2, yo, K1, yo, K2, P2, K2tog, K1; repeat from *once.

Row 14: *P2, K2, P7, K2, P1; repeat from *, end K1.

Row 15: ssk, P2, K3, yo, K1, yo, K3, P2, SKP2 (Central double decrease), P2, K3, yo, K1, yo, K3, P2, K2tog.

Row 16: *P1, K2, P9, K2; repeat from * once, end P1.

Repeat rows 1 - 16 .

Original pattern source: *Japanese Knitting Patterns 1000*, page 68.

Note: Slip markers every row.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 35 stitches. Knit 9 rows (5 garter ridges), end WS.

Set-up pattern (right side): K3 (garter edge), place marker (pm); beg with row 1, work leaf pattern across center 29 sts, pm; K3 (garter edge). Keeping 3 sts at beg & end every row in garter (K every row), work in pat until approx. 63" completed, end with row 8 or 16 of pattern. Knit 9 rows, end RS. BO all sts as if to knit on next row. Weave in ends. Block lightly.

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*** KAREN'S LOOPY HAT ***

Thanks to Karen McCullough for sharing this pattern. Karen is the Caps For Kids Co-Chair for the Laurel Highlands Knitting Guild in Ligonier, and knits many hats each year for charity. This one was requested by several knitters. If you would like to participate in this program which distributes hats and other cold weather items to needy area children, you may drop off your items here at Kathy's Kreations (new knit, crochet or purchased items accepted).

FINISHED SIZE: to fit a child's medium, approx. 17.5" head circumference

MATERIALS: worsted weight yarn, approx. 125 yards; 16" circular knitting needle in US size 7; double-pointed knitting needles (dpns) US size 7; one stitch marker; tapestry needle for finishing

GAUGE: 5 sts / 7 rounds = 1" with circular needle in pattern stitch, slightly stretched

PATTERN STITCH (any number of stitches, worked circularly)

Rounds 1 - 5: K.

Round 6 - 10: P.

Repeat rounds 1 - 10 for pattern.

DIRECTIONS:

With circular needle, cast on 80 sts. Join, being careful not to twist stitches.

Work in K2, P2 ribbing for 1", inc 8 stitches evenly spaced on the last round: 88 sts. Work in pattern stitch until piece measures approximately 6" from cast-on when slightly stretched, end with pattern round 5 or 10.

Shape crown (change to dpns when necessary):

Round 1: *K9, K2tog (knit two sts together); rep from * around: 80 sts.

Rounds 2, 4 & 6: K.

Round 3: *K8, K2tog; rep from * around: 72 sts.

Round 5: *K7, K2tog; rep from * around: 64 sts.

Round 7: *K6, K2tog; rep from * around: 56 sts.

Round 8: *K5, K2tog; rep from * around: 48 sts.

Round 9: *K4, K2tog; rep from * around: 40 sts.

Round 10: *K3, K2tog; rep from * around: 32 sts.

Round 11: *K2, K2tog; rep from * around: 24 sts.

Round 12: *K1, K2tog; rep from * around: 16 sts.

Round 13: *K2tog; rep from * around: 8 sts.

Round 14: *K2tog; rep from * around: 4 sts.

Cont with dpns, *work a 4-st I cord (see below) for 2.5"; form into a loop and reconnect to base of I-cord. Repeat from * three times or for desired number of loops. Break off and secure with tapestry needle, wrap base of loops to make them stand up.

Abbreviations: K- knit; K2tog - knit two stitches together; P - purl; st(s) - stitch(es);

inc - increase; rep - repeat

Variations: use up stash by changing colors every 5 rounds on body of hat; work in self-striping or variegated yarn for interesting effects. To make the hat larger, use a slightly heavier yarn and larger needles. For a baby size, use DK weight yarn and smaller needles.

How to make an I-cord: An I-cord (idiot cord) is a tiny tube of stockinette stitch made with 2 dpns. *Slide the 4 remaining sts at the top of the hat to the opposite end of the dpn. Knit, do not turn work. Rep from * until cord is the desired length.

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*** LITTLE CROWNS SCARF ***

Thanks to Helen Colclaser for sharing the stitch pattern which inspired this scarf!

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS: 6" X 64"

MATERIALS: Worsted weight yarn 400 yards; US size 7 knitting needles

GAUGE: 5 sts / 7 rows = 1" in pattern stitch, after blocking

PATTERN STITCH (multiple of 3 + 2, stitch detail at right)

Row 1 (right side): Knit (K).

Row 2: K.

Row 3: K1, K to last stitch, wrapping yarn twice around needle for each stitch, K1.

Row 4: K1; *pass next 3 sts to the right-hand needle, dropping extra loops, pass these 3 sts back to the left needle, K1, P1, K1 through 3 sts together; repeat from * to last st, K1.

Repeat these 4 rows for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 32 sts. K 3 rows. Work in pattern stitch until piece measures approx. 63.5".

K 2 rows. Bind off all sts as if to knit. Cut yarn. Weave in ends. Block lightly to desired measurements.

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*** KATHY'S SEED STITCH COWL ***

Kathy loves the effect of working seed stitch with a kettle-dyed semi-solid yarns. This soft merino wool is a terrific choice for layered accessories. The texture will help avoid color stacking that can occur with hand-painted yarns.

FINISHED SIZE: 28" around X 16" high

MATERIALS: MANOS DEL URAGUAY "Rittenhouse Merino 5-Ply" kettle-dyed merino wool, two 100 gram hanks (214 yards each); 24" length circular knitting needle, US size 8 (5.0 mm) OR SIZE NEEDED TO OBTAIN GAUGE; one stitch marker; tapestry needle for finishing

GAUGE: 4.75 stitches / 7 rounds = 1" in seed stitch, after blocking

SEED STITCH (worked circularly, stitch detail not shown)

Round 1: Knit 1; *purl 1, knit1; repeat from * around.

Round 2: Purl 1; *knit 1, purl 1; repeat from * around.

Repeat these two rounds for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: With circular needle, cast on 133 stitches loosely. Join, being careful not to twist stitches. Place marker for beginning of round and slip marker each round. Work in seed stitch until piece measures approximately 16" from beginning or until yarn is almost gone. Bind off all stitches loosely in pattern. Weave in all ends.

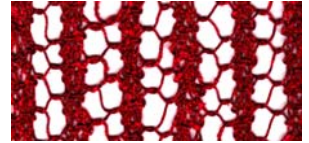
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*** ONE-ROW LACE SCARF ***

Judy Tlumac recently shared an elegant openwork scarf pattern gleaned from the Internet. Judy knit hers from BERROCO "Seduce" (on sale this month) and "made it her own" by adding fringe on one long edge and the two short ones. We liked it so much that we had to knit *two* versions, one in red "Seduce" with fringe and the other in KOLLAGE YARNS "1/2 N 1/2" milk/wool yarn. Ask to see our models and we will give you a free instruction of how to tie the KOLLAGE scarf in a fashion knot that looks great over a sweater, T-neck or business suit! Thanks to Jen Ferrence for sharing the scarf tying how-to, which also works great with a variety of our other lightweight scarves.



DIMENSIONS: approx. 4.5" (Seduce) - 4.75" (1/2 N 1/2) wide X 64", after blocking

MATERIALS: 175 yards fingering weight yarn (CYCA #2); US 10 (6 mm) knitting needles

note: if you wish to add fringe, buy an extra 175 yards

GAUGE: not critical; approximately 5 - 5.5 sts per inch after blocking

SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate

PATTERN STITCH (multiple of 4, stitch detail shown lower left)

All Rows: K4; *yo, K2tog, K2; repeat from * across row.

ABBREVIATIONS: K - knit; K2tog - knit 2 stitches together; yo - yarn over

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 24 stitches. K 2 rows. Work in pattern stitch until piece measures approx. 64" or desired length. K 1 row. Bind off all stitches as if to knit. Weave in ends and block. Cut extra skein of yarn into 8" lengths and fringe one long edge plus the short edges, inserting two strands of fringe in every space. Trim evenly. Judy tells us that she wrapped the fringe yarn around a 4" heavy cardboard piece, then cut one side to get the 8" lengths.

DESIGN OPTIONS: Adjust the width of the scarf by casting on more or less multiples of 4 stitches, or working with a thicker/thinner yarn.

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*** OPEN HOLE KNIT SCARF & SHAWL ***

The concept for this scarf pattern was shared by Jeanne Osman, who received it from the Circle of Stitchers adult activity group in Plum, PA which meets at the Plum Community Library. It is similar to the one-row scarf which appeared in last month's newsletter, and we love the possibilities of "just one row" pattern stitches.

DIMENSIONS: scarf approx. 5" wide X 60" long, after blocking; shawl directions in parentheses, approx. 15" wide X 72" long, after blocking

MATERIALS: worsted weight yarn (CYCA #4) 200 yards for scarf, 600 yards for shawl ; US 13 (9.0 mm) knitting needles

GAUGE: not critical; approximately 3 sts per inch after blocking

SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate

PATTERN STITCH (multiple of 3, stitch detail shown lower left)

All Rows: *K1, yo, K2tog; repeat from * across row.

ABBREVIATIONS: K - knit; K2tog - knit 2 stitches together; yo - yarn over

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 15 (45) stitches. K 3 rows. Work in pattern stitch until piece measures approx. 60" (72") or desired length. K 3 rows. Bind off all stitches as if to knit. Weave in ends and block.

DESIGN OPTIONS: Adjust the width of the scarf / shawl by casting on more or less multiples of 3 stitches, working with a thicker/thinner yarn or smaller needles.

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*** GARTER STITCH DISHCLOTH (shown right) ***

Thanks to Peggy McFeaters for sharing her basic dishcloth pattern!

FINISHED SIZE: 9.5" X 9.5"

MATERIALS: PLYMOUTH YARN "Fantasy Naturale" 1 hank; US size 8

knitting needles; tapestry needle for weaving ends

GAUGE: 4 sts / 8 rows = 1" in garter stitch

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 37 stitches.

Rows 1- 8 : Knit.

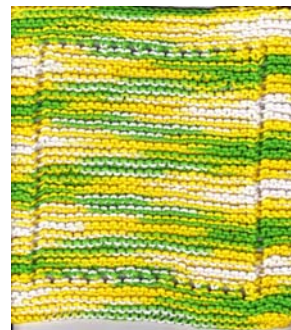
Row 9: Knit 5, *yarn over (yo), K2 tog (knit two together); repeat from * to last 4 stitches, knit 4.

Row 10: Knit.

Row 11: Knit 5 stitches, yo, K2tog; knit across to last 6 stitches, end yo, K2tog, knit 4.

Repeat rows 10 & 11 for 48 rows, then work row 10 once.

Work next row as for row 9. Knit 7 rows. Bind off all stitches as if to knit. Weave in ends.



*** KATHY'S BASIC MITTS (worked flat, back & forth then seamed) ***

MATERIALS: US # 7 needles; Aran weight yarn approx. 175 yards; tapestry needle for finishing

GAUGE: 6 sts / 6 rows = 1" in rib, unstretched

DIRECTIONS (make 2): CO 36 sts.

Set-up Row (wrong side): P3; *K2, P2; rep from * across to last st, end P1.

Row 1: K3; *P2, K2; rep from * across to last st, end K1.

Row 2: P3; *K2, P2; rep from * across to last st, end P1.

Rep rows 1 & 2 until piece measures 6.5" or desired length, end with row 2. BO all sts in rib pat. Finishing (right side): with tapestry needle, sew seam for approx. 2" for knuckle area. Leave approx. 1.5" open for thumb area. Sew seam over remaining 3" for wrist area & cuff.

Bodacious Borealis Mittens

Make these cuties in just a few hours with only one skein of yarn

Ingredients

Fits a standard woman's hand

Yarn: 1 skein of Berroco Borealis (108 yards per each 3.5 oz/100g skein; 60% acrylic, 40% wool)
Color 5068 - Vogar

Gauge: 16 stitches = 4 inch or 4 spi; 24 rows = 4 inch or 6 rpi

Needle Size: Size #8/5 mm double-pointed needles or size needed to obtain gauge

Abbreviations: K: knit; P: purl; M1: Make one by placing a backward loop on the right needle; K2tog: knit 2 stitches together

Directions

1. Cast on 28 stitches.
2. Divide stitches between three DPNs.
3. Join in round being careful not to twist.
4. (K2, P2) repeat to end of round.
5. Repeat previous round 16 additional times.
6. Inc 6 stitches: (K4, M1) 6 times, K4: 34 stitches.
7. Knit 4 rounds.
8. **Create thumb gusset:**
K3, M1, K1, M1, K to end of round.
9. Knit 1 round.
10. K3, M1, K3, M1, knit to end of round.
11. Knit 1 round.
12. K3, M1, K5, M1, knit to end of round.
13. Knit 1 row.
14. K3, M1, K7, M1, knit to end of round.
15. K3 and then cast-on 3 stitches onto right needle.
16. Slip the next 9 thumb gusset stitches onto waste yarn. 34 stitches.
17. Knit 15 rounds.
18. **Begin decreases to shape top of mitten:**
(K3 K2tog) 6 times, K4.
19. Knit 1 round.
20. (K2 K2tog) to end of round.
21. Knit 1 round.
22. (K1 K2tog) to end of round.
23. Knit 1 round.
24. (K2tog) to end of round; 7 stitches remain.
25. Run needle through remaining stitches and tie off.



26. Make thumb:

Place 9 stitches from waste yarn onto one DPN. Beginning at the left side, pick up 6 stitches working clockwise around thumb opening. 15 stitches.

27. Divide stitches between 3 needles.

28. Knit 9 rounds.

29. (K1, K2tog) to end of round.

30. (K2tog) to end of round. 5 stitches remain.

31. Run a needle threaded with yarn through remaining stitches and tie off.

32. Weave in the ends.

Need smaller or larger mittens?

For smaller mittens, make these changes:

Step 6 - Omit this step (and the resulting increases)

Step 17 - Knit 12 rounds instead of 15

For larger mittens, make these changes:

Step 6 - Inc 8 stitches instead of 4

Step 17 - Knit 20 rounds instead of 15



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*** ONE-SKEIN SNOW BLOWER'S HAT ***

Our thanks to Lois Walker, who designed this balaklava and shared it with us. Lois tells us that the pattern is reversible and looks good on either side. The textured pattern stitch gives thermal protection.

Finished head circumference: 21.5" (adult medium)

Materials: BROWN SHEEP "Burly Spun" one skein (100% wool, 226 grams / 8 oz., 132 yards, CYCA #6 superbulky); US size 13 circ needle 16" length; US size 13 dpns (double-pointed needles); 1 stitch marker; yarn needle for finishing

Gauge; 2.5 stitches = 1"

Pattern Stitch (worked circularly)

Rounds 1 - 3: *K2, P1; repeat from * around.

Round 4: Purl.

Repeat rounds 1 - 4 for pattern.

Directions: With circular needle, cast on 54 stitches. Place marker and join, being careful not to twist stitches.

Beginning with round 1 of pattern stitch, work 24 rounds .

Face opening: Knit 21 stitches in pattern, bind off 12 stitches, knit remaining 21 stitches in pattern.

Next Row (right side): Work 21 sts in pattern stitch until you reach bound-off stitches, turn.

Next Row (wrong side): *p2, K1; repeat from * until reaching bound-off stitches, turn.

Next Row (right side) Work 42 stitches in pattern, cast on 12 stitches, continue in pattern until reaching marker.

Work 8 rounds in pattern.

Next 2 Rounds: *P8, K1; rep from * around.

Crown Shaping:

Round 1: *P7, K2tog (knit 2 together); repeat from * around.

Round 2: *P7, K1; repeat from * around.

Round 3: *P6, K2tog; rep from * around.

Round 4: *P6, K1; rep from * around.

Continue decreasing in this manner every other round until 25 stitches remain.

Transfer to dpns and decrease every round until 6 stitches remain. Cut yarn, leaving a 15" tail. Thread tail through yarn needle and draw through remaining loops. Pull yarn through top opening and weave in ends on reverse side.

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