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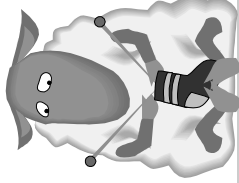
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WWW.SCKNITTINGGUILD.COM

<http://groups.google.com/group/scknittingguild>

NEWS EWES CAN USE!



Knitting On the Web



Looking for cute, new patterns or gifts? Check out some of these sites next time you need a project for kids or even a special item for yourself:

BK4K is a free e-mail newsletter for kids who love yarn and the people who work with them. It contains a wide range of patterns, many suitable for beginners of all ages. You may subscribe at the Ljon Brand website, www.ljonbrand.com. Their website also offers free e-cards with a knitting theme and a Ljon Brand notebook with lessons and tips on knitting.

**Know of a great site?
Please share it!**

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EWES' NEWS

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President's Place

For anyone who was not at the July meeting, we found out that day that the Junior League would no longer allow any outside group to meet at their building. So the search was on for a new home.

Even though I had asked to have the evening of our August meeting off as usual, I am scheduled to work. I have asked Nancy Cox, VP of Programs, to run the meeting. So either she or one of the other officers will do it and ask for a vote from the membership to decide on a new meeting place, in addition to the other usual activities. Ideally the guild's September meeting would be held at the new place. Therefore I wanted to present the choices for you to ponder.

The first is Judy O'Neal and other members' church: Westminster Presbyterian Church at 2310 Augusta Road, which is not too far from the intersection of Augusta and Ferris. There is plenty of secure parking, including some handicap spots. The room is large enough to hold Guild members, tables and chairs. The room would be free except when food is served. It is on the second floor, but there is an elevator. Judy said she or one of the other guild members who belong to the church would take care of picking up and returning the key.

The second is the Hughes Main Library at 25 Heritage Green Place. The new library is on the same side of the street as the old library and next to the Little Theater. Immediately behind the building is a relatively large parking lot. There is a small drive immediately in front of the door for drop off and pick up. There is no charge for parking after 5PM. The room is on the first floor and is similar to the one at the Junior League: a very large room with movable walls. We can use the room for free as long as we set up and take down the tables and chairs. There is a charge if food is served. The room is available for the evening of our meeting.

There is a third possibility at Greenville Tech, but so far I have had no response to my inquiry. If this becomes available, then details will be announced at the August meeting.

Lainy Haule

August Meeting

Do you run away screaming when someone mentions **INTARSIA**? Oh, it's not so bad. Come to our August meeting and learn some tips from a pro that will have you looking forward to your next project that includes Intarsia!

You may bring items knitted using Intarsia and also some needles and several colors of yarn to practice with during the meeting.

Upcoming Events:

- Guild Meeting, Junior League Building, August 11, 6:45 pm
- Knit a Way in the Mountains, Sept. 19-21, Little Switzerland, NC
- Austin, TX, Knit Out, Sept. 27, Buda, TX

If you have information you'd like to place in the September Newsletter, please call or email it to me by September 29th.

Thanks!

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Knit Happens:

AC Moore: Join Gail and the Girls at AC Moore any Thursday from 10 am - 2pm.

BAM KnitWits: Join the KnitWits every Wednesday at Books-A-Million on Laurens Road from 6:30pm-8pm (at least). Sit & Knit!

Cast-Offs: Join Trudy and the girls at the Yarn & Frame Peddler in Taylors. They meet on Saturdays from 10 am—12 pm. Plenty of Room, Plenty of Fun!

Thursday Morning Knitters Join these girls at Coffee Station on South Buncombe Road in Greer on Thursday mornings, from 10-12. Bring a chair!

Here's a quick gift idea:

NATURAL COFFEE COZIES

MEASUREMENTS

Cup Holder: To fit average take-out cup.

Coffee Press Cozy: To fit carafe up to 4½ ins [11.5 cm] in diameter.

MATERIALS

Bernat Felting Wool

(75 g/2.6 oz)

MC: 1 ball of #94131 (New Iris)

A: 1 ball of #94605 (Fresh Poppy)

Size 6.5 mm (U.S. 10½) knitting needles **or size needed to obtain gauge.** Snap fastener.

GAUGE

13 sts and 18 rows = 4 ins [10 cm] in stocking st.

INSTRUCTIONS

CUP HOLDER

With MC, cast on 32 sts.

Proceed in stocking st for 2 ins [5 cm], ending with a purl row.

Next row: (Inc 1 st in next st. K7) 4 times. 36 sts.

Cont even for 4 ins [10 cm] total length. Cast off.

Using a flat seam, sew side seam.

COFFEE PRESS COZY

With MC, cast on 65 sts.

Proceed in stocking st for 4½ ins [11.5 cm], ending with a purl row. Break MC.

With A, cont in stocking st for 11½ ins [29 cm] total length, ending with a purl row. Cast off.

FINISHING

Felt pieces following "HOW TO FELT" instructions.

Shape pieces to measurements and let dry.

Tip: Shape felted Cup Holder on an empty take-out cup.

Trim Cozy to measure circumference of Coffee

Press plus 3 ins [7.5 cm] wide by height of Coffee

Press to spout. Sew snap to center of side edges.

Fasten around Coffee Press as shown in picture.

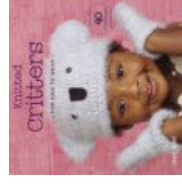
From the Bernat website, www.bernat.com

Want Some New Ideas? Try these new books!



Never Knit Your Man a Sweater

by Judith Durant. The premise of the book is based on the old myth that if you knit your boyfriend a sweater the relationship is doomed. So, Durant takes you through other things to knit based on the length of the relationship. Don't let the myth or the premise keep you from checking out the book. There are very few books devoted to knitting for men. This one has some really nice wearable gifts for the man in your life - whether it is son, boyfriend or hubby. Because of the theme the patterns get progressively larger and involve more techniques. This makes it a great book for beginners, but also a great book to find quick gifts. There are some wonderful hats and scarves - I especially like the team color scarf, which is knit lengthwise so you have vertical stripes when done without having to do intarsia.. There are socks, several vests and two really nice sweaters.



Knitted Critters – for kids to wear

by Jean Adel. The book has more than 40 animal-themed accessories for that special child in your life. Unlike so many books with cute animal hats, this one is not geared toward infants. Most of the sizing is for 3 (4-5, 6-7) year old children. There are frogs, bunnies (with long floppy ears) Lions with their manes, and even a purple hippo. Hats, mittens and scarves – they go from beginner, to easy, to intermediate. Intermediate includes some simple intarsia motifs like a black fuzzy Scottie dog, or spots for Wag the dog.

Reviewed by Nancy McFarlane

These and many others are available at Fiction Addiction. (www.fiction-addiction.com)

Trade-ins are welcome, and credit can be used for anything in the store including new knitting books.

Good To Know

We welcomed a new member at our July meeting:

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and two visitors:

Nancy Christian (Maria Cook's daughter)

Joan Bourdon

A row counter bracelet is a little mini-abacus for your wrist, which you can wear while knitting or crocheting, to help you keep track of how many rows you've done. You may find the instructions at: <http://sutherland-studios.com.au/free/rowcounter.html>

Thanks to Deborah Douglas for the idea!

On WWKnit Day, the Charleston newspaper had an article about Vera Hannaford of Charleston, the author of "Vera's Crafty Blog" (www.vhanna26.typepad.com). Thought the membership may like to visit it.

She also had a section in the article about "Knit-speak":

LYS: Local Yarn Shop

KIP: Knit in public

FRIG/TINK: To frog means to unravel an item. Tink means the same thing. (It's knit spelled backward.)

FO/UFO: Finished object/unfinished object

KAL/CAL: Knit along or crochet along. (Refers to when two or more work on the same project at once.)

Used in a sentence: "I had to frog that sock I was working on at the LYS this afternoon. Suppose it'll never be an FO."

Submitted by Judy O'Neal

KNIT INN UPDATE:

Your Knit Inn committee is deep into planning details, but we still need your help and ideas.

We need volunteers for chairpersons for the following sub-committees: On-Site Registration and Learn-To-Knit (Saturday only). Remember, chairpersons draft their own helpers. And we also need class ideas and TEACHERS.

Please feel free to contact Michele Kesler anytime at keslerfam@charter.net and 864-269-6742. Thank you!

Michele Kesler, Knit Inn Committee.

Charity Corner

Carol & Robin Paul

We received over the past month from Guild Members:

1 pair slippers

6 head scarves

7 children's blankets

3 shawls

1 flap cap

13 children's hats

1 bib

3 demise pouches

1 rabbit washcloth

17 washcloths

Our three charities are very appreciative of the knitted items Guild members provide each month. Why not call and arrange to go with us when we take the items to a charity?

Happy Knitting!



TREASURER'S REPORT

Item	Deposit	Debit	Balance
June Balance Forward			2121.12
Newsletter		27.04	2681.22
Website		39.95	2654.18
Knit Inn 2009		359.70	2294.48
July Ending Balance			2294.48