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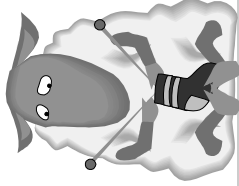
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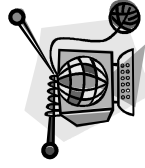
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NEWS EWES CAN USE!



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:

Button, button, who's got the button? For a flawless finish, consider knitting your own buttons for a one-of-a-kind look. You will find instructions with photos at www.craftstylish.com/knitting.

www.knittingdailytv.com features video clips, episode recaps, patterns, interactive discussion, local TV schedules, and more. In addition, "Knitting Daily TV" will have a presence on MySpace and Facebook and episode previews will be available on YouTube.

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

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EWES' NEWS

President's Place

Thank you to Nancy Cox and all the other ladies who helped to run the August meeting. Since Greenville Tech is not able to accommodate us this month, the September meeting will be at the Junior League as usual. Then the October meeting will be in the auditorium at Greenville Tech, which is in McAllister Square at 225 S. Pleasantburg Dr. For anyone new to Greenville, it is very close to the Junior League, across South Pleasantburg from the Buck Mikel Building. Our website has been updated with the new information.

At the September meeting we need to formulate a list of possible officers for all positions. In October this list will be finalized and voted upon, so the baton can be passed. The new president and her officers will take charge as of the November meeting. Please think about volunteering for one of these positions so the Guild can continue to grow. Our Guild serves a very real purpose: to provide a venue for knitters to gather, teach one another and knit items for those not as fortunate.

Lainy Hauke

September Meeting

OK, true confessions time.

How many items do you have tucked away in a drawer or closet because some gremlin picked up your knitting while you were asleep and made a big, noticeable mistake so many rows back that you don't have the heart to rip it out and redo? Or because some very inept person wrote the instructions and you can't figure out what in the world they mean?

Maybe you don't have any items like that but your "friend" does. Gather them all up and bring them to the September meeting. Judy will be helping us learn how to recognize and correct mistakes and how to deal with problems.

Welcome!

We were happy to have Helen Potete at our August meeting. Helen is Tobie Roberts' sister.

Lee Mitchell has a new address:
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Upcoming Events:

- Guild Meeting, Junior League Building, September 8, 6:45 pm
- Knit Away in the Mountains, Sept. 19-21, Little Switzerland, NC
- Austin, TX Knit Out, Sept. 27, Buda, TX

Address Service Requested

If you have information you'd like to place in the January Newsletter, please call or email it to me by September 25th.

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!

KNIT INN NEWS

Your Knit Inn committee is still busily planning to make this Knit Inn one of our best ever—and we still need your help and ideas!

We need volunteers for subcommittees 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.

Scarfittens: Dual-Purpose Cold-Weather Gear

Lee Meredith's Entwined Scarf melds two cold-weather staples into one chill-busting accessory—a fashionably narrow scarf that ends in a practical pair of fingerless mittens. You will stay toasty warm and maintain digital dexterity, allowing you to keep knitting even in the coolest of weather.

Materials

Yarn: two skeins wool/acrylic blend, 100 yds per 50g ball

Needle: 11 circular at least 24 inches long

Tape measure

Stitch holder

Tapestry needle for sewing up

Finished Measurements

Scarf width: 3-1/2 inches

Mitt circumference: 6 inches

Length: 85 inches

Gauge

10 sts = 3 inches

Abbreviations

bo: bind off

k: knit

rs: right side

st: stitch

yd: yard

Step-by-Step

Cast on 220 sts loosely. This will give you a scarf the right length for an average-size woman. If you wish to customize the length, multiply the number of inches you wish to add or subtract by 3.25.

Round to the nearest whole number and add or subtract that number of stitches to the number you'll cast on.

Work in garter stitch until you have 3-1/2 inches.

Knit 24 sts and place on a stitch holder.

If you added or subtracted cast-on stitches to adjust the length, remember to add or subtract that number to the number of stitches you bind off.

Bind off 172 sts and knit to the end; 24 sts remain.

Continue in garter st on these 24 sts until it measures 5-1/2 inches. To adjust the mitt width, add or subtract rows to custom-fit the hand.

Bind off all sts and break yarn, leaving an 18-inch tail.

Place the 24 sts on the st holder onto the needle and rejoin yarn at bound-off stitches, working in garter st until this section measures 5-1/2 inches.

Bind off all sts and break yarn, leaving an 18-inch tail.

Finishing

Weave in all the loose ends except for the 18-inch tails you have reserved for sewing up the mitts.

Fold on 5-1/2-inch section lengthwise so that the cast-on edge meets the bind-off edge.

With wrong sides together, sew the edges together with the leftover tail leaving a hole for your thumb measuring approximately 1-1/2 inches. It would be helpful to pin together before sewing up for best sizing and placement.

Sew the mitt section together with an invisible weaving technique.



Good To Know

HOW TO ORGANIZE YOUR YARN STASH Linda Perman

We all have them. Those buckets and bags of yarn that hide under the couch, stashed in corners behind bookshelves, under the bed, or even out in the open. If you love your stash as is, don't read this article—it's totally fine to have a lot of yarn! But if you need some inspiration to pare down (and in turn ways to keep your spending down), here are some steps for getting your stash in control.

This first part deals with getting your stash organized, operating under the premise that you aren't getting rid of anything. To organize your stash:

1. Get all of your yarn in ONE place. That's right, pry it out of the corners and out from under the couch. This is important because you may have multiple balls of the same color in different locations, and it will be helpful to see what amounts you have of each yarn before you make any decisions about what to keep.

2. Sort your yarn. How you want to sort it is up to you. I first sorted my yarn by brand/type of fiber. Multiple colors can go together, theoretically, since they are the same gauge so you can put them in the same stack if you like. If you tend to have multiples of each color, you might want to group them separately, however. If, while you are sorting, you get inspired to combine certain yarns for a project, put them together in their own stack. If you have lots of bits and pieces of certain types of yarn (i.e., novelty, sock, etc.), you might want to group them together. Use your intuition and go with what makes logical sense to you.

Note: If you are anything like me, you might feel like running away from the apartment at some point during this process. It's okay to take a break; all of those tangles can be exhausting. Come back to it when you feel up to it.

3. Bag it. Buy a box of slider-top gallon-size bags from the grocery store and bag all of your like yarn together. (If at this point there is something you definitely want to throw/give away, go ahead and put it in a separate pile, by all means!) For piles too big to fit in one bag, you can store them in a larger clear bag or a bin of their own (see below). Having something see-through is key for me—I don't want to have to open several bags to find the yarn I'm looking for. There is a double bonus to bagging the yarn: 1) You can squeeze a lot of air out of the bag and yarn before you close it (trust me, this works just as well as the as-seen-on-TV space-saver bags) and 2) when you're looking through your stash later, you can grab seven balls at once (in the bag), and nothing will unwind and get tangled!

4. Bin it. Put the bags into a larger bin (or bins). I have two

66-quart storage bins for my "stash" and one large metal bucket for the WIPs, and am aiming not to let anything more than this take up space in my life. If you don't have enough bins to contain your stash, either buy more (be sure to consider what will fit in the amount of space you have), or really think about the amount you want to allow yourself to keep.

5. Pat yourself on the back. Go sit down and have some cookies. This yarn sorting is hard work!

Charity Corner

Carol & Robin Paul

We received over the past month from Guild Members:

- 2 children's blankets
- 2 adult shrugs
- 11 washcloths
- 2 fetal demise pouches
- 5 lap robes
- 2 adult hats
- 3 children's hats

At the September meeting, we'll have yarn suitable for knitting the Fuzzy Tie Capelet for our charities.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Item	Deposit	Debit	Balance
July Balance Forward			2294.48
July Newsletters			
Deposit dues			
August Ending Balance			