

Knitch Knitter Knews

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Message from the President

“Welcome to the guild’s new newsletter. We are looking forward to an active Fall season of knitting. I hope you all will help Cathy out with this newsletter. Please send patterns, news, knitting web site addresses, anything of interest so that the newsletter can be an informative and interesting addition to our guild benefits.

Knitter of the Month, Nancy Barnes

I learned the basics of knitting when I was about 12 from my mother. She taught me all she knew which included casting on knitting and purling. We both made several simple scarves. I picked knitting up again while in college and started a beautiful sweater which I kept for years and never finished because I had never learned to increase or decrease. Many years later I took a course at Sears. I think that was in Columbus, Ga. I learned so much in those few weekly classes. I do really love our knitting group. There is always someone there to help, share and inspire. While I was still teaching, I had a small knitting group teaching high school girls to knit. I hope they have all kept up with knitting because it is a wonderful hobby. I think it is very important to learn the basics while one is young. If you just become comfortable with the needles, you can learn all the other steps pretty easily. I wish I still had that unfinished sweater from all those years ago, because now I know I could finish it!

Nancy

Treasurers Report

I deposited a total of \$153.87 into our KK account from the sale of our library books. This total includes the two books I sold for us on Amazon.com.

Pattern of the Month

One Skein – A Stole by Katja Jordan;
modified by Jeanne Rippere

Notes:

Finished size (blocked): 56 cm x 224 cm.

Gauge is not important, just make sure that you like the look of the pattern in your yarn and needle size . I recommend knitting a swatch (row 1-8 of the middle section with 15 stitches will do – just start with k2) and blocking it. Then you can pre-estimate how big your own stole will be, too.

You can easily adjust the length of the stole by adding or subtracting repeats of the middle section. And if you want to have a wider stole, just add a few stitches when casting on (you need an odd number of stitches).

Drop stitches are part and parcel of this stole. They form long, delicate stitches, which emphasize hand dyed yarns very well, too. There are different ways to knit these drop stitches. Please follow the instructions, cause you'll get nicer edge stitches with this

method..

Materials:

_ One skein of Noro Kureyon Sock Yarn (420m/100g) or another yarn with a similar weight, 5.5 mm circular needles.

Stitches and Abbreviations Used:

k = knit

K2tog = Knit 2 stitches together

yo = Yarn over

D = Drop Stitch: Act as if you are going to knit one stitch as normal, but instead of just wrapping the yarn around the needle once, wrap it three times! At the next row, knit the stitch and slide the extra wraps off the needle.

Instructions:

Cast on 55 stitches very loosely.

Beginning:

Row 1: k all stitches

Row 2: k all stitches

Row 3: k all stitches

Row 4: k all stitches

Row 5: work all stitches as D

Row 6: k all stitches (drop the wraps)

Row 7: k all stitches

Row 8: k all stitches

Row 9: work all stitches as D

Row 10: k all stitches (drop the wraps)

Row 11: k all stitches

Row 12: k all stitches

Row 13: work all stitches as D

Row 14: k all stitches (drop the wraps)

Row 15: k all stitches

Row 16: k all stitches

Middle Section:

Row 1: k1, * yo, k2tog; repeat from * to end

Row 2: k all stitches

Row 3: k all stitches

Row 4: k all stitches

Row 5: work all stitches as D

Row 6: k all stitches (drop the wraps)

Row 7: k all stitches

Row 8: k all stitches

Repeat Rows 1-8 until the stole is the length you want.

End:

Row 1: k1, * yo, k2tog; repeat from * to end

Row 2: k all stitches

Row 3: k all stitches

Row 4: k all stitches

Row 5: work all stitches as D

Row 6: k all stitches (drop the wraps)

Row 7: k all stitches

Row 8: k all stitches

Row 9: work all stitches as D

Row 10: k all stitches (drop the wraps)

Row 11: k all stitches

Row 12: k all stitches

Row 13: work all stitches as D

Row 14: k all stitches (drop the wraps)

Row 15: k all stitches

Row 16: k all stitches

Bind off all stitches very loosely. Weave in the ends and

block the stole, using your preferred method. I'd

recommend washing it gently (which will soften the Noro

yarn a bit) and pinning it out with needles or blocking wires.

Blocking is really important here, don't skip it!

Our website is up but still in progress please feel free to email me with suggestions or anything that you see that may need fixing.

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Creek Roads in Blacksburg, Virginia

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