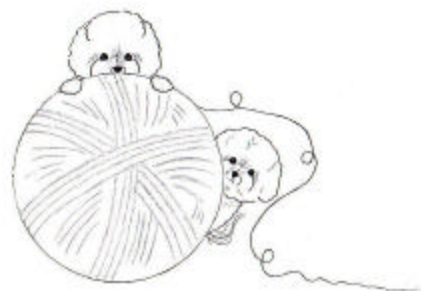


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***Hunting for
the perfect
seaming thread?***

Silk and Ivory

Sport weight

**50-50 silk/merino
wool**

28.8-yard skein

Terrific mileage!

216 colors

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MICHELLE'S MUSINGS

One of the pleasures I derive from owning **Come to the Point!** is reading about all the great new supplies that come available in the needlecraft market on an almost weekly basis. No matter the technique, if it involves needles and thread, I hear about it. In order to carry all of it, I'd need an airplane hanger!

This life-long needlepointer is finding herself increasingly drawn to knitting. I strongly suspect that has something to do with the **Thursday Afternoon Knitting Circle** the shop sponsors. As hard as I've tried, I've never been able to take a ball of yarn and turn it into something without the use of a grid. You know the old saying, "*where there's a will, there's a way.*" Some good friends introduced me to the knitting loom a while back. **Mistake!** One project, and I was hooked!

I hope you enjoy perusing this knitting-specific newsletter. Should you find something in it of particular interest, please let me know. I'm happy to put it aside for you.

Your Sister in Stitches,

Michelle Hufford

You MUST check out the Color Scope Tool!

I recently discovered this 5-1/2" kaleidoscope tool, and would be lost without it! Want to see how threads or fabrics will look in a project? Lay them close together and twist the tool as you look through it. As it turns, different colors predominate. If one or more isn't right for the group, you'll know in a hurry! Keep one in your favorite project bag, the other in your purse. \$7.95

Always wanted to knit with your pet's fur? Now, you can!

Victoria I. Pettigrew, a delightful woman in Texas with whom I recently spoke, can help. In almost a decade, her one-woman company, **VIP Fibers Inc.**, has spun nearly 2,000 pounds of pet hair and fur into just shy of 2 million yards of yarn! The product is 100% pet-produced – there is no wool blended in.

For more information, visit:
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MATH FUN? FINALLY!

Making Mathematics With Needlework

Sarah-Marie Belcastro
Carolyn Yackel, Editors
\$35 Hardbound, 183 pages

Inside flap copy:

Making Mathematics With Needlework will inspire mathematicians, mathematics educators, and crafters: every chapter has an overview as well as sections on mathematics and mathematics education and detailed instructions for completing the chapter's project. All readers will be able to understand the overview sections.... While the mathematics sections are written for mathematicians, the authors have made a special effort to make the work accessible to lay readers by providing definitions of mathematical terms and many diagrams. The project sections are written for crafters, so that non-mathematician readers can have a tangible experience with mathematical concepts.

The books papers and projects include:

Picking Up Stitches and Diophantine Equations (bi-directional hat)
The Sierpinski Variations: Self-Similar Crochet (shawl)
Socks With Algebraic Structure
(K)not Cables, Braids
Stop Those Pants! (hyperbolic baby pants – think swirled ice cream)

This unique book isn't as far-fetched as one might think. Several schools in Marin currently use crochet as a means of teaching math to kindergartners. I understand the kids love it, because it's so tactile. Teachers love it, because it's a means of focusing the energy of often-exuberant children. WOW! If this method had been used when I was in school, I might have actually developed something of an aptitude for the subject.

HAVE YOU ANY WOOL?

Wooly Thoughts:

Unlock Your Creative Genius with Modular Knitting

Pat Ashforth and Steve Plummer
Paperback 128 pp
\$8.95

This compact, clever book serves as an excellent reference work for those of you who prefer to let your needles do their own thing. Anyone who would like to venture into the realm of designing their own garments should also have this book. Ms. Ashford takes you step-by-step through how to create garments of all sizes using one basic stitch and one geometric form.

Mr. Plummer's drawings alone are worth the price! I have never seen sheep contort themselves into so many interesting positions before now. The book is also chock full of helpful graphs and several pages of color photos.

BRING THE ZOO HOME!

Knitted Toy Tales

Laura Long

\$22.99 Sturdy Paperback, 128 pages

This gorgeous picture book is a terrific addition any knitter's library. Even non-knitters coo over the adorable photographs. I've never seen anything like this absolutely stunning addition to the market. If you created every animal in this intermediate- to advanced-level volume from England, you'd have quite a menagerie! For the little girl who'd prefer a dolly, be sure she meets Polly! Gauge isn't important for most of the projects – grab your needles and go!

Some of the creatures call for *intarsia*. Simon the Snake, however, prefers Fair Isle knitting. If you've always wanted to learn these techniques, a small project might be the place to start. This book has lots of surprises in store for you.

LET'S HIT THE LIGHT FANTASTIC!

Pints & Purls: Portable Projects for the Social Knitter

Karida Collins and Libby Bruce

\$17.99 Paperback

These ladies have written the ideal primer on taking your intermediate- or advanced-level projects out on the town. There is advice on what constitutes a knitter-friendly bar. Things such as lighting (!!!!), timing (be sure you pick a time when you're guaranteed to get a table), the crowd (somewhere you're comfortable) and volume are to be considered. Advice also provided on what to do if you find yourself unexpectedly clicking away in the local singles' bar. Be warned: doing anything unusual in public, even something as innocuous as knitting, is liable to put you in the spotlight!

The projects range from caps to dishrags to socks to sweaters; there's something in here to please everybody. In keeping with the book's "on the go" theme, the skill level chart ranges from one beer to designated driver. The authors have even provided a helpful list of "Stain-free" drinks, as well as what to do if something unexpected lands on your project. If all else fails, triage it with club soda!

BADGERS, EAGLES, LIONS, AND SNAKES, OH MY!

Charmed Knits: Projects for Fans of Harry Potter

Alison Hansel

\$14.99 Paperbound,

Dress your favorite Potterhead in all four sets of House Colors. This terrific book contains 28 projects, ranging from hats to scarves to socks to sweaters to toys. There's even a pattern for a blanket depicting **Molly Weasley's** famous clock! Most designs are categorized as either "First Year" (beginner) or "Ordinary Wizarding Level" (Intermediate). A few are "Nastily Exhausting Wizarding Test," (advanced) such as the above-mentioned blanket.

A terrific addition to the library of anyone who envies **Hermione Granger** her ability to multitask. Stitching while studying Arithmancy sounds like my idea of time well-spent!

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