

THE KNIT STITCH

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Thanks to everyone for another fun filled year! I would have to say, my favorite memory is of Founders' Fest. It gave me a push to get back to my machine(s). Our Presentations for 2016 sound inspiring and I am hopeful there will be more knits in my future!

Wishing everyone a wonderful Holiday Season!

Maria Ann Youngs President

MUSINGS FROM JANE...



Many of you know that I am a stickler for bows laying straight and not angled in all directions. My method is to tie the first half of a square; the lower part of the cord or ribbon will form a loop, the upper comes over the top and forms the second loop which will then be tucked under the first loop, pulled through and tightened. A small amount of adjusting can then be done to make sure the loops are the same. This is the method I use for shoe laces, packages, any bow any material.

Watch the video on You Tube How to Tie the Perfect Bow by Lia Griffith. She has two versions. These videos are the simplest explanation with the least amount of machinations involved.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2qSvnCux5QM

♣ PRESENTATIONS

December – The Wright Family joined our holiday end of year celebration testing our cognitive abilities. Much fun

and laughter! A big thank you to all for the fun gifts exchanged.

♣ RAMBLINGS OF AN EASILY DISTRACTED KNITTER

Goals. A way to keep focused on what you might want or need to do. At our December meeting, Dee passed out the cards we had filled out at the beginning of 2015. It was fun to hear what some members had planned for themselves. I found that having recorded mine helped keep them in my mind throughout the year. While I was not successful at completing all of mine, knowing they were written down helped me to find the one that was most important and tackle it. As January quickly approaches, and I see a blank slate, full of potential, I will be carefully considering what goal I will record for 2016.

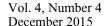
Happy Knitting! Maria Ann

♣ PANTONE FASHION COLOR REPORT SPRING 2016... A TRANSPORTING AND TRANSFORMATIVE CANVAS

Colors this season transport us to a happier, sunnier place where we feel free to express a wittier version of our real selves.



http://www.pantone.com/pages/fcr/?season=spring&year= 2016&pid=11





♣ MINNESOTA STATE FAIR 2016



MMKC's special awards will be submitted to the Fair the beginning of January. There will be a couple of changes as indicated:

MACHINE KNITTED ARTICLES: Pattern means one color yarn, different stitch on article. Design means more than one color yarn on article. Plain knit may include stripes. Hybrid knit includes a defined but limited hand component as noted when entered.

Midwest Machine Knitters' Collaborative, Eden Prairie, MN will award a rosette and \$10 to the first place winner of each of the following: **SP345**: Outerwear: coat, jacket, poncho, or shawl, adult (lot 322). **SP 346**: Toy (lot 330). **SP347**: Dress or suit, adult (lot 334).

SP 348: Midwest Machine Knitters' Collaborative, Eden Prairie, MN will award \$50 to the best hybrid knit among premium winners in lots 321 – 336 (combined).

To All – enjoy the season. Be safe. Be happy. And most of all Happy Knitting!

A Knitters Blessing

May all your patterns be easy to follow.

May your swatches meet gauge.

May your knits and purls be even.

May you have no dropped stitches.

May your gifts be well received.

And most of all may you be proud to say

'I made it!'

♣ HAPPENINGS

Rocking Horse Farm St. Distaff's Day – Saturday, January 2, 2016 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For details: Visit the RHF Facebook Page

Or call... 320-252-2996

Founders' Fest 2016 - Save the Dates! Saturday and Sunday, July 30/31, 2016

👃 SOURCES OF INSPIRATION

TOPP

by <u>ida knapstad</u> – Ravelry http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/topp-11

Free Ravelry download. However, this one's not in English so you'll need to use one of the web translators.



MACHINE FAN LACE CHEATSHEET

by Kristy Sipe - Ravelry

http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/machine-fan-lace-cheatsheet

A cheat sheet developed based on the video by Cheryl Sterling. This is a free download.





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SOURCES OF INSPIRATION (CONT'D)

COWL WEAVE CIRCLE SCARF

by Sol Maldonado

http://www.ravelry.com/projects/crema/cowl-weavecircle-scarf



Crema on Ravelry took the Cowl Weave Circle Scarf pattern and did this on the machine.

http://www.ravelry.com/projects/crema/cowl-weave-circlescarf Can't wait to try this!

CELTIC KNOT PILLOW

by Emily Ringelman

http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/celtic-knotwollig

This free Ravelry download was a source of inspiration for me. Thanks Kris King for bringing this one to my attention! The best part is that I didn't have to knit 1200 rows in stockinette by hand. I did this on the Circular sock machine out of Brown Sheep Nature Spun fingering and "stuffed" as I knit - about every 30 rows or so. The trickiest part was figuring out the knot then the Kitchener was a challenge holding everything together. Below is the original (gray) and the one I made (lime green). MA was still tweaking the shaping when I took this photo.



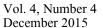
FOOTBALL HAT by Tracy Mainwaring http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/football-hat-9 Hand and machine knitting instructions for this one -

LK150. Perfect for Super Bowl!



There are so many fabulous machine knitting techniques that we tend to forget about some of them. How about this isolated woven sweater where the long floats are cut to create a fringe effect. Love it! This was from Urban Outfitters and... it's sold out. Can't be found. Hah! We can make this ourselves!







♣ SOURCES OF INSPIRATION (CONT'D)

KATHLEEN MORRIS - TEXTILE ARTIST, RESEARCHER, EDUCATOR

http://www.kathleen-morris.com/2445757-machine-knits#0

Saw this on Pinterest and followed it to the website for Kathleen Morris. You've got to check out her textiles.



RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN -PORTFOLIOS

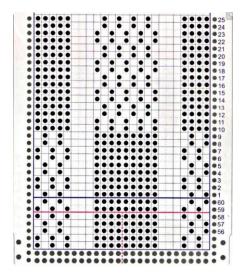
http://portfolios.risd.edu/gallery/21025587/Single-Bed-Machine-Knitting

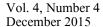
Check out what Michelle Dunbar created in her single-bed machine knitting class.



Great tuck pattern – get some texture into 2016!









MID-GAUGE CHRISTMAS STOCKING By Jane Niemi



Yarn: Patons Classic Wool; 5.5oz total – pattern written with white, red & green

Tension: 4 on any mid gauge machine

Gauge: approximately 6 stitches & 8 rows per inch

Before you begin, decide which way you want the stocking to hang:

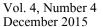
Shape the heel on the right side of the work

Shape the heel on the left side of the work

Cuff Facing: Bring 80 needles (40 - 0 - 40) to work and every other needle all the way out and e-wrap onto these with white. Hang weights or bring needles all the way out for a few rows.

T 4 RC 000 Knit to RC 26 on all the needles. T 6 knit 1 row for a turning row. T 4 knit 1 row.

Cuff: RC 28 Three row pattern. Carriage on the right. Set carriage to hold. Bring every other needle to hold. Knit to the left with white. Remove carriage from hold and set to part. Knit to the right in green.





Remove carriage from part and set to hold. Bring the needles with the green to hold, knit to the left in red.

Remove carriage from hold and set to part. Knit to the right with white

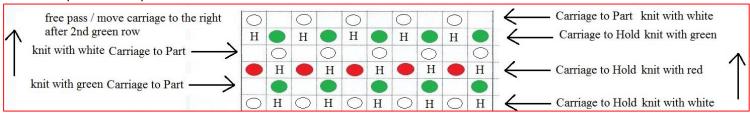
Remove carriage from part and set to hold. Bring the needles with red to hold and knit to the left with green.

Free pass or move the carriage to the right.

Remove carriage from hold and set to part, knit to the left with white.

Set carriage to normal.

Three row pattern complete.



Adjust row counter to RC 31. Carriage on the left. Knit 23 rows to RC 54.

If you want to knit in a name do so between needless 16 – 16, & rows 34 to 51, (32 stitches x 17 rows).

Knit the name upside down. See note at the of the pattern directions. Hand select the stitches for the name and manually knit, then bring those needles to hold, set carriage to hold and knit with white. Put the needles carefully back into working position and continue selecting needles for each row, knitting the name manually.

If you want to duplicate stitch a name later, mark the area between needles 16 - 0 - 16.

RC 54. Carriage on the right. Repeat the 3 row color sequence as above. End with carriage on the left. Set carriage to normal.

Hang hem – remove the cast on comb and hang the loops from the cast on row onto every other needle. Add weights as needed

T 6: Knit 1 row to the right with white across all the stitches to encase the hem.

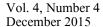
Leg: T4 RC 000 Change color to red.

Knit to row 78 - Carriage on the right for the toe to face to the left.

Knit to RC 79 - Carriage on the left for the toe to face to the right.

Short Row Heel: Do not cut the red. RC 000 T 4 - Put 40 stitches opposite the carriage to hold; set carriage to hold. Change color to white or green. Knit across the heel stitches and manually wrap the leg stitch needle #1 in hold. Bring the edge stitch, #40 of heel, into hold; knit and manually wrap. Move weights as needed. Continue to short row, bringing 1 stitch opposite the carriage into hold, knit and manually wrap the stitch, until 6 heel stitches are in hold on each side and 28 stitches in work. Knit 1 row ending with the carriage on the outer edge. Begin to reverse short-row by putting 1 stitch opposite the carriage into work and knit across. Continue until all heel stitches are back in work. Foot: RC 000 T 4. Change color to red. Knit 42 rows; cut red leaving a tail for seaming the leg. Knit 1 row over all the stitches with white or green.

Short Row Toe: RC 000 T 4 Short-row the toe on the opposite side of the machine as the heel. Put 40 needles to hold on the side away from the carriage. Knit one row on the toe stitches and manually wrap the foot stitch needle #1 in hold.





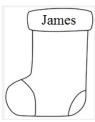
Bring the edge stitch, #40 of toe, into hold; knit and manually wrap. Move weights as needed. Continue to short row, bringing 1 stitch into hold opposite the carriage and knit across and manually wrap the stitch, until 12 stitches on each side are in hold and16 stitches in the center are in work. Knit 1 row ending with the carriage on the outer edge. Begin to reverse short-row by putting 1 stitch opposite the carriage into work and knit across. Continue until all toe stitches are back in work.

Scrap off in two sections, fold work in half, right sides together. Re-hang the bottom of the foot stitches back onto the machine and then the toe stitches onto the same needles - swallow the toe stitches and bind off. Or graft the open stitches together.

Sew center back seam with a mattress stitch. Block as needed. Line the stocking with fabric for stability if desired. Attach a cord to the center back seam or back edge. Hang by the chimney with care in hopes that St. Nicholas will soon be there.

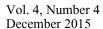
Note:

In the cuff the name will be knit after the hem facing – as you are knitting from the top to the bottom, knit the letters upside down.





Jane Niemi 2015





A couple of cushion/pillow designs for winter and for Valentine's Day below from Let's Knit. Free patterns available: http://www.letsknit.co.uk/free-knitting-patterns/scandi-christmas-cushion





http://www.letsknit.co.uk/free-knitting-patterns/fair-isle-cushion

