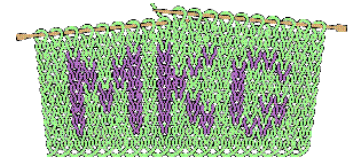


Purl's of Wisdom

a newsletter of the Memphis Knitting Guild



Letter from Our President

Did you enjoy the April meeting? Members have suggested that we periodically have a meeting without a program, so we did. How did it go? Suggestions and comments are welcome – let Gail know or send to mkgpresident@gmail.com.

I wish I could have joined you in April, but I was at Stitches in Atlanta and had a fabulous time! I took a couple of classes and spent several hours at the market – the yarns are just beautiful. I encourage everyone to attend a Stitches event if at all possible.

Does the Memphis Knitting Guild need a new logo? Survey says: the

overwhelming majority voted to hold a contest for a new logo. We'll vote on the submissions, and if we don't like any of the new ones, we'll stick with the existing logo. Think about something more modern, clear, and crisp – use your creativity! Please send a jpeg or png file to mkgpresident@gmail.com by Monday, June 21, and I will have them available for review at the June meeting.

Please think about a summer event. We'll plan on a Sunday picnic in July. Shall we have another auction? Swap? Theme? Do we have a volunteer host? We'll dis-

cuss ideas at the May meeting.

Sally Melville registrations continue to come in! Hank and I were on WKNO May 18 to promote the event and the Guild! At the May meeting, Gail will distribute a new flyer and discuss other details regarding promotion and logistics. Exciting news: Sally's new book will be released October 4! And we are setting up a book signing to be hosted by Yarniverse on Friday evening, October 8.

We'll have a guest at the May meeting: Jan Hamilton, Director of Crafts, Culinary & Collectibles for Universal Fairs to discuss the Delta Fair and Mid-South Fair. Both are great opportunities to showcase our craft.

See you all Tuesday, May 25.

Kathy



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V&P Report

Well, the plans for Sally coming to town are going well. We hope to have the flyers to pass out on Tuesday night.

As I stated before the program will be on Ravelry. I am really excited about this. We did a trial run last Thursday night, and we could spend hours on this. I would like to remind the ladies that don't use Ravelry, or computers, don't stay home because this program does not interest

you — come knit and visit with us.

We will have a contest to pick a new logo for Memphis Knitting Guild. Details are not final yet, we will let you know soon.

Thanks,

Gail



Charity

Here we go again. Thanks to all of you who brought baby powder to the last meeting. It has been sent to LOWO Project in South Dakota.

Our next care packages will be given to First Works in Memphis. Remember to bring a Ziplock bag with a toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, washcloth, comb, and soap. First Works gives these bags to homeless adults and children. Every little bit helps a person in need.

Thanks to Ann for her idea to help Crossroads again. A fun project for our us to do as a group for charity would be to knit (or crochet) any

shape, size or color (washable preferable) that we would like to include as a



section in lap afghans. Lisa thought it would be fun to go to Crossroads and actually stitch the shapes together out there. So, if you have a UFO that you know you'll never finish—heck, put that in one too (like those one-stitch-below scarves that never got finished). Also, if you have miscellaneous scarves and the thrill is over with you, they would be really cute worked in with the fringe in the middle of the blanket.

What a wonderful idea!! They were so

happy to receive the blankets last time.

Remember, we are always in need of preemie and Chemo hats. (Family Cancer Care has asked to be put on our list for hats again.) Local hospitals always need hats for our precious babies.

Jessica thanks the people who knitted helmet liners for the Tennessee Army National Guard. They currently have 2,000 National Guardsmen stationed in Afghanistan. A special shout out to Kathryn who brought liners to Hank of Yarn. " I just want to help out."

Thank you in advance,

Rita

Member Spotlight

Each month, we want to spotlight a few of our members by including a little bio and a photo of each. (Some of the answers may surprise you!) This is just a small way for us to get to know each other a little better. Of course, if you would prefer not to participate in the spotlight section, that's perfectly OK.

Tricia Watts

How long have you been knitting? **A little over a year.**

What do you love about knitting? **The many things you can create.**

Any other hobbies or passions? **Crocheting and working with computers (games, creating digital art) and photography.**

You may be surprised to know this about me . . . **I flew a Cessna and rolled it in the air.**



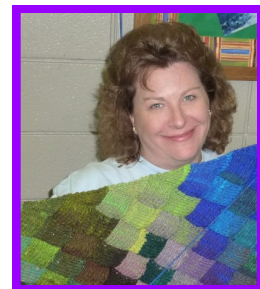
Angie Rhodes

How long have you been knitting? **Picked back up 5 years ago. Learned as a teenager.**

What do you love about knitting? **Take yarn and needles and make something beautiful.**

Any other hobbies or passions? **Crochet, spinning, learning to tat.**

You may be surprised to know this about me . . . **I am a CPA.**



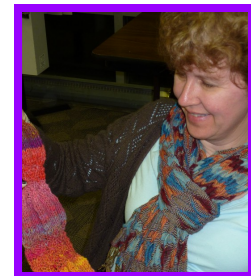
Kristi Davis

How long have you been knitting? **4 years—when my first born went to college I was distraught; decided to learn something new and calming.**

What do you love about knitting? **It goes with you no matter where you are, and it opens up conversation with people you would never get to know otherwise.**

Any other hobbies or passions? **Right now my hobby and passion is grad school. I love being a nurse, and I am passionate about moms and babies.**

You may be surprised to know this about me . . . **Elvis bought me an ice cream cone once when I was little.**





April Meeting Highlights

The April meeting was just a little business and a whole lot of fun! We discussed the upcoming Sally Melville event and the various things that have to happen to make it a success. Members asked for more information regarding volunteers – what exactly was needed and how could they help? It was great to see people willing to share their talents for a guild event!

Seating was coordinated by drawing a number and many members got to sit/socialize with new-to-them people. Show and Tell was extended and everyone seemed to enjoy taking their time and discussing each project at length. There was also a “Tips and Tricks” sharing that I really liked! Some of the tips are listed below. If we didn’t list your idea PLEASE

email it to us so we can include it in a future newsletter issue!

1. If struggling with a too-tight cast on, try casting onto two needles held together.
2. For a finished appearance on edges, add two stitches to the pattern count, one stitch at the beginning and ending. Slip the beginning stitch of each row (purlwise), purl the ending stitch.
3. When setting up to knit in the round, add an extra stitch to the first row. Use this stitch to join into the round, then knit two together on the following row.
4. When knitting with ribbon, try whip-stitching the ends together for a continuous length of ribbon. No ends to try and weave, no knots!

5. Inexpensive rubber “O” rings from a home improvement store make great stitch markers. Straws cut into short pieces are another great, inexpensive idea!

6. Rubber pencil/pen grips (sold at WalMart!) are good for holding dpns/wips on single points!

We look forward to hearing your favorite “trick” for future newsletters!

Lisa



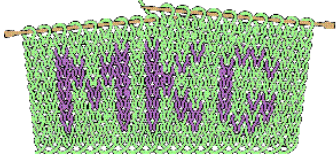
Ten Principles of Knitting

1. It's all about the awesome yarn choices. Simple stitches & patterns create gorgeous pieces.
2. Strive to relax and have fun. Do not strive for perfection.
3. Be clever & daring. Take a risk!
4. Every mistake can be fixed.
5. Swatch, swatch, swatch.
6. Set goals, not deadlines.
7. Never stop learning.
8. Share the legacy, teach someone to knit.
9. Put your signature on each gift.
10. Knit with love.

--- **Finely, A Knitting Party**



Purpose



We're on the Web!

www.memphisknittingguild.org

The Memphis Knitting Guild's goal is to provide knitters of all skill levels a forum for sharing their mutual interest in knitting and learning new skills.

The Memphis Knitting Guild is a Member of TKGGA.

Please join us for our regular meetings the 4th Tuesday at the Poplar-White Station Library, 5094 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN 38117. Meetings begin with a meet and greet at 6:00 pm.

May Program

The May program will be a presentation on Getting Around Ravelry! If you don't use Ravelry, come to the meeting anyhow- you can knit and visit with all of us!

Future Meetings

May 25	September 28
June 22	October 26
July—TBD	November 23
August 24	December 28

2010 Events

As was mentioned in our last MKG meeting, listed below are some events the Memphis Knitting Guild is interested in participating in throughout our new year. If you think you might be interested in organizing and coordinating any of these events, please contact mkgpresident@gmail.com. We need your help— lots of knitting experience is **not** a prerequisite! In addition, if you can think of any other events that you think would be fun for us, please let us know.

Stitch N Pitch (May)

Knit in Public Day (June)

Delta Fair (Fall)

Mid-South Fair (Fall)



Kathy, look at this, I dropped a stitch and picked it right up with these new lighted needles.

Sweet!

2010 Summary Memphis Knitting Guild Library

Library Update

We are now receiving TKGA magazine Cast-On which is very informative and has nice instructional articles. Check it out.

We have added a wonderful new book by Shirley Paden called Knitwear Design Workshop Here is Amazon's product description of the book :

"From the initial spark of inspiration to the sewing of the last seam, this advanced manual to knitwear design provides knitters with the foundation to take their projects to the next level. The four exceptional projects demonstrate the level of uniqueness and beauty that can be achieved with these expert techniques and how to achieve the elusive "perfect fit" that defines a successful end product. Knitters will gain a clearer understanding of commercial pattern instructions, improve their attention to detail with a meaningful test swatch, and acquire a stronger knowledge of proper body and garment measurements."

This exhaustive and comprehensive book has so much valuable information about sweater design ,it is a great addition to our Memphis Knitting Guild library. Check it out.

Just a reminder : I always have the swift and winder available before meetings for your use. If you have yarn purchases that need winding this is your opportunity to make a "cake" of your yarn. Please take advantage of this wonderful resource provided by your guild.

Do you have any suggestions on content you would like added to the guild library? Please forward Your Requests to : mkgpresident@gmail.com
Thanks,

Terrie

Memphis Knitting Guild Library Holdings as of 5-25-10

VHS

Knitted Trims – For Woven, Pieced, Felted, Crocheted, and Knitted Projects by Ginger Lutens

Knitting Workshop by Elizabeth Zimmerman

- Part 1 – Beginnings, A Hat
- Part 2 – Two Sweaters
- Part 3 – Master Classes

Hand Knitted Lace by Nancie Wiseman

Knitty Gritty TV Shows (with printed materials)

- Video 1 – Episodes 101-211
- Video 2 – Episodes 212-213

DVDs

Learn to Knit by Knit This

Free Form Knitting by Colleen Davis

Knitty Gritty TV Shows

Episodes 101-106,107-112,113,201-206,207-211,212-213



Books

Knitting Without Tears by Elizabeth Zimmerman

At Knit's End by Stephanie Pearl-McPhee

Quick Knits by Vogue Knitting

Hand Knits for the Home By Caroline Birkett

Knitting the New Classics by Kristin Nickolas

The Friday Night Knitting Club by Kate Jacobs

Knit Two (a sequel to *The Friday Night Knitting Club*) by Kate Jacobs

Drunk, Divorced and Covered in Cat Hair by Crazy Aunt Purl -Laurie Perry

The Friday Night Knitting Club by Kate Jacobs (this is the guild's 2nd copy)

Knit Two by Kate Jacobs

Heirloom Knits by Judith McLeod-Odell

Things I Learned from Knitting Weather I Wanted to or Not by Stephanie Pearl-McPhee

Knitting Beyond the Edge by Nicky Epstein

Domino Knitting by Vivian Hoxbro

Never Knit Your Man a Sweater Unless you've got the Ring by Judith Durant

Big Needle Knit Afghans by Jeanne Stauffer

Nursery Rhyme Knits by Teresa Boyer

Knitting Circles around Socks by Antje Gillingham

Knitwear Design Workshop by Shirley Paden

Styles by Sally Melville

Book 1: The Knit Stitch by Sally Melville

Book 2: The Purl Stitch by Sally Melville

Book 3: Color by Sally Melville

Mother Daughter Knits by Sally Melville

It Itches by Franklin Habit

Knit Together by Debbie Macomber

Booklets & Handouts (free to members)

Tricks of the Trade by Carol Anderson

Caps and Scarf Patterns Handout (for Love Knitting)

Duplicate Stitch Handouts

2005 Newsletters

Magazines

Cast On magazine_May/June 2010

Workbasket select issues from 1964 to 1970

Knitting in the Movies

(It might be fun to check out some of these movies where there's knittin' going on. Each month we'll list a few more for your enjoyment!)

9 to 5 (Dolly Parton, Jane Fonda, Judy Bernly, Dabney Coleman) When one of the lady's thinking of doing in Franklin, the cartoon bunny is knitting.

A Cry In The Dark 1988, Meryl Streep, Sam Neill. Meryl knits while discussing the trial where her baby is carried off by a dingo in Australia.

A League of Their Own (Geena Davis, Madonna, Tom Hanks)

A Star is Born (1937)

A Tale of Two Cities

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn

Ada (1961) (Susan Hayward, Dean Martin) The Governor's secretary is knitting at her desk.

Addams Family (Morticia knits a 3-legged bodysuit!)

Addams Family Values

The Affairs Of Dobie Gillis - (Debbie Reynolds, Bobbie Van 1953) - Lurene Tuttle plays DR's mom and in her first scene of the movie she's knitting. She knits with the right needle under her arm.

After the Thin Man America's Sweethearts - (Julia Roberts, John Cusack & Catherine Zeta Jones)

Amelie (Audrey Tautou) The tobacconist is crocheting in a scene.

America's Sweethearts (Julia Roberts, John Cusack, Catherine Zeta-Jones) Julia Robert's character knits.

And Then There Were None - 1945 - Agatha Christie Whodunit

Anne of Green Gables



Cary Grant in "Mr. Lucky"

April Meeting Photos

Below are just a few of the gorgeous creations that were shown in our last meeting.



Free Pattern

ELVIS WIG (permission granted to reproduce from Simon Thackray in North Yorkshire, England— simon@thackray.com). Come on guys, this could be fun!



SIZE To fit average sized head - adult.

TENSION

14sts and 18 rows = 4ins over stockinette st using size 10 needles.

MATERIALS FOR BASIC WIG NOVA WIG

2 - 100gm balls of [SIRDAR](#) NOVA SUPER CHUNKY - shade 894

Black. SNOWFLAKE (or any chunky yarn)

Pair of size 8 needles

Pair of size 10 needles

Crochet hook.

Polyester filling for stuffing.

BASIC WIG USING [SIRDAR](#) NOVA CHUNKY (or any chunky yarn)

CAP PIECE

With size 8 needles cast on 61sts.

1st ROW - Right side. *k1,p1; rep from * to last st, k1.

2nd ROW - *p1,k1; rep from * to last st, p1.

Change to size 10 needles and cont as set until work measures 4" from beg ending with a wrong side row.

Cont in st st beg with a knit row. Work 2 rows.

SHAPE TOP

1st DEC ROW - k1, *k2tog,k2; rep from * to end. 46sts.

Work 1 row.

2nd DEC ROW - k1, *k2tog,k1; rep from * to end. 31sts.

Work 1 row.

3rd DEC ROW - k1, *k2tog; rep from * to end. 16sts.

Work 1 row.

4th DEC ROW - *k2tog; rep from * to end. 8sts.

Break yarn and thread through sts, pull up tightly and secure. Sew centre back seam.

TOP WIG PIECE

With size 10 needles cast on 14sts. Cont in st st beg with a knit row, AT THE SAME TIME, inc 1 st at both ends of the 3rd and 3 foll 4th rows, 22sts. Work 1 row.

BACK NECK PIECE

1st INC ROW - Right side. k5, (M1, k4) 3 times, M1, k5. 26sts.

Work 1 row.

2nd INC ROW - (k5, M1) twice, k6, (M1, k5) twice. 30sts.

Work 1 row.

3rd INC ROW - k5, M1, k6, (M1, k4) twice, M1, k6, M1, k5. 35sts.

Work 1 row.

4th INC ROW - k5, M1, k7, M1, k4, M1, k3, M1, k4, M1, k7, M1, k5. 41sts.

Work 1 row.

5th INC ROW - k5, (M1, k4) twice, (M1, k5) 3 times, (M1, k4) twice, M1, k5. 49sts.

Work 1 row.

SHAPE BACK HEAD

NEXT 2 ROWS - Knit to last 4sts, turn, sl 1, purl to last 4sts, turn.

NEXT 2 ROWS - Sl 1, knit to last 8sts, turn, sl 1, purl to last 8sts, turn.

NEXT 2 ROWS - Sl 1, knit to last 12sts, turn, sl 1, purl to last 12sts, turn.

NEXT 2 ROWS - Sl 1, knit to last 16sts, turn, sl 1, purl to last 16sts, turn.

NEXT 2 ROWS - Sl 1, knit to last 20sts, turn, sl 1, purl to last 20sts, turn.

NEXT 2 ROWS - Sl 1, knit to last 24sts, turn.

NEXT 2 ROWS - Sl 1, purl 5sts, turn, sl 1, knit 10sts, turn.
NEXT 2 ROWS - Sl 1, purl 14sts, turn, sl 1, knit 18sts, turn.
NEXT 2 ROWS - Sl 1, purl 22sts, turn, sl 1, knit 26sts, turn.
NEXT 2 ROWS - Sl 1, purl 30sts, turn, sl 1, knit 34sts, turn.
NEXT 2 ROWS - Sl 1, purl 38sts, turn, sl 1, knit 42sts, turn.
NEXT 2 ROWS - Sl 1, purl 46sts, turn knit to end.

Cont working across all sts. Work 11 rows.

TOP HEAD SHAPING

Place a marker at beg and end of next row.

1st DEC ROW - Right side. k14, k2tog, k17, sl 1-k1-ssso, k14. 47sts.

Work 3 rows.

2nd DEC ROW - k14, k2tog, k15, sl 1-k1-ssso, k14. 45sts.

Work 3 rows placing a marker at each end of the 3rd row.

3rd DEC ROW - k14, k2tog, k13, sl 1-k1-ssso, k14. 43sts.

Work 3 rows.

4th DEC ROW - k14, k2tog, k11, sl 1-k1-ssso, k14. 41sts.

Work 3 rows.

FRONT HEAD SHAPING

NEXT 2 ROWS - Knit to last 3sts, turn, sl 1 purl to last 3sts, turn.

NEXT 2 ROWS - Sl 1, knit to last 6sts, turn, sl 1 purl to last 6sts, turn.

NEXT 2 ROWS - Sl 1, knit to last 9sts, turn, sl 1 purl to last 9sts, turn.

NEXT 2 ROWS - Sl 1, knit to last 12sts, turn, sl 1 purl to last 12sts, turn.

NEXT 2 ROWS - Sl 1, knit to last 15sts, turn, sl 1 purl to last 15sts, turn.

NEXT 2 ROWS - Sl 1, knit to last 18sts, turn, sl 1 purl to last 18sts, turn.

NEXT 2 ROWS - Sl 1, knit 5sts, turn, sl 1, purl 9sts, turn.

NEXT 2 ROWS - Sl 1, knit 12sts, turn, sl 1, purl 15sts, turn.

NEXT 2 ROWS - Sl 1, knit 18sts, turn, sl 1, purl 21sts, turn.

NEXT 2 ROWS - Sl 1, knit 24sts, turn, sl 1, purl 27sts, turn.

NEXT 2 ROWS - Sl 1, knit 30sts, turn, sl 1, purl 33sts, turn, sl 1, knit to end.

Work across all sts. Work 5 rows.

1st DEC ROW - k4, (sl 1-k1-ssso, k3) 3 times, k3tog, (k3, k2tog) 3 times, k4. 33sts.

Work 1 row.

2nd DEC ROW - k3, (sl 1-k1-ssso, k2) 3 times, k3tog, (k2, k2tog) 3 times, k3. 25sts.

Work 1 row.

3rd DEC ROW - k2, (sl 1-k1-ssso, k1) 3 times, k3tog, (k1, k2tog) 3 times, k2. 17sts.

Work 1 row.

4th DEC ROW - k1, (sl 1-k1-ssso) 3 times, k3tog, (k2tog) 3 times, k1. 9sts.

Work 1 row.

Break yarn and thread through sts, pull up tightly and secure.

LEFT SIDEBURN

With right side facing and size 10 needles cast on 7sts. Cont in st st beg with a knit row.

Work 4 rows.

NEXT ROW - Inc 1 st, knit to last 2sts, k2tog.

Work 3 rows.

Rep the last 4 rows, 3 times more. Cast off.

RIGHT SIDEBURN

Work as given for Left sideburn reversing shaping.

MAKE UP

Press side burns and back flap according to instructions given on ball band. With wrong side of cap to wrong side of top wig piece, back seam on cap to centre of back flap - sew cap piece to wig piece leaving back flap free. Turn out to right side and push cap into wig piece. Attach side burns between markers on each side. Stuff front, round sides and back, leaving centre crown unstuffed, then sl st back cap to back flap. Cut lengths of yarn approximately 3-3/4" long, then cover the side burns and around base of wig from side burns to back flap and back flap, randomly thus:- Fold a length of yarn in half then, with right side facing, push a crochet hook behind one stitch, pull the looped end of yarn through then the 2 loose ends through to knot.