

Westchester Knitting Guild Newsletter[©]

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Social Knitting Night with Extended Brioche KAL May 21

Join us for a relaxing evening of knitting and socializing. Bring a current project and take advantage of the opportunity to chat with your fellow Guild members.

Or, due to the overwhelming response to our Brioche Knit Along last month, Linda Higham and others will be available all evening to help with your brioche projects. Come early (6:00 p.m.) or join in later to focus on learning this wonderful technique.

It's not too late to join the brioche KAL. Please see pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter for more details.



From the President

Hooray, we have now had several consecutive days of warm weather, which no doubt will inspire us to knit items for the season. We can finally wear lighter weight clothing and throw on one of the shawls we have been so diligent in knitting.

How wonderful it was to see the enthusiastic response to our new knit along, learning how to do brioche knitting. We will continue with this KAL so, if you did not dive in last month, you still have a chance to learn. Simply print out the pattern that Linda Higham provided on page 4 of the newsletter and join the fun! Linda and her able assistants will guide you.

We welcome input from our members, if you have an idea for a knit along, or a speaker, please share your ideas with any board member.

Life is full of disappointments, our guest speaker, Trisha Malcolm, of *Vogue Knitting* was scheduled to visit us this month but, unfortunately, she had to cancel her visit. She is slated to visit us in the Fall.

Happy Mother's Day.

As always, Happy Knitting

J. Evelyne Liebmann



RAVELRY PATTERN OF THE MONTH!!

This month's free Ravelry pattern is **Sunnyside** by Tanis Lavallee. It's a sweet baby sweater knit from the top down in one piece. So, if there is a grandchild or grandniece or nephew or a friend's baby on the way, here is something you can knit up quickly with one skein of fingering weight yarn (for the newborn size).

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/sunnyside>



BRIOCHE STITCH KAL (KNIT ALONG): 2-COLOR BRIOCHE IN THE ROUND

Brioche Stitch KAL: 2-Color Brioche in the Round

Our first KAL session was fun and productive but, unfortunately, ended far too early! Thanks to the experienced assistance of Pat Slaven and Amy Lamash, attendees were able to start on the technique. This month we have the opportunity to expand our KAL into a 3-hour session and further explore brioche knitting. All are welcome to join this expanded session, even if you missed our earlier meeting and even if you are a beginner. For those with brioche knitting experience, come and share your expertise with us and inspire us with your projects!

For those who plan to join us this month:

The project for learning the technique is Gina's Brioche Hat by Purl Soho (purlsoho.com/create/2011/10/16/ginas-brioche-hat-and-cowl). There is a photo tutorial pattern on the site. An abridged version of the hat pattern is available on our website <https://www.westchesterknittingguild.com/inspiration.html>. You will also find a list of resources there for help between meetings.

Materials needed for our meeting:

- Worsted weight yarn: 1 skein each of 2 different colors (approx. 160 yds each)
- Circular needle 16" and circular/DPNs to accommodate decreases: US #5 (adjust size as you would normally - tighter knitters use #6, looser knitters use #4)
- General supplies, including stitch markers
- A copy of the pattern as summarized below or on the guild website.

DO NOT PRINT PATTERN FROM PURL SOHO WEBSITE! It would be 18 pages.

To get a head start, begin by knitting the rolled edge as follows:

With Yarn B, loosely cast on 88 stitches. Place a marker and join for working in the round, being careful not to twist the stitches. Knit 5 rounds.

Come join us to explore Brioche Knitting on May 21, beginning with the 6:00 p.m. KAL and continuing through the general meeting.

Linda Higham



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Gina's Brioche Hat by Purl Soho

With Yarn B, loosely cast on 88 stitches. Place a marker and join for working in the round, being careful not to twist the stitches. Knit 5 rounds.

Join Yarn A to begin working in two color Brioche stitch leaving yarn B hanging in back of work.

Round 1: With Yarn A, *YOS (see Pattern Notes), p1, repeat from * to end of round. Leaving Yarn A hanging at front of work, continue working in Yarn B.

Round 2: With Yarn B, *Bk2tog (see Pattern Notes), YOS, repeat from * to end of round. Leaving Yarn B hanging at back of work, continue working with Yarn A.

Round 3: With Yarn A: *YOS, bp2tog (see Pattern Notes), repeat from * to end of round. Leave Yarn A in front of work.

Round 4: With Yarn B: *Bk2tog, YOS, repeat from * to end of round. Leave Yarn B in back of work.

Repeat Rounds 3 and 4 until piece measures 6 3/4 inches from the rolled edge.

Repeat Round 3. Place markers every 22 stitches.

Shape Crown Modification: (These instructions differ from the Purl Soho pattern)

Round 1: With Yarn B: [BrLsl, YOS, *bk2tog, YOS, repeat from * to marker] 4 times.

Round 2: With Yarn A: *YOS, bp2tog, repeat from * to end of round.

Round 3: With Yarn B: *Bk2tog, YOS, repeat from * to end of round.

Round 4: With Yarn A: *YOS, bp2tog, repeat from * to end of round.

(Transfer stitches to double pointed needles when work becomes too narrow to fit on circular needle.)

Repeat Rounds 1 through 4 until 16 sts remain.

Work Rounds 1 through 3 once.

Break MC yarn, leaving at least 6" tail. Using tapestry needle, thread the yarn tail through the remaining live stitches and snug tightly to close the top. Secure the yarn and insert through the center. Weave in ends using tapestry needle.

Notes:

bk2tog [brioche knit 2 together]: knit next knit stitch together with its paired yarnover

bp2tog [brioche purl 2 together]: purl next purl stitch together with its paired yarnover

YOS [yarn over slip]: Bring yarn to front of work, slip one purlwise, bring yarn over right needle to back of work.

brLsl dec (2-stitch decrease that slants to the left, involving 3 sts): slip the first stitch (including paired yarnover) knitwise, brk the following two stitches together, pass the slipped stitch over.

After working a round with Yarn A, leave yarn hanging at front of work.

After working a round with Yarn B, leave yarn hanging at the back of work.



NEEDLES by Evelyne Leibmann

You can never have enough needles, or can you? Over the years each time I bought another circular needle (I don't like working with straight needles, unless they are double points), I thought now I have everything I need, and then I find I do not. For years I have been knitting with the interchangeable Knit Picks wood needles, and was perfectly content to do so. If the yarn I was using required something more slippery I pulled out an Addi Turbo circular. Then one day I saw this new set of interchangeable needles from ChiaoGoo and I could not resist. The quilted zippered case with pockets and size indicators made keeping everything organized so easily. The outside zipper pocket contained the wires, stitch markers, needle gauge ruler and end caps so you can use them as straight needles. Since purchasing them, I have not used anything else. These surgical grade stainless steel needles with relatively sharp points work well with every yarn that I have knitted with since last summer. I really, really love using them, so much so that I have now invested in four sets of doubled pointed needles for sock knitting. The double points come in 6" and 8" lengths. The ChiaoGoo interchangeable needles are my third set of this type. I started out at least 30 years ago with the Denise plastic interchangeable needles and thought that I was finished buying needles. Oh well, who knows what may be on the horizon to change my mind.



Evelyne Leibmann



Knitting Night

The Barnes & Noble bookstore on Central Avenue in Yonkers has invited us to organize a knitting night in the newly renovated café at their store. If you think You might be interested, please contact Evelyne Leibmann. evelyne.liebmann@gmail.com

Charity Knitting

Here's an idea . . .

During the warmer months (finally), many knitters are hesitant to work on wool projects. For me, I have a different problem. I have totally filled all 12 of my huge charity-knitting bins and am waiting until fall to mail things to the various organizations. They don't have the storage facilities to accept winter-wear during the summer and ask donators to wait until late fall.

But Gilda's Club always welcomes the donation of chemo-hats – all year around. I've been knitting such hats with cotton for the warmer months and they have been very excited with these fibers. There are other fibers we can use which will be cooler and we don't have to worry about fiber or laundry restrictions. I have a pattern for a small-brim hat which is popular, practical and more flattering. Here is a copy of the pattern, for your convenience. I'm confident that there are others you can easily find – feel free to use whatever you like.

Floppy Brim Hat

Size: Ladies

Materials: 200 yds. of a worsted weight yarn, 16" circular needle size 7, set of double pointed needles size 5, 6 or 7, and 1 stitch marker. Use different sized needles if needed to yield the desire gauge.

Gauge: 5 sts = 1"

With the circular needle, loosely cast on 88 stitches, place marker, and join being careful not to twist the stitches. Knit for 4 inches. Decrease as follows, changing to double pointed needles when needed.

Round 1: (knit 9, k2tog) around

Round 2 and all even rows until row 16: knit

Round 3: (knit 8, k2tog) around

Round 5: (knit 7, k2tog) around

Round 7: (knit 6, k2tog) around

Round 9: (knit 5, k2tog) around

Round 11: (knit 4, k2tog) around

Round 13: (knit 3, k2tog) around

Round 15: (knit 2, k2tog) around

Round 16: (knit 1, k2tog) around

Round 17: (k2tog) around

Cut the yarn leaving a 12" tail, thread it through the remaining stitches, draw up tightly, and weave in the ends.



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Charity Knitting continued

Brim: with right side facing, pick up 88 stitches around the bottom of hat.

Round 1: knit

Round 2: (k3, knit into front and back of next stitch to increase 1), repeat around (110 stitches)

Round 3 – 5: knit

Round 6: (k4, knit into front and back of next stitch to increase 1), repeat around (132 stitches)

Round 7 – 9: knit

Round 10: purl

Round 11: knit

Round 12: purl

Round 13: bind off in knitting. Weave in ends.

Dorothy Freeman and Linda Cramer

Help Desk is Back!

Some of you may have noticed that the Help Desk disappeared for a while. Well, I am here to tell you that it will be back at our next meeting. And, I am fortunate in having Pat Slaven join me. We'd love to see what you are working on, even if you don't have a problem; it's fun to see techniques or patterns we are not familiar with.

As in the past we will have a swift and ball winder available for your convenience.

Please consider the new Knit Along (KAL) on Brioche – which Pat has agreed to help with so her presence at the Help Desk might not take place for a couple of meetings. The Brioche sounds really exciting – we've seen the hat Linda Higham has made and shown at Show & Tell and now she'll use that pattern for the KAL. I'm definitely going to take advantage of as much of the KAL as I can.

See you at the meeting, I hope.

Dorothy Freeman



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

It's time to renew your membership for the 2018 year for our knitting guild. We're very fortunate to be able to maintain our dues at \$35.00 for the year! We have some exciting programs lined up for 2018.

Please make your dues check payable to the Westchester Knitting Guild or WKG in the amount of \$35.00. You may give the check (or cash) directly to me at the next meeting or you may mail it to me at:

Westchester Knitting Guild
Attn: Jeanne Scofidio
P. O. Box 141
Chappaqua, NY 10514

Please include your current address, telephone number and current email address. I will give you (or mail to you) a 2018 WKG membership card and add you to our membership list. I look forward to your continued participation in our guild activities!

Thank you, Jeanne

UPCOMING TEXTILE ART EVENTS

Through September 9, **Surface/Depth, The Decorative After Miriam Schapiro**, Museum of Art & Design, New York, NY <http://madmuseum.org/exhibition/surfacedepth>

July 5 - 9, **Meg Swansen's Knitting Camp**, Marshfield, WI,
<https://www.schoolhousepress.com/camps> , (also July 12-16, 19-23, 26-30)

Through July 8th, **Fabricating Power with Balinese Textiles**, Bard Graduate Center, New York,
<https://www.bgc.bard.edu/gallery/27/exhibitions>





Knitting News
Joan Ratner

Calendar

- May 21: Social Knitting Night
- June 25: Hand Therapy for Knitters
- July 23: Summer Picnic

MEETING SCHEDULE

6:00 Knit Along
7:00 Announcements & Show and Tell
7:15 Program

Meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month at the
Chappaqua Library
195 South Greeley Ave.
Chappaqua, NY 10514-3398
914-238-4779
www.chappaqualibrary.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- It's time to renew your membership for 2018. Annual dues are \$35. Jeanne will accept payment at the next meeting.
- Please bring finished items for charity to the monthly meetings.
- Please bring donations of yarn and plastic knitting needles for the prison knitting program at Taconic to monthly meetings.
- Guests are welcome. There will be a \$10 fee for guests.

MEETING ETIQUETTE REMINDER

We are fortunate to have high quality presenters during our monthly meetings. Even if you are not interested in the presentation or mini-workshop, please be respectful of others and remember:

- No talking during presentation
- Wait until Q&A period to ask questions
- Wait for the presentation to end before trying on, or looking at samples

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