

HANDCRAFTS MONTHLY



JULY GATHERING

Gathering - July 8

10:00 to noon at Sewing World in the upstairs classroom, 136 71 Ave. SE

If you wish, please bring along a snack to share. Remember to park in the rear and to mention us when you shop.

JULY at a glance

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NEWS FROM HANDCRAFTS COMMITTEE

Checking our inventory

Product custodians have done an inventory check to date and this info may be helpful to guide your summer projects.

Home Decor:

- Scrubbies!
- Knit dish cloths
- Wine and gift bags (Pattern on [HANDCRAFTS](#) and in April Handcrafts Monthly)
- Shoe bags from unique fabrics
- Quilted place mats and table runners

Children:

- Hand and/or glove puppets (Please use yarn for eyes, nose & mouth)
- Crayon wraps
- Growth charts

Accessories:

- Slippers
- Fingerless gloves,
- Shawls.

Purses:

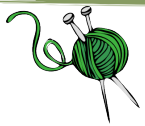
Both felted and fabric purses are at low levels.

There are a few things that are in abundance.

We have reached over 80 button bracelets which may be market saturation, so if you have some to turn in do that but otherwise let's turn your attention to other items.

Got Your Name On?

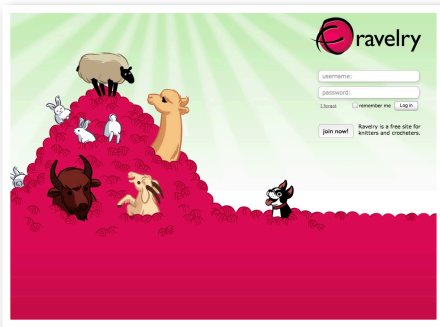
In June, we had a 400% increase in the number of custom name tags at the Sewing World gathering.! Can we do it again in July? For ideas, see the May Handcrafts Monthly.



KNIT NOTES

Wondering What to Knit or Crochet for BAGS, BABIES & BEYOND 2013?

Have a look at the suggestions mentioned earlier in this newsletter and then go to www.ravelry.com for free and for inexpensive patterns in many categories.

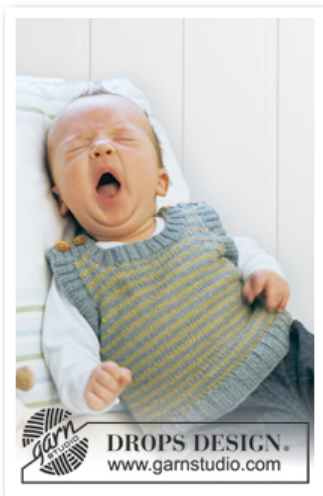


The Ravelry website has more than 3 million users. In addition to patterns you will find up-to-date information about international

fibre arts workshops, classes and retreats, forums, yarns and help groups. You can view finished projects and get an idea of what fiber works for each project before you commit yourself to it.

Ravelry is an extensive website and it is worthwhile taking some time to navigate through it. You will have to set up a sign-in name and password but they never send you email.

Have a look, we promise you will find some great projects to work on!



Another great source of ideas and patterns is DROPS located at www.garnstudio.com. There are over 5,000 patterns available for ladies, men and children. You can't help but find something that stimulates your knitting genes.

Got Knits?

Linda de B is looking for some soft knit fabric suitable for baby's and children's wear. If you have any surplus, bring it along to a gathering. Linda plans to make items from www.Ottobre.com. We have permission to use their patterns for our sale.



SEW WHAT?

Fabric Infinity Scarf



Similar to the very popular **BUFFS**, try this fabric infinity scarf long or short. Finished long scarf measures 90" around and 12" deep. Finished short scarf measures 59" around and 12" deep. Make it for men or women depending on your fabric choice.

YOU'LL NEED

1-1/2 yards of 60" wide lightweight knit fabric, such as jersey for the long scarf OR

3/4 yard of 60" wide lightweight knit fabric, such as jersey for the short scarf.

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

1. For the long version, cut two strips of fabric across the width to 46" long and 25" wide.
2. For the short version, cut one strip of fabric across the full 60" width and 25" wide.

SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

1. With RIGHT sides of fabric facing each other and matching cut edges, pin the strips together along one short end.
2. Stitch together in a 1/2" seam, forming one long strip.
3. Press seam flat to blend stitches; press seam open.
4. Fold strip in half, with RIGHT sides of fabric facing each other and matching long cut edges. Pin together.
5. Beginning 3" from one end, stitch long edge in a 1/2" seam. Stop stitching 3" from the other end.
6. Press seam flat to blend stitches; press seam open.
7. Turn scarf RIGHT side out.
8. Open short ends of scarf.
9. Place short ends with RIGHT sides together, lining up cut edges. Pin together.
10. Stitch short edges together in a 1/2" seam.
11. Press seam flat to blend stitches; press seam open.
12. Turn scarf so that seam allowances roll to the inside.
13. Slip stitch opening closed.