



The Gift Giving Time of Year

The holidays are fast approaching, do you have your wonderful handmade knits finished and ready to wrap? If you are like me, you might not even have any of them started. So what can you do for your friends and family that shares your wonderful gift within the time constraints that we all seem to have? Make a quick knit gift! Knitability has several ideas along with the supplies to complete the project.



One of our newest items is the [Simply Sensational Gloves](#) kit. It has been hit at Stitches East, with our students and with yarn shop owners alike. A pair takes only 2-4 hours to knit (depending upon knitting speed) and can be made by knitters of all levels. The gloves will fit most adult sizes and large child sizes and are fun to give.

For something fast and fabulous, create a quick and simple scarf out of our newest yarns, [Mist](#), [Evening Mist](#) or [Fuzz](#). Choose a nice large needle (size 11 or larger), cast on 18 – 25 sts and just knit, knit, knit. Depending upon your choice of length and width, 1 – 3 balls will do the trick!

If you are willing to invest a little more knitting time, the [Felted Entrelac Knapsack](#) makes great gift – one size fits all. For those with cold feet, try our new [Felted Socks](#) pattern. These slipper socks knit up fast and felt up nice and warm for those cold winter floors. Sizing available for everyone in the family.

And what can you give your favorite knitter? Give a [Knitability Gift Certificate](#). Gift certificates are now available for sale on our web site in \$1 increments. Just make a note on the order form, who it is for and where you would like it sent along with any message you would like included. Gift Certificates can be redeemed through any of our standard ordering channels.

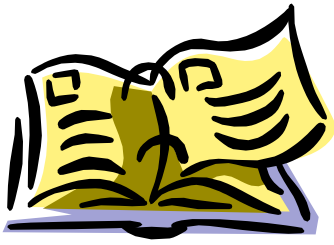
Just remember as we all enter the busy holiday season, the most important gifts we can give do not cost any money. Saying a kind word to a stranger, remembering to be patient amongst a crowd and telling those we care about how important they are to us is more valuable than anything we can wrap up in paper.

Best Holiday Wishes To All,

Gwen & Bev

The Last Night in the Woods

As many of you know, Gwen is planning to move to California as soon as all the details can be arranged. As such, this month will be the final Night in the Woods. However, due to a calendar conflict, **November's Night in the Woods has been moved to November 22** (the 4th Friday). As always, if you are planning to come, please [click here to RSVP](#). We want to make sure that we have enough munchies! Bring your current work in progress as we will have plenty of knitting time. Remember, the theme for this gathering is [Lousy Leftovers Turned Tasty](#). Bring ALL your leftover balls of yarn and learn how to turn your project leftovers into delicious new yarn. We will also be discussing projects that are great way to use up partial balls or unclaimed stash. Doors open at 5:00 and we are welcome to stay until you just can't knit anymore. If you need directions to Gwen's house, please let us know via [e-mail](#). As this is going to be our last get together in Kansas City, we get to see as many of you as possible. It has been a great way to get to know other knitters in the area and have enjoyed the camaraderie.



Schedule of Classes and Events

The following is a summary schedule of events for the folks of Knitability. Please visit our web site for more details.

Please note that our class schedule is winding down for the year. But keep an eye out for the next newsletter as we gear up for the spring!

Nov 2	Quick Knit Gifts
Nov 3	Introduction to Entrelac
Nov 4	Numbers of Knitting
Nov 5	Knitting - The Next Step
Nov 18	Fearless Finishing
Nov 21	Simply Sensational Gloves
Nov 22	Night in the Woods
Nov 23	Quick Knit Gifts
Feb 20	Stitches West
Mar 14	TKGA National Convention
Mar 16	TKGA – Number of Knitting
Mar 17	TKGA – Seamless Entrelac Sweater Design
Aug 21	Stitches Midwest
Oct 2	Stitches East

Please feel free to share this newsletter with anyone you think would be interested.

Learn to Knit Update

In our last newsletter we talked about September and October being the months the Craft Yarn Council support Knit Out / Crochet Too. This is a great time to knit in public (KIP) and to share your hobby with those around you, young and old.

During the months of September and October Gwen and Bev had a total of 85 students in either Learn to Knit, Knitting – The Next Step or private classes. Of those new knitters, we selected two students at random to be given a \$20 Gift Certificate, good for anything available through the Knitability web site. Congratulations:

- o Lynnea Hanson
- o Candy Hall

If you don't have a Knit Out scheduled in your area, take the initiative and plan one for next year! Contact the [Craft Yarn Council of America](#) to gather more information on what you can do to support your favorite hobby!

A Special Opportunity

Have you seen our classified ad in some of the major knitting magazines?

Have your passion pay for itself. Seeking knitters with entrepreneurial spirit for a ground floor opportunity.

If you are interested in finding out more, go to our special [Opportunity](#) web page.

Review the information, and complete the electronic form. We will then send you a complete information packet at no obligation to you.

Enhancing Your Knit Abilities

This is a regular feature of the Knitability News. Each issue highlights a different knitting stitch, technique or skill. Our topic for this time:

Knitting Backwards

The skill of knitting backwards can be used for a variety of techniques. The main advantage is that the right side is always facing you. The easiest way to learn to knit backwards is to watch yourself purl from the wrong side.

1. Begin by turning your work to the wrong side and inserting your needle as if to purl.
2. Without changing your needles, turn your work to the right side and note the position of the inserted needle.
3. Turn your work back to the wrong side and wrap your yarn around the needle without pulling up a loop.
4. Without changing the position of the yarn, turn your work to the right side and note the position of the yarn and which direction it is wrapped around the needle.
5. With the right side of the work facing you, pull up the loop that is wrapped around your needle.
6. Repeat these steps until you are familiar with the correct positioning of the needle and wrap direction of the yarn. Once proficient, it will no longer be required to turn the work at the end of each row.

