



# Knitability News

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## New Happenings at Knitability

Dear Friends:

We have been busy at Knitability. Our main focus has been new designs for the Fall 2002 line. The most popular design during development uses our new yarn, Express. An extra bulky, single spun yarn in 100% wool, Express will be available four classic colors. Look for our premier showing at Stitches Midwest 2002 in Pheasant Run, IL outside of Chicago. In addition, look for three new color-ways for the Entrelac Knapsack and availability of the original seamless entrelac sweater as a complete kit. For those of you in the Kansas City area, a special sneak preview will be held at the Knitability Studios August 10 from 1:00 – 4:00. Come by and take a peak and see what we have been up to! If you are planning to come to the Sneak Preview, [please click here to RSVP](#).

The wholesale side of Knitability has taken off with the first Knitability trunk show scheduled to be at Creative Fibers in Minneapolis, MN August 15 – 17 with Gwen teaching “Introduction to Entrelac” on the evening of August 16. A second trunk show is schedule for October 14 – 15 at Wild and Woolly in Lexington, MA. In addition, Gwen will be teaching “Top 10 Techniques to Improve Your Knitting” on October 14. Additional details about both of these events can be found on our [Where You Can Find Us](#) page.

Guild officers, Knitability has a special program available for your local knitting guild. Purchase five or more of the same kit as a guild project and receive a minimum 10% discount when shipped to a single address and pre-paid by guild check or credit card. Discount percentages increase with volume. To request a detailed information packet, please contact [guildprogram@knitability.com](mailto:guildprogram@knitability.com).

Knitability is happy to announce that Gwen was recently notified by the Craft Yarn Council she has been awarded the level of Certified Knitting Teacher. Anyone interested in having her teach classes at your knitting event, please contact Gwen at [gwen@knitability.com](mailto:gwen@knitability.com).

Happy Knitting,

Gwen & Bev

## Yarn, Grommets and Strap, Oh My



In response to many requests the Knitability web site will soon be offering our entire line of yarn and accessories. In addition to the Serendipity and Folly yarns, we are offering all the components to build your own Entrelac Knapsack kit. One skein of Sagacity will complete one tier of the Knapsack pattern; combine it with the grommets and strap and you have made your own kit.

We will also be adding the new yarns being introduced for the Fall 2002 line. Express, a wonderfully soft, extra bulky, single spun made from 100% wool is perfect for creating projects in the “express lane”. Felicity, a wool and mohair blend, hand-dyed to match our new mohair, Lofty. And Lofty, our hand-dyed mohair including a space dyed color way.

In addition to new yarns, also look for the new Fall line patterns and kits. The Entrelac Bomber Jacket is a great wardrobe addition for a cool weather weekend. For the holidays, the Waves Shell and matching Waves Wrap will be a great hit. For business casual attire, look to the Boxy Bulky Jacket, a fun project than can be made over a weekend. The web site is updated regularly, remember to drop by and see what is new.

## Upcoming Classes and Events

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

Jul 19	<a href="#">Night in the Woods</a>
Jul 22	<a href="#">Color Series - Fun with Stripes</a>
July 24	<a href="#">Math for Knitters</a>
July 29	<a href="#">Color Series - Slipping into Texture</a>
Aug 5	<a href="#">Color Series - Magical Mosaic</a>
Aug 10	<a href="#">Fall Line Sneak Preview</a>
Aug 12	<a href="#">Color Series - Understanding Stranded Knitting</a>
Aug 15	<a href="#">Trunk Show at Creative Fibers</a>
Aug 16	<a href="#">Introduction to Entrelac</a>
Aug 22	<a href="#">Stitches Midwest 2002</a>
Sep 3	<a href="#">Beginning Knitting</a>
Sep 9	<a href="#">Color Series - Secrets of Duplicate Stitch</a>
Sep 11	<a href="#">Fearless Finishing</a>
Sep 19	<a href="#">Beginning Knitting</a>
Sep 20	<a href="#">Night in the Woods</a>
Sep 22	<a href="#">Introduction to Entrelac</a>
Sep 23	<a href="#">Color Series - Insight on Intarsia</a>
Oct 10	<a href="#">Stitches East 2002</a>
Oct 14	<a href="#">Top 10 Techniques to Improve Your Knitting</a>
Oct 23	<a href="#">Knitting - The Next Step</a>
Nov 2	<a href="#">Quick Knit Gifts</a>
Nov 5	<a href="#">Knitting - The Next Step</a>
Nov 7	<a href="#">Quick Knit Gifts</a>
Nov 15	<a href="#">Night in the Woods</a>
Nov 23	<a href="#">Quick Knit Gifts</a>

## Knitability Night in the Woods

The first Night in the Woods was a fun time for all who attended. We all met new friends and learned we had more in common than just knitting. Don't be left out of the fun – come join us on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Night in the Woods is held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday every other month. Come any time after 5:00PM and stay until you are just too tired to knit!!!

Each night will have a different theme with participation not required, just encouraged! There is no charge for this event and all are welcomed. If you are planning to come to Night in the Woods, please [click here to RSVP](#). We would not want to run out of munchies! The following are the dates and themes for the next 3 months:

[July 19 – Christmas in July](#). Come and get ideas for quick projects that make great presents.

[September 20 – National Knit Out Month](#). Teach your friends to knit. Bring a non-knitter who wants to learn and be entered in a drawing for a Knitability Gift Certificate.

[November 15 – Lousy Leftovers Turned Tasty](#) Bring ALL your leftover balls of yarn and learn how to turn your project leftovers into delicious new yarn.



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



## 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:

### SSK – Slip Slip Knit

SSK, or Slip Slip Knit, a left leaning decrease, is equivalent to Slip Knit pss0 (pass slip stitch over). Since SSK more closely matches the complementary right leaning decrease of K2tog (knit two stitches together) it is generally preferred. The following are the directions for joining two stitches together with the SSK:

1. Slip the first stitch as to knit (not as to purl as usually required)
2. Slip the second stitch as to knit.
3. Insert the left-hand needle into the front of the slipped stitches (see Diagram 1) and knit the two slipped stitches together.



Diagram 1

Some people suggest that slipping the second stitch as if to purl creates a better decrease. Try out both versions to see which method works best for your particular application.