THEORY IN MOTION

It’s all about the raglan. They’re everywhere. The look is easy, the feel relaxed. We are in an, everything goes time, when it comes to fashion. So we took the cue and knit this fantastic finger tip length sweater in either Fine Line’s Dolce or Classica, the fiber is determined by the color choice, both are 100% cashmere, and the weight of the piece remains the same as we use a larger needle on the Dolce. We added a subtle luminescent stripe of Stacy Charles’ Crystal and finished off the wonderful front neck treatment in L’Atelier’s Jewels or Happy Hours, a progressive hand tied yarn. The piece has motion of its own as light finds the sequins and brings a playful twinkle.

Non Club: $629.00; Club: $470.00

Materials:
L’Atelier’s Dolce or Classica: 10 skeins
Jewels or Happy Hours: 1 skein
Stacy Charles’ Crystal: 1 skein

Needles: #9 and #10 needles, G or H crochet hook

Gauge: 4/5 on #10 needles or size to give gauge.

Back:
With Classica or Dolce and #10 needles or size to give gauge cast on 84(88, 96)108 sts and work 3 rows of Garter Stitch. Then change to st st and work 2 rows of Crystal every 12th row. At THE SAME TIME, dec 1 st each side every 5(6, 7)th row 10(10, 10)12 times. Work as set until pc measures 14(15, 15)15””, inc 1 st each side every 5(6, 7)th row 4(4, 6)6 times. When pc measures 18(19, 19)19” shape raglan: Bind off 3 sts at the beg of the next 2 rows, then work raglan decreases as follows: K3, slip1, k1, psso, work to the last 5 sts, K2tog, K3; Work this decrease every other RS row 21(23, 24)25 more times. Bind off rem sts.

Fronts:
Make 2 to correspond: With Classica or Dolce, and # 10 needles or size to give gauge cast on 34(36, 40)46 sts and work 3 rows of Garter Stitch. Change to st st and work 2 rows of Crystal every 12th row as for back. At THE SAME TIME, dec 1 st at the side edge only every 5(6, 7)th row 10(10, 10)12 times. Work as set until pc measures 14(15, 15)15”, then inc 1 st at the side edge only every 5(6, 7)th row 4(4, 6)6 times. When pc measures 18(19, 19)19” shape raglan: for Left Front: bind off 3 sts at the beg of the next RS row, then on the next RS row, K3, slip 1, K1, Psso, work to end. Repeat this decrease every other row 21(23, 24)25 more times. Bind off rem sts. For Right Front: Bind off 3 sts at the beg of the next WS row. Then on the next RS row work to the last 5 sts, K2tog, K3; repeat this dec every other RS row 21(23, 24)25 more times. Bind off rem sts.

Sleeves:
With Jewels or Happy Hours and #9 needles cast on 32(32, 36)36 sts and work in Garter Stitch for 2”. Work 2 rows of Crystal. Change to #10 needles or size to give gauge and continue in Classica or Dolce, striping pattern as for back increasing 1 st each side every 7(7, 7)th and alternating 8(8, 8)7th row a total of 10(11, 10)12 times; when the sleeve measures 17(17 ½, 17 ½)18”, or desired length to underarm, shape raglan as for back. Bind off rem sts.

Finishing:
lightly steam all pieces. Sew raglan seams. Sew side and underarm seams. With #9 needles and Jewels or Happy Hours, pick up sts comfortably along front edges (same amount for both sides) and work in K1, P1 ribbing for 3”, bind off in rib on the RS of the garment. With a Crochet and Jewels or Happy Hours and RS facing, work 5 or 6 rows of SC across the tops of the ribbed front bands and the neck edge.
It is official. I love yarn. For years I have tried to justify why it is that I have so much of it around me. In the early days, I mean really early, I would haunt the mill end stores and spend hours untangling, just to free enough to start some dreamed about project. Of course budget was a big factor. I quickly moved up the ladder and into department store knitting….they had kits of beautiful mohair, wools or boucles, packaged and beautiful, and a knowledgeable sales staff, all luring me more into my tangled web.

Then came the needlepoint years; the adrenalin still rushed at the sight of gorgeous threads, painstakingly stitched onto glorious hand painted canvases. I never, however, gave up on my love of knitting. There is still something, call it Zen, which attracts me. As the yarns of the early 80’s began to flow in from Italy I became more besotted. Never had I seen such magnificence. My affair turned into a committed relationship as hand-dyed confections began to paint the scene. There was no way out.

My lover is never static, always dynamic. Today the fibers are bejeweled, sequined, plumed and ragged. Just when I think I may tire and move on to something new, I am drawn back, intrigued with the lure of what is still to come. I can’t let go and give over to a new love when this one offers both security and adventure. My commitment to yarn endures with both desire for more and a treasuring of what is.

Cupid’s arrow definitely hit its target with me.

Happy February!

Karen, Meredith, Theresa, Paula, Robyn, Marisol, Irma, Jessica

RAMBLINGS!

Congrats and Celebrations

The year started with a bang and a twist of the Gumball machine. We are thrilled to congratulate Nancy Ward, our lucky 100% gumball recipient. We love this sale and we thank all of you who played with us.

Congratulations also go to our VK Live New York raffle winners:

Anita Robertson: $100.00 Gift Certificate
Cristina Trinko: $50.00 Gift Certificate
Ivy Eig: $50.00 Gift Certificate

Celebrate the onset of spring….well at least in yarn. We have beautiful new yarns from Trendsetter’s, Tahki Stacy Charles and are anticipating a long awaited shipment of new Rowan yarns. This is only the beginning…..much more to come. Life is good.

JUST ENOUGH

We can’t say enough about Lantern Moon’s new Scrumptious Chunky. This roving blend of silk and wool will make a lover out of you. We combined the best with the best to create our looks- good- on -everyone topper and added Sunrise’s Dia’Angelica, a be-sequined fiber that adds all the sparkle. Note the mitered touch down the front of this piece which gives it direction and admission to all that is current on the fashion scene. We know some of you shy away from glitz, so we’ve made it available with or without.

Glitz Version Non Club: $415.00; Club: $310.00
No Glitz Version: Non Club: $196.00; Club: $147.00

ORIGINS’ 5 BOOKPICK

Our love affair continues with Bergere de France’s Origins’ Line. We can’t get enough their wonderful patterns and Book 5 is full of incredible selections. We landed on a treat to begin our spring knitting adventure and chose this study in angles and design, knit in their Soja a blend of cotton and soy. Whether you layer it or let it stand alone it promises to be a go to piece for all wardrobes. The pattern is included with the yarn, however if you want more, we also offer their beautiful books.

Non Club: $138.00; Club: $103.50
Origin’s Book 5: $30.00

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