

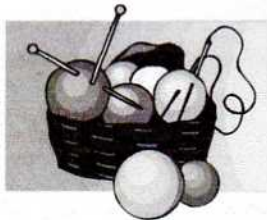


February 14



AH Donations

The donations for the end of January included: 40 Best Start Baby Sets.



Keep up the good work!!!



Smiles & Giggles

Snow Parking

One winter morning while listening to the radio, Bob and his wife hear the announcer say, "We are going to have 4-6 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the even numbered side of the street, so the snowplow can get through."

Bob's wife goes out and moves her car.

A week later while they are

eating breakfast, the radio announcer says, "We are expecting 6-8 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd numbered side of the street, so the snowplow can get through."

Bob's wife goes out and moves her car again.

The next week they are having breakfast again, when the radio announcer says, "We are expecting 8-10 inches of snow today. You must park..." then the electric power goes out.

Bob's wife is very upset, and with a worried look on her face she says, "Honey, I don't know what to do. Which side of the street do I need to park on so the plow can get through?"

With the love and understanding in his voice like all men who are married to blondes exhibit, Bob says, "Why don't you just leave it in the garage this time?"



? Now You Know ?

Older knitting patterns use now-obsolete terms for common techniques. "Plain knitting" was knitting every

row, while "narrowing" meant decreasing, and "widening" meant increasing.

The Art of Knitting, published by Butterick Publishing Co. in 1892 gave instructions for knitting capes, shawls, fascinators, petticoats, drawers, leggings, belts, hunting caps, suspenders, counterpanes, doilies and toys.

This book has been reprinted as Knitting Essentials, Knitter's Historical Pattern Series Volume One, Pastime Publications, P.O. Box 7100057, Oak Hill, VA 20171, www.pastimepubs.com (888) 275-2020.



STRIPES

Looking for a change from ho-hum stripes? A mathematical concept called the Fibonacci sequence is an easy way to get an aesthetically pleasing striped pattern. Here's a portion of the sequence: 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21,34, 55, 89 ...

How did we get that? Take two numbers and add them together, then add the last number to the one before it in the sequence, and so on.



Using this sequence or any portion of it and using units of either inches or rows, try making stripes of different colours.

For example, work 1 inch of tan, 3 inches of brown, 8 inches of beige, and so on. Or work 3, 5, 8, 13 rows of each colour in sequence.

Wraps per inch (wpi) is a term used by hand spinners to describe the density of yarn, and to compare it to other yarns. It is an excellent piece of information to have when substituting yarns in a pattern. To find a yarn's wpi, wrap the yarn around a ruler for one inch. Each wrap should be parallel and adjacent to the next, without twisting or crossing.

Don't crowd the yarn, and measure over more than 1-inch for thicker yarns. The number of parallel strands you have crossing the ruler in a 1-inch interval is your wpi. It will range from about 16 wpi for fingering weight to about 8 wpi for a very thick yarn.



Some newer knitting terms frequently used on the Internet

To frog (v.): To rip out knitting several rows at a time ("rip-it, rip-it" like a frog, get

it?) Also known as frogging or taking a visit to the frog pond.

To tink (v.): To unknit a stitch at a time in order to correct a mistake ("tink" is "knit" backwards).

WIP -- Work In Progress

KIP -- Knitting In Public (encouraged)

UFO -- Unfinished Object

FO -- Finished Object

SEX -- Stash Enhancement expedition

Stash (n.) -- A knitter's collection of yarn, books, needles, etc.

Thank you Debbie B. for providing the article!



Carmen G – Feb 25

Jessie M – Feb 7

Don M – Feb 7

Start Date Anniversary

FEBRUARY

1999 – Bonita B

1999 – Joan O

2002 – Joanna G
2006 – Sharon D

January Meeting Contributors

Edith B provided the door prize. Sharon D and Kathryn P provided the snacks.

Angelic Recipe



Chocolate Covered Strawberries

Who can resist chocolate covered strawberries?

Ingredients:

- 12 large, ripe, vine strawberries, preferably with the stems still on, dried very well.
- 1/2 pound of your favorite semi-sweet, milk, or white chocolate, coarsely chopped. (Suggest using Calibaut Belgian semi-sweet chocolate. It melts evenly to a smooth, creamy consistency, and it tastes very robust but not too sweet.)
- Toothpicks

Directions:

Melt the chocolate in a double boiler over hot, but not simmering, water. If you do

