



# THE KNIT STITCH

I am so energized from all the beautiful knits that were shown at the last meeting! Can I just knit all day? I hope everyone was inspired and has ideas swirling in their heads. It would be a good idea to start thinking about what you want to enter in the 2015 State Fair. You may not get to the knitting right away, but having picked a project should help keep you working toward the goal.

Happy Knitting

*Maria Ann Youngs*  
President

Wanted: Photographer  
Time commitment: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 7-9pm  
Job Description:  
1) Take photographs of the Presentation, Trims, Charity Knit donations, and Show and Tell.  
2) Post photos on the various threads of the MMKC Ravelry site

## FROM JANE...

The following is a report of the MMKC ribbon winners for 2014 who entered the machine knitting competition at the Minnesota State Fair. It's our hope that this list encourages you to reach out to the winners if you have any questions and to join in on the fun. This year was a record-breaking year at the fair... imagine all those who had the opportunity to see these wonderful knits by our members!

It is interesting to note that there were no entries at all in three categories: Fabric and Knit combination; Afghan; Purses and Totes. Please, let's not let that happen again!

It was great to see and touch the beautiful items at the September meeting. Winners from MKGM were invited to share their stories and award winning knit items. Everyone enjoyed hearing the comments (albeit sometimes a bit weird) from the judging score cards. The pride of the entrants is so nice to see!

Lot 321 - Dress, coat, slacks or suit, child (size 3-12)  
1st - Maria Ann Youngs

Lot 322 - Outerwear, adult: coat, jacket, poncho or shawl  
1st - Alice Adams  
3rd - Jane Niemi  
4th - Nancy Docken

Lot 325 - Sweater, cardigan, adult  
1st - Jane Niemi  
3rd - Rebecca Bird  
4th - Kjersti Campbell

Lot 326 - Sweater, child's (size 3-12)  
1st - Alice Adams  
2nd - Maria Ann Youngs

Lot 327 - Sweater, plain pullover, adult  
1st - Jane Niemi  
2nd - Maria Ann Youngs

Lot 328 - Sweater, pattern pullover, adult  
1st - Alice Adams  
2nd - Jane Niemi

Lot 329 - Sweater, design pullover, adult  
1st - Alice Adams  
2nd - Rebecca Bird

Lot 330 - Toy  
1st - Jane Niemi  
2nd - Karen Lehman  
4th - Joanne Zutz  
5th - Maria Ann Youngs

Lot 332 - Vest or shell, adult  
1st - Jane Niemi

Lot 334 - Dress or suit, adult  
1st - Joanne Zutz  
2nd - Jane Niemi

Lot 335 - Not otherwise specified, wearable  
2nd Dee Kupka  
3rd Maria Ann Youngs  
4th Jane Niemi

The result of Machine Knitting Demo Day at the Fair is 25 pair of baby booties knit and 25 hats seamed, all to go to Bundles of Love.

A GREAT DAY!! Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers.

## KNITTING TOOLS/BOOKS

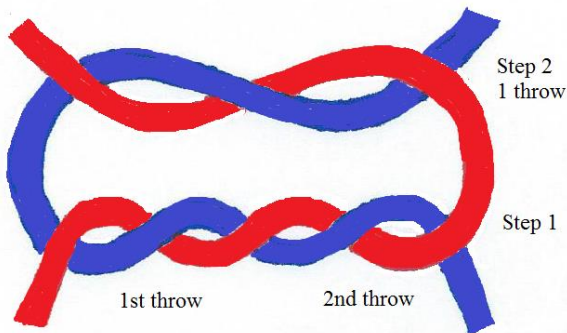
In *A Resource Book for Machine Knitters*, by Kathleen Kinder, describes a Figure-8 bind-off and a graft technique for attaching a rib neckband to a sweater. This technique was demonstrated at the September meeting. For a pdf with nice photos provided by "Entity" on Knitting Paradise,

Google **Knitting Paradise Figure 8 seam**. The post is from February 2012, with a request for Diana Sullivan to do a video if this bind off on YouTube which was posted the following May. This is quite a stretchy bind off that could be used for toe up socks, neckbands or anywhere a stretchy bind off is appropriate.

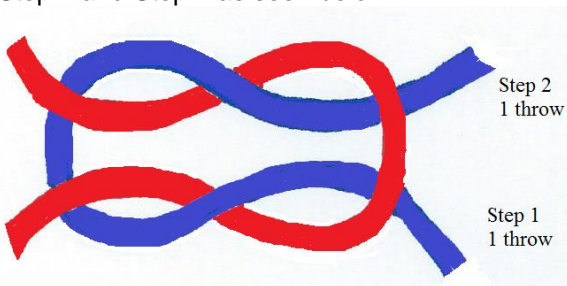
### Surgeon's Knot

The Surgeon's Knot is used especially when the material is at all slippery, or when you want to make extra sure the knot does not loosen.

The Surgeon's Knot is the same as a Square Knot except that there are 2 throws in Step 1, followed with 1 throw in Step 2.



As opposed to a Square Knot that has 1 throw in both Step 1 and Step 2 as seen below.



### PRESENTATIONS

**July** – Passap to Japanese Pattern Conversion – Joanne Zutz did a fabulous job explaining the conversion process between Passap and Japanese patterning. She demonstrated on the Passap machine and gave everyone in attendance a great handout. Thank you Joanne!

**August** – Holey Socks! Dee Kupka demonstrated lace knitting on the flat bed and circular sock machines. Handouts for techniques were provided. Love that CoBaSi

Yarn – Cotton, bamboo, and silk with a touch of rayon. Yummy and soft.

**September** – Wow! The State Fair Review was absolutely fabulous! Members of MKGM who also took ribbons at the fair were invited to share in the review. The knits were absolutely gorgeous! It was a fun evening with some cotton candy for those who wanted it and a chance to get a closer look at the winning knits.

### RAMBLINGS OF AN EASILY DISTRACTED KNITTER

The sad story of a square polar bear, part II

Now that I understood there was NO origami involved I sat down for my 3rd attempt at the un-square polar bear. I knit the 1st half which represents square #1, #2, and #3 (with some added shaping). After I knit the 2nd half I thought "So far so good; onto the middle section!" That's when my brain took a side trip and thought about knitting all 3 of these sections in one piece. So I decided I would give that a try. Even better!

Time to seam. To be continued...

Maria Ann

### CHARITY TALLY

236 items collected through September!

- ❖ bibs 35
- ❖ afghans 13
- ❖ crib sheets 5
- ❖ hats 74
- ❖ quilts 49
- ❖ sweaters 4
- ❖ booties 52
- ❖ burp cloths 4

We are very close to our goal of 1 item/month/member (28 members X 9 months = 252). Let's not slow down – only 100 more items needed to make that goal for the whole year! Who's in for this challenge?

Patsy



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### *EVENTS & FUNDRAISING...*

#### **Knittin' Tea**

November 2, 2014  
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Textile Center of Minnesota

A fun day for all MKers! Bring your single bed, double bed, or circular sock knitting machine for a day of fun. Double bed knitting machines, single bed knitting machines with ribber, and CSMs will require you to bring your own table or stand; otherwise, tables are available at the Textile Center of Minnesota for single bed machines only.

Lunch and an afternoon tea will be provided.

Cost: \$30 registration through October 26 / \$35 after October 26. To register go to the MMKC website Events tab: <http://www.midwestmachineknitters.org/events/>

### *HAPPENINGS & EDUCATION*

#### **Unraveled: The Mystery Behind Machine Knitting – Saturday, October 4, 2014**

Choose from one of two sessions – 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or 12:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. offered in partnership with the Textile Center of Minnesota. For registration and course details visit the TC website – [Unraveled: The Mystery Behind Machine Knitting](#)

#### **MMKC Junior Program – Saturday/Sunday, Oct 11/12**

Two-day course, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. Cost: \$150 Member/\$185 Non-Member; for more information/registration contact [mmkc.mn@gmail.com](mailto:mmkc.mn@gmail.com) or go to our website on the Education tab/MMKC University: <http://www.midwestmachineknitters.org/education/mmkc-university/>.

#### **Do and Dye – Thursday, November 6**

Textile Center of Minnesota Fundraiser. MMKC may need volunteers to help put together kits for a make and take offered during this event as well as one or two workers for this event. Details to follow.

#### **Fall Fiber Festival – Saturday, November 8**

Volunteers needed!

9:00 AM until 4:00 PM

Eisenhower Community Center  
Hopkins, MN

#### **MMKC Ribber Basics Class – Saturday, November 15**

Choose from one of two sessions – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cost: \$50 Member/\$85 Non-Member. For more information/registration contact [mkc.mn@gmail.com](mailto:mkc.mn@gmail.com) or visit the MMKC Website, Education tab/MMKC University: <http://www.midwestmachineknitters.org/education/mmkc-university/>

### *SOURCES OF INSPIRATION*

Been spending some time out on Ravelry lately and have found the following free machine knitting patterns... enjoy!

#### **Dainami's Hand Knit Machine Sock.**

by [Lydia Gack](#)  
<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/dainamis-hand-knit-machine-sock>



#### **Machine Knit One Row Scarf**

by [Brenda Bell](#)  
<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/machine-knit-one-row-scarf>



### Preemie and Newborn Hat Pattern

by [Michele S.](#)

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/preemie-and-newborn-hat-pattern>



### Stripy Top

by [Marlene](#)

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/stripy-top>



### Bolero for baby

by [Beeuw van Kuijeren](#)

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/bolero-for-baby>



### Crescent

by [Lynda Fiendley](#)

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/crescent-4>



### Petit débardeur ajouré sur le reste d'un cône

by [Pierrette Naniot](#)

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/petit-debardeur-ajoure-sur-le-reste-dun-cone>



*Happy Knitting!*  
Dee

*MID-GAUGE COWL*



By Maria Ann Youngs

Mid-Gauge Knitting Machine – LK150, KX350 or like machine  
Tamm Nordic  
Tension 6

Scrap and ravel cast on 28 stitches  
Knit 5 rows

Scrap off or take off on garter bar

Rehang stitches with the stockinette side facing you (flip the knitting) rehang with garter bar or by manually picking up stitches from the waste yarn

\* Knit 7 rows

Scrap off or take off on garter bar

Rehang stitches with the stockinette side facing you (flip the knitting) rehang with garter bar or by manually picking up stitches from the waste yarn\*

Repeat \* to \* until you reach RC348

Knit 3 rows

Scrap off to Kitchener edges together **OR** rehang beginning cast on edge and bind off both sets of stitches.

You should end up with 50 sections.