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Dear Friends,

Welcome all Bond Sweater Machine® and Wyr Knitr™ owners to another issue of the "Bond Buzz" e-newsletter!!

This is a very special Bond Buzz, especially for those of you who are subscribers to Ultimate Knitting magazine. We are very pleased to announce our new relationship with our friends at Family Circle Easy Knitting magazine.

While Kathy Pryce and I totally enjoyed putting together Ultimate Knitting for you, the amount of time it took meant we couldn't develop more new products for you. Family Circle Easy Knitting knows the importance of supporting Bond/Sweater Machine knitters and will be publishing a regular column and patterns just for you which I'll be writing! The patterns and columns will start with the fall issue. Subscribers to Ultimate Knitting will automatically receive the balance of their subscriptions with Family

Circle Easy Knitting. A letter from Family Circle Easy Knitting will be sent to all Ultimate Knitting subscribers about the change, but we wanted our loyal Bond Buzz subscribers to know asap.

For those of you who delayed subscribing to Ultimate Knitting, you can still get some of the back issues by clicking [here](#): For those who did not subscribe to Ultimate Knitting and would like to receive Family Circle Easy Knitting, click [here](#).

Now for something completely different..... How many of you have been to your local craft or yarn store, just to see the bins of the fancy yarns decimated? Lots of hand knitters struggle to find their stitches buried in the exotic stuff, but Sweater Machine knitters can make light work of the fancy fuzz. I recently received an inquiry from a Bond Buzz reader about some problems she had experienced trying to knit really fancy yarns on her machine, and I thought it would be an ideal topic to cover in Bond Buzz.

First let's look at some of the types of fancy yarns: eyelash (often called "fur"), boucle (pr: BOO-KLAY), ribbon or tape yarns, thick-n-thin (sometimes called homespun) and super-bulky yarns and chenille yarns.

~ For the eyelash-type yarns, knitting on the Ultimate Sweater Machine is a breeze, as the core of these yarns is normally quite thin and slippery.

~ Many boucle yarns are also easy to knit, but check the gauge that's printed on the yarn label. Boucles that have a gauge of 13 sts to 4" or less may be challenging, especially if the loops are very large, but may work using every-other-needle. Extra weight (extra claw weights – even a double hem) will also help in knitting some of these yarns.

~ Ribbon or tape yarns can often be very rigid, so stick with the thinner ones or those that are a knitted construction. You can tell by the stretchiness of the yarn.

~ For the super-bulkies, you'll need to use every other needle and extra weight.

~ And for the chenilles, my favorite, of course is the colorful and super-easy-to-knit on the Sweater

Machine yarn from Caron®, Jewel Box®. You can now find Jewel Box in A.C. Moore, Jo-Ann's and many craft and yarn stores. Chenille yarn is usually easy to knit on your machine, but be sure to pay attention to the tendency for solid color chenilles to bias (knit at a "diagonal"), which cannot be blocked out. Jewel Box does not do this since it has 3 plies.

To order extra weights: an extra hem (you can have steel rods cut at a hardware store) or claw weights or an extension kit (which you'll need for making an adult sweater on every other needle), click [here](#).

Until next time, happy knitting,

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