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## Bond Buzz, Issue #14

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Welcome all Bond Sweater Machine, Embellish-Knit!, Cool Corder and Wyr Knitr owners to another issue of the "Bond Buzz" e-newsletter!!

With the addition of two new products and more to come, perhaps I should just say "hi" to all knitters and crocheters...

### *New Products!*



[Purchase  
Embellish-Knit!](#)

### EMBELLISH-KNIT!

Embellish-Knit! is designed as a tool for knitters and crocheters and has patterns for Celtic knots, frogs, flowers, tassels and more. Find out more here. Click here for [more information on Embellish-Knit!](#)



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### COOL CORDER™

The Cool Corders is for "twens" or younger knitters and has patterns (in the Cool Corder's Mini-Mag) for "cool" braided belts, floss bracelets, loopy scarves, scarf accents and more. Click here for [more information on Cool Corder.](#)

### *Tips from the Experts at Bond America!*

We hope you've been enjoying the speed with which you can make yards of knitted cording with the Embellish-Knit! and Cool Corder. To spark your creative consciousness, here are some super ideas for using the cording on knitted projects.

First, using a lightweight yarn ([Caron® Simply Soft®](#) weight or lighter, such as sport or baby yarn), knit a length of cording the finished width of your finished project.

**For Sweater Machine knitters**, holding the cording horizontal to the needle bed, pick up the first stitch of the cording and put it on the first needle. Put the last stitch of the cording onto the last needle and pick up the stitches in between in the same way you'd pick up stitches along a shoulder edge to knit a sleeve.





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Then push the needles to FWP and knit the row slowly, making sure the latches of the needles are open as you knit across the row. The resulting edge is not only interesting, there's no binding off, as the edge will be finished when your work's removed from the machine.

**For hand knitters**, mark the quarter sections of the cording using safety pins, and determine how many stitches will need to be picked up for each quarter section. Pick up the first stitch of the MY through the first stitch of the cording. (Note: this may be easier if you pick up the stitch of MY using a crochet hook, then place the stitch on the LH needle.) Continue across, spacing your stitches evenly across the cording, until all stitches have been picked up, then knit normally.

For **both Sweater Machine and hand knitters**, try these ideas:

Make a length of cording twice as long as the finished width of the project.

1. Every 1 to 3 inches, make a loop of cording between the picked up stitches. The loops can be very decorative on their own, but you can also add tassels to the loop.
2. Work the same loop as above, but add large-holed beads before picking up the stitches. Slide a bead down so it's positioned at the bottom of the loop between the stitches.
3. Make an overhand knot every 3" in the cording and use as if it were plain cording.

### *Update Rwanda!*

I don't want to "leave" without telling you a bit about my recent (June 28 through July 7) trip to Rwanda.



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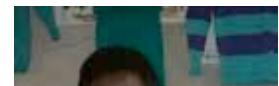
Geoffrey Katsushabe of Rwanda Knits assisting a new knitter.

Never did I ever imagine that 90 knitting machines would so change the lives of both refugee women and Rwandan women who are involved in the program!

Knitting in Rwanda is becoming a very big deal, with the Rwandan government giving the project its blessing – and is doing a feasibility study to build regional knitting centers and a finishing/training center near the airport (which will be run by Rwandans already involved in the project).

There are now 400 knitters trained to use the Sweater Machine but only 90 machines in the country, so more machines are important. We're working on that.

In case you're curious about what the refugee knitters of the Grammy Gift Bag Scarves for Peace did with the money they made from knitting all those scarves (650 in



5 days using 14 machines), after paying each knitter and finisher, the cooperative decided to pool the money to buy yarn at the local market and make sweaters for school uniforms to sell in town. They also decided to pour a concrete floor in their women's center (it's currently dirt and stones). So knitting is truly becoming a way of life for the women (and some men) of Rwanda. There will be more photos of the recent trip up on the [FACED website](#) very soon. And [you can still purchase your Rwandan Scarf for Peace here.](#)



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### *New FREEWyr Knittr Projects!*



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## **Wedding Memories Photo Frame**

For the [Wyr Knittr™](#)

Create a lovely wedding memory frame using crushed wire for an elegant accent

**Skill level:** Very easy



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## **Wacky Wire Photo Frame**

For the [Wyr Knittr™](#)

Your photos deserve the personal touch. Create a memorable frame with a touch of coordinating wire cording accented with contrast wire details.

**Skill level:** Very easy



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## **Spring Tulips Scrapbook Page**

For the [Wyr Knittr™](#)

Anything goes with scrapbooks these days. Stitching, beads, why not wire? Add a special touch to any scrapbook page or album cover with just the right wire accent.

**Skill level:** Very easy

This "Buzz" is a bit longer than normal, but I hope you found it interesting and useful.

Until next time,  
HAPPY KNITTING!



Cari Clement

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