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Welcome to another issue of the Bond Buzz!

How do you like our new format? [Drop us a line and let us know.](#)

More Poncho Fever!

Judging from all the responses from the last newsletter, describing poncho-making techniques definitely created a “buzz” of its own! And since I promised to include a photo of the finished poncho in the next newsletter, here it is: very basic, but very cool. **(Image #1)**

Image #1



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It's the fringe that really makes the poncho special: hold 1 strand each of 3 different shades of [Simply Soft®](#) together and wind around an 8" wide piece of cardboard for as many times as you would like to have fringes. There are a total of 64 fringes each on the front and back, but you can attach as many or as few as you like.

For those readers who are new to the Bond Buzz or did not receive the last newsletter, you can go to [Bond Buzz #15](#), where the basic pattern and cut-and-sew technique is written. The pattern is written for two lengths of the poncho. The one shown here is the shorter of the two.

When finishing the neckline of the poncho, I accidentally “discovered” a different type of neckline finish that's really easy, looks good and lays flat. Check out **Image #2** and instructions below.

Image #2



1. Using an H crochet hook, work 1 round of single crochet around the raw edges, enough to cover the zig zag machine stitching.
2. On the right side (outside) of the work about a half inch from the single crochet edging, with the



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yarn held behind and the crochet hook on top of the poncho, insert the hook through the knitting and pick up a loop.

3. Skip a stitch and insert the hook again and draw through another loop.

4. Draw that loop through the one already on the hook.

5. Repeat Steps 3 and 4 around the neck edge & end off.

The great thing about this stitch is you can make each chain stitch as long or as short as you like, use a contrast yarn, make it tighter or looser..... just experiment.

Bond in the Media!

Family Circle Easy Knitting

Check out the recent issue (Holiday 2004) of Family Circle Easy Knitting! Editor Trisha Malcolm has done an amazing job again! On pages 64 and 65 there are two Sweater Machine projects: a tasseled tote and mock-rib pullover, both using [Jewel Box®](#) and [Simply Soft®](#), two of the most ideal yarns to use on your machine. Also featured on page 24 are techniques for doing a mock rib and the specific instructions for making the sweater and tote. [Subscribe to Family Circle Easy Knitting, here.](#)

DIY-Jewelry Making Show

For those of you into jewelry and the Wyr Knittr, you can see our good friend, Nancie Wiseman demonstrate the Wyr Knittr and show how to make amazing jewelry on the DIY-Jewelry Making Show. The schedule is (all Eastern time) October 25 at 10 p.m., October 26 at 1:00 a.m. and October 30 at 4:00 p.m. [Learn more about the Wyr Knittr here.](#)

Shay Pendray's Needlearts Studio

And also be sure to tune in to the Shay Pendray's Needlearts Studio show on your local PBS station. On October 31, I'll be showing you lots of different projects you can do with the Embellish-Knit! including felted purses, braided scarves and lots more.

New FREE Embellish-Knit! Project!

Embellished Photo Box

[For the Embellish-Knit!](#)

For those of you busily sorting your photos from the summer and wondering how to incorporate yarn into your photo storage, here's an idea for you just put up on



our [Embellish-Knit! project page](#). It's a great way to use up extra cording and keep your kids busy all at the same time!

Skill level: Very easy

Ultimate Sweater Machine Classes

And lastly, we are proud to announce a new Sweater Machine class available at all Jo-Ann Superstores starting in February. It's a Level II class where you learn how to make a no-sew, 2-panel poncho, add a collar, learn how to do a tuck stitch using two colors in two very different yarns and more. We'll be sure to remind you again closer to the time of the class.

Well, that's it for now. Until next time,
HAPPY KNITTING!



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