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Welcome to another issue of Bond Buzz!

Winter is finally making itself known – the wind's whipping and we've received our first few flakes of snow. Wherever you live in the US, with the days getting shorter and the garden put to bed, it's all the more time to knit!

### *The Perfect Sweater Machine Table!*



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#### **The Perfect Sweater Machine Table**

Before we get to the featured project, I'm excited to let you know that we are FINALLY able to offer you a folding table for your machine!!! We've been working on this for what seems like forever and have finally found a factory here in the USA that will make a table just for you! The legs fold and the top is long enough to accommodate a 100-needle machine with an extension kit. [Check it out!](#)

### *Now to the Knitting!*

For this issue I thought we'd have some fun with accessories.

Last week I returned from a week's vacation in Italy and everywhere I looked I saw pompons being used on accessories. And over here everywhere I go I see wristlets: cabled ones, colorful ones, fancy ones – and basic ones. So I thought it would be fun to combine a basic wristlet with the soon-to-be-popular pompon embellishments – all made on the Sweater Machine. These are great, "make-20 pairs-tonite" super-quick gifts, all so super-comfy in super-soft [Caron® Simply Soft®](#) yarn. See Image #1 below.

Image #1



The wrist warmers feature a mock-rib stitch, which is also

the featured stitch in the current issue of Family Circle Easy Knitting magazine where you can find a pattern for a



pullover and tasseled purse made in [Caron® Jewel Box®](#) and [Simply Soft](#) yarns combined.

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Here's the pattern:

**WRIST WARMERS WITH POMPONS** (make 2)

Use your favorite Simply Soft color (for this one, I used Brocade Print accented with Dark Sage and Copper Kettle pompons).

**STITCH PATTERN:** Mock rib: 4 needles in WP, \*1 needle in NWP, 4 needles in WP.\* Repeat between \*'s across.

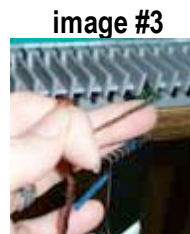
**GAUGE:** Using #2 keyplate in mock rib stitch: 19 sts & 23 rows = 4"

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Bring forward a total of 39 needles, pushing back every 5th needle to NWP. Using a closed-edge (e-wrap), cast on the remaining 32 needles. COR. Knit until RC = 41. COL. Work backstitch BO across.

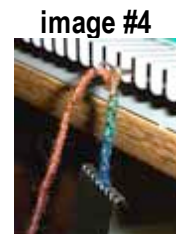
**FINISHING:** Sew a 1" seam starting at the cast-on end. Skip the next 1" (for the thumb opening) and sew the remaining seam.



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**Crocheted Chain:**  
Make slip knot and insert in the hook of a needle (**Image #2**).

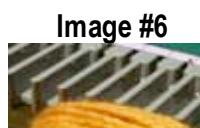
Make one stitch manually and attach one claw weight (**Images #3 & #4**), keeping tension on the yarn being knitted at all times.

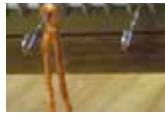
Continue to manually "knit" (although this is also a crochet stitch) a chain, holding back the stitches already knitted using your left hand. Continue until chain measures 12" and break off, drawing the yarn end through the loop.

**POMPOMS:**

Make 2 mini (1 1/2" diameter) and 1 small (2" diameter).

**TECHNIQUE** (small given in parentheses): Bring 1 needle forward to HP. Skip 3 (5) needles. Bring next needle forward to HP. Insert yellow card between needles in HP and in NWP. Close latches of needles.





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Make a slip knot and put onto first needle (**image #5**).

Gently wind (do not pull) yarn around the needles (**image #6**) until there are 36 (44) total wraps. Break off.

With separate length of yarn, insert between the needle bed and the wrapped yarn, bring under and tie securely around center (**image #7**).

Pull each needle back to NWP to release pompon. With sharp scissors, cut loops on both ends to create pompon (**image #8**). Trim to round the shape.

Weave the crocheted chain over and under the 4-stitch sections of the wristlets, about  $\frac{3}{4}$ " down from the upper edge. Attach the small pompon to one end of the chain and the two mini pompons to the other end. These are more for decoration than for tying, but they can be if desired.

Hope you've enjoyed this issue of the Buzz and I look forward to "seeing" you again in the next issue! Until then...  
HAPPY KNITTING!

Cari Clement

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