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Welcome to another issue of Bond Buzz!

Well, tis the season for last-minute gift-making – even though there's still lots of time before the holidays. There's nothing like making up a few quick projects to be ready for when those "surprise" gifts appear and you need to reciprocate.



New Free Pattern

[take a look below](#)

More innovation from Bond-America®!

New! New! New!

POCKET KNITTER!!

Just in time for gift-giving for your wanna-knit friends who can't decide whether to pick up needles or a Sweater Machine, we'd like to be the first to let you know all about the **Pocket Knitter**.

Do you have a friend, relative, child, grandchild or niece (or nephew) who's interested in learning to knit but just cannot manipulate (or have the patience for) using two needles? The **Pocket Knitter** is just the answer! This unique tool, invented by USM-inventor Roger Curry, makes knitting your first scarf a breeze. It uses chunky or bulky yarns—or 2 to 3 strands of a thinner yarn held together—and can use all those challenging-to-knit ribbon yarns. You can do stockinette stitch or knit-purl combinations, stripes, intarsia, Fair Isle, loop stitches, sew-as-you-go for wider pieces and more than can be listed here! It has 14 knitting "fins" and uses a simple wrap-and-lift-off technique. Comes in assorted colors (our choice - all 3 are great). Or, buy a **Pocket Knitter 3-pack** and get a great gift at a great price!

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... now for a little knitting!

I was in Montreal this past weekend (it's like driving two hours to France – but where everyone can reply to you in English) and went to their annual Salon des Metiers d'Art (Craft Show) where there were over 450 artisans – and thousands of people! The best thing about these shows is the ideas you get from looking at what others create. So

this month's project comes from that show: knitted collars that almost become jewelry. They're simple, quick and can be made to be so individual depending on what you add to them: beads, fringe, feathers, trims, pompons.....

Since so many of you have told us how much you like working with [Caron's Bliss™](#) and [Jewel Box™](#) on the machine, I'll use those yarns as the "base" collar, but know that you can also use [Caron's Glimmer™](#), [Charming™](#), [Feathers™](#) or [Cozi™](#). These yarns are best, because they don't tend to curl very much and can be embellished to your heart's content. You might also want to consider embellishing the collar using cording. If you split 6-strand embroidery floss, you can get a knitted cord that's very thin to use as an embellishing yarn. To make the cording quickly and easily, use the [Embellish-Knit!](#) or [Cool Corder](#).

Click any of the images below to see a larger view.



Above photo shows the finished Bliss collar with a single crochet edging done in Fling.



Above photo shows a variation of the collar using Jewel Box with beaded fringe sewn (or glued) to the underside of the collar. Both the Bliss and Jewel Box collars are the same pattern – it's just how you choose to embellish them that makes them so different.



Above photo shows the Bliss collar before any finishing or embellishing has been done.



Above photo shows the Jewel Box collar after the beaded fringe has been attached.

BASIC COLLAR

MATERIALS

1 ball in color of your choice in [Jewel Box](#), [Bliss](#), [Charming](#), [Glimmer](#), [Cozi](#) or [Feathers](#);
trim or embellishing of your choice
G crochet hook
½ or 5/8" shank button

FINISHED DIMENSIONS

Approximately 2-1/2" x 16" depending on the yarn used

INSTRUCTIONS

The collar is knitted from the neck edge down, not side-to-side. (Note: if you have any trouble knitting the first couple rows even with the needles in FWP, you might have to manually knit the first row.)

1. Closed-edge CO 64 sts.
2. Bring all ndls to FWP & with KP 2, K 1 R. COL.
3. Repeat Step 2. COR.
4. Repeat Step 2, but use KP 2.5. COL.
5. Repeat Step 4. COR.
6. Repeat Step 3, but use KP 3. You should now not need to put the needles into FWP to knit the row. COL.
7. K 3 more rows. COR. RC=8
8. Change to KP 3.5 & K 3 R. COL. RC=11.
9. Change to KP 4 & K 4 R. COL. RC=15.
10. BO in backstitch.

FINISHING

With MY, work 1 row of single crochet along neck edge, drawing in the stitches slightly. Work a ch 4 button loop at the upper right edge. Embellish collar as desired. (Note: if you are using Bliss, brush up the yarn on the knit side before embellishing the collar.) Sew on button to LHS to correspond to button loop.

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And know that we have fewer than 75 copies of Susan Guagliumi's book, [Hand Manipulated Stitches](#), left in stock – and this book will not be reprinted.

So, until next time, wishing you and your family the very best of holiday cheer and.....

Happy Knitting!



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