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Welcome to another issue of Bond Buzz!

Fall is definitely here! With all the buses loaded with leaf-peepers, frosty morning temperatures and leaves the color of amber, caramel, cider and candy apples, it's definitely time to knit! (But, then again, when isn't it??)

Tips & Techniques . . .

For this issue, I'd like to further explore the unique Sweater Machine applications for ribbon yarns, in this case, Fabulous™, a "railroad ribbon" or "ladder" yarn from Caron International. The spaces between the "ladders" of this ribbon yarn are ideal for hanging on the needles of the machine. And since beading is so hot and since Fabulous is thin enough to thread through beads with moderate-size holes, I thought adding a beaded fringe would give the loop fringe some weight.

I also tried experimenting with fringed edges and woven centers and then fringed all across. Bliss is an ideal partner for Fabulous, with the ribbon peeking through the fluff and the fringe a dramatic contrast to the Bliss background.



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Since my new assistant Nancy's favorite color is red, I thought I'd use a color I don't normally use – *and* you can play with the technique ahead of the holiday season, when this scarf would be perfect.

Notes

1. I did a few woven rows before doing the fringe rows, but you can make all fringe rows if you like.
2. The scarf is made in two sections and grafted together so both beaded fringe edges will hang the same.
3. My favorite beading needle is a floss threader. They're cheap, easy to find, flexible and work great for threading yarn through beads.
4. The term used for the open section between the "ladders" in the Fabulous is "space."

BEADED SCARF

Dimensions: 7" x 39"

Yarn: 2 balls [Bliss](#), color Red; 1 ball [Fabulous](#), color Bubble Gum

Beads: 56 each red and gold 3mm glass beads with holes large enough to thread onto Fabulous



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Other: floss threader or beading needle

Gauge: Using #4 KP in Bliss, 15 sts & 19 rows = 4"



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Here's how:

1. Thread 56 beads alternating red and gold onto an end of Fabulous.

2. Closed-edge CO 27 sts in Bliss & knit 2 rows.

3. Bring all needles up to HP.

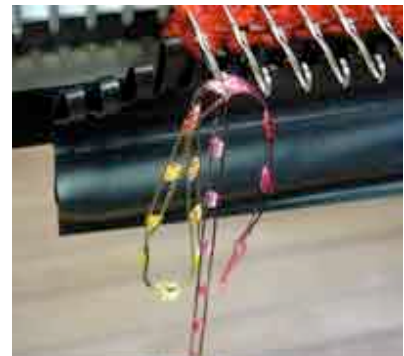


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4. Leaving a 3" end, hook one space over the end needle.

5. Slide down the first bead to within 2" of the needle.

6. Make a 2" long loop with the bead hanging in the center and hook another space of Fabulous on the same needle.



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7. Weave the Fabulous over and under every needle to the end of the row then make another loop fringe as for Step 6.

8. Knit 2 rows Bliss.



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9. Repeat Steps 3-8 (with the exception of the 3" yarn end in Step 4) four times.





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Make fringe all across row:

10. Repeat Steps 3 -5, but hang the space for the next loop on the third needle from the end, continuing making beaded loop fringe by hanging the Fabulous space on every other needle across the row.

11. Knit 2 rows Bliss.



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12. Continue with the beaded loop fringe until there are three beaded fringe rows.

13. Knit 2 rows Bliss.



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14. Knit 4 rows WY and remove from needles.

15. Turn work around so knit side is facing and knit 20 rows Bliss.

16. Repeat Steps 14 & 15 three times, ending with 4 rows WY.

Make opposite end same as above, but end with repeating Steps 14 & 15 two times and ending with knitting 19 rows rather than 20.

FINISHING

Graft scarf sections together and weave in ends.

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And now for what you've all been waiting for: MORE FREE PATTERNS!!



This time we are featuring two of Kathy Perry's very wearable creations: her [Romanic Sweater with Bow](#) made in [Simply Soft® Quick](#) with a [Simply Soft®](#) bow (another super design that would look great in red and black or dark sage for the holidays!). And for a more casual look (and a great gift idea) take a look at Kathy's intriguing [Shwrap](#), a cozy combination of a wrap and a shawl (and a cardigan), made in [Bliss](#) with a touch of [Glimmer](#).



Bond Essentials . . .

[STITCH ENCYCLOPEDIA II](#)

Are you intrigued with knit-weaving and using beads in your knitting? Then check out *Stitch Encyclopedia II* that has more of these techniques.



[SHORT HEM WITH WEIGHTS](#)

Removing the work from your machine, turning it around and re-hanging the hem is easier with this project than using the long hem.

For the Children . . .

Four million newborns around the world die each year within the first month of life — half within the first 24 hours of life. An organization called Save the Children reported on these at-risk babies and highlighted simple, low-cost practices that could save newborn lives. One of these practices includes warming the infants' heads with knit or crocheted caps!



When the report was published, knitters and crocheters like you asked what they could do to help. As a result of their enthusiasm, Save the Children has partnered with the Warm Up America! Foundation to launch Knitters and Crocheters for Newborns: Caps to the Capital.

Please take a moment to click on this link to the [Save the Children Caps to the Capital campaign website](#). There you'll find a Caps to the Capital Action Kit, a free download that includes 2 easy knit cap patterns and 2 easy crochet cap patterns for you to use, plus complete guidelines on how to participate. As a machine knitter, you know how quickly you can turn out loads of beautiful caps for these newborns.

Caron International and Bond America are proud sponsors of the Save the Children Caps to the Capital campaign. Please join us in helping save a newborn baby's life today.

Enjoy October and see you in November! Happy Knitting,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cari". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Cari Clement
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