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Welcome to the holiday issue of the Bond Buzz!

Before we get started with this issue's technique and patterns, I wanted to ask all our subscribers to take a few minutes to [complete the Bond Buzz survey](#) so we can be sure to bring you exactly what you would like to see featured, from techniques to patterns and beyond. Thanks so much!

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For this issue, we thought we'd just have some fun, as we know how busy everyone is. But we also thought you would love to knit up a few of these SO cute ornaments for your tree, to decorate packages, party favors, doll clothes - or to give away. One skein of yarn goes a very long way, so you're being economical too. These cuties are especially great for homes whose owners have those lovable pets who just can't resist a swipe at the sparkly glass ornaments. Or kids who can't resist tugging on them. With Simply Soft® Party, the sparkle is in the yarn: soft *and* sparkly, the best of both worlds.

So get those [short hems](#) ready – or one or two [claw weights](#) (Kathy only uses claw weights, but you could use either) and let's get started...

Tips & Techniques . . .

MINI KNITTING

Machine knitting tiny items is fun to do - almost addictive! The challenge is to keep them easy so they can be completed quickly. And Simply Soft is the perfect weight to use with KP 1.

HINTS

- Cast on and hand manipulate the first few rows, then add claw weights - especially on very tiny items.
- Hand-manipulate rows that require special work like Fair Isle or short rows. Advance RC each manipulated row.
- Glue added decorations in place instead of sewing.
- Do not weave in ends. Knot to secure, trim, add a tiny dot of craft glue and hide the end.

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MINI HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS

designed by Kathy Perry



EASY

TECHNIQUE USED

Mini Knitting

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 3" - 4" tall (7.5 cm to 10 cm)

YARN

Small amounts of the following (see project for yarn used):

[Caron International's Simply Soft®](#) (100% Acrylic, 6oz/170g, 315yds/288m):

#9730 Autumn Red (MY)

[Caron International's Simply Soft® Party](#) (99% Acrylic, 1% Polyester, 3oz/85g, 164yds/150m):

#0001 Snow Sparkle (A), #0003 Spring Sparkle (B), #0002 Fuchsia Sparkle (C), #0006 Purple Sparkle (D)

KEY PLATE

USM/ISM KP 1 or appropriate tension to obtain gauge

Suitable for USM/ISM/Bond Classic or 6.5 to 9 mm knitting machine

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS (also see individual ornament instructions)[Claw weights](#)

Tapestry needle

Sewing needle and thread

Crochet hook F (hangers and straps can be braided or made with a crochet chain)

Craft glue

For added decoration: tiny buttons, beads, pieces of yarn, ribbon, felt

Optional: Tiny wire hangers (available online at Red Lead PaperWorks)

OPTIONAL

Row counter

GAUGE

In St st with KP 1, 18 sts and 26 rows = 4"/10 cm

MACHINE STITCH USED

Stockinette st (St st)

CROCHET STITCH USED

Chain

MINI EMBELLISHED WREATH

(Kid friendly mini wreath using Embellish Knit!)

NOTE: When using Simply Soft Party add extra weight and pull down slightly on end as you work.[click to enlarge](#)

(Materials needed: Embellish Knit!, small beads and buttons)

- Using Embellish Knit with A or B, make an 18" cord. Close end. (12" yarn tail is needed on both ends.)
- Hang one end on a machine needle to secure and make 20-25 twists.
- Fold in half and let twist together. Hold ends together and remove. Tie yarn tails together.
- Using Tapestry needle, thread one yarn tail through fold of twist to make a circle. Tie ends together to secure.
- Even out twists. Glue beads and buttons as desired. Add additional yarn for top bow or hanger.



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MINI KNITTING BAG

(Materials needed: 2 toothpicks, 2 small beads)

- Using closed CO method with MY, CO 15 sts. COR. RC=000.
- K to RC=023. BO.
- Seam sides: Fold in half to form bag and sew side edges.
- Strap: Using 6 strands of MY, make a 17" braid. Knot and trim ends to look like fringe. Using needle and sewing thread, tack in place along side edges.
- Yarn ball: Using A, make a 1" ball of yarn and place inside bag, gluing to secure. Let end decorate front of bag.
- Needles: Cut 2 toothpicks to desired size and glue small beads on ends. Glue and insert into yarn ball.



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MINI TOP KNOT CAP (shown above on right)

(Materials needed: single prong transfer tool, beads)

- Using closed CO method with A, CO 31 sts. COR. RC=000.
- Rolled edge: K4R.
- Top: Change to MY and K to RC=016. (Optional: Use latch tool to add reformed sts randomly for texture.)
- Move every other st to ndl on rt and put empty ndls into NWP. K2R.



- Cut yarn leaving a 12" tail. Using Tapestry needle, thread tail through live sts and remove.
- Gather live sts tightly and secure. Sew back seam.
- Top knot: Using A, make a 2 1/2" braid or crochet chain. Tie into knot and add to top of cap.
- Add additional beads if desired.

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MINI BLING CAP (Knit sideways - purl side with beads used as RS) (shown above on left)

(Materials needed: WY, single prong transfer tool, seed beads)

- Using WY, CO 15 sts. K 6 R. Break off. Change to MY. String 17 seed beads onto MY and push back until ready to use. COR. RC=000.
- Beads: *K4R. (Hand manipulate next row and all beaded rows.) Move a bead into place after 3rd st and after 6th st. K4R. Move a bead into place after 6th st.* Rep from * to * stopping at RC=044.
- Back seam: Hang first row from WY onto ndls. K1R and BO (back stitch).
- Using Tapestry needle, run tail end in and out of top edge sts. Gather tightly and secure.
- Let bottom edge roll naturally.
- Decorate with bow made of a 7" string of beads. Add to top.

MINI SHORT ROW STOCKING

(Materials needed: small decorations)

1. Using closed CO method with A, CO 20 sts. COR. RC=000.
2. Rolled cuff: K4R.
3. Leg: Change to MY and K to RC=020.
1. Heel: Set RC=000. Put 10 ndls on LHS of 0 into HP. (NOTE: You will be working on RHS ndls only to shape heel. Use claw weight and move as you work.) *Put ndl next to carriage into HP and K1R.* Rep from * to * 5 additional times - 4 ndls on RHS in WP. COR. Reverse shaping. Put the ndl on the opposite side of the carriage back into FWP to knit each row until all ndls on RHS are in WP with COR. Put all ndls in FWP and K1R. RC=013.
2. Foot and Toe: K3R. Change to A and K4R. RC=020.
3. Cut yarn leaving long tail. Use Tapestry needle to thread tail through live toe sts. Remove from machine.
4. Sew side seam. Gather toe and secure.
5. Using A, make a 4" braid or crochet chain for hanger. Attach to top and decorate as desired.



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MINI GIRLY TOP



(Materials needed: 2 beads or small buttons)

- Using closed CO method with C or D (as desired), CO 15 sts. COR. RC=000.
- Front: K to RC=014. Change to A and K to RC=023. BO.
- Back: Using desired color, make a second piece knitting to RC=023. BO.
- Side seams: Sew Front and Back together stopping at A for armholes.
- Armholes: Cut eighteen 6" pieces of A for sleeve decoration. Tie one piece (each side) at end shoulder sts to attach front to back. Add 8 pieces around ea armhole tying with overhand knots. Snug knots tightly. Trim to 1/4"
- Let neckline roll naturally. Add 2 beads or tiny buttons to top Front.



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MINI FAIR ISLE VEST

- Using closed CO method with MY, CO 15 sts. COR. RC=000.
- Front: K to RC=010.
- Fair Isle: Work from chart for 4 rows. Change to A and K to RC=023. BO.
- Back: Using MY, make a second piece knitting to RC=023. BO.
- Side seams: Sew Front and Back together stopping at Fair Isle for armholes.
- Shoulder seams: Using sewing needle and thread, sew Front to Back 1/4" on both sides of neckline.
- Let neckline roll naturally.



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Cari Clement
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