

## News From Knit Purl

### The Month of Lace



continues...

#### Stronger Than Ever

Just 10 days into our quest to introduce lace knitting to our customers and we have very positive results to share:

As of today, 26 intrepid knitters have joined our [Girasole KAL](#) on ravelry and have been posting positive reviews about the pattern, their progress and just how much they're enjoying the knit-along.

Several customers and Knit Purl employees have remarked how much they're enjoying their lace projects of choice, even though they "never knit lace".

If you're one of the many knitters that have stepped out of your comfort zone (or into it, even!), thank you for participating in our Month of Lace this July. If you're still waivering over trying your hand at this amazing craft, we've collected new and interesting lace patterns for beginners and advanced knitters alike that might just tempt you.

Look for an article below on knitting lace with worsted or DK weight yarns, if "tiny needles and fiddly thread" are holding you up. Or check out Jared Flood's modern designs, many of which offer stylish alternatives to lace shawls.

[Take the plunge.](#)



### [A Flood of Creativity](#)

#### Patterns by brooklyntweed

We're very excited to announce that we've made an arrangement with Jared Flood, author and designer behind the blog [brooklyntweed](#), to carry hard copies of his popular self-published series of patterns.

If you've admired one of his

### Treat Yourself to More Lace



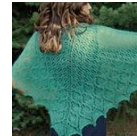
\$25 or less.

The [Feather Duster shawl](#) made with one skein of [ShibuiKnits Silk Cloud](#).



\$35 or less.

[Porom](#) made with one skein of [Habu Textiles Bamboo XS-32](#).



\$50 or less.

The [Spring Thing](#) shawl made with two balls of [Silk Mohair 1](#)



\$75 or less.

A pair of [EyeBobs](#) to read those lace charts easily.



\$100 or less.

[Girasole](#) made with six skeins of [Canopy](#).



### [Time to Branch Out](#)

#### New lace patterns

Just arrived, a collection of patterns by Susan Lawrence, author of [I'm Knitting As Fast As I Can](#) and designer of knitty's [Branching Out](#). This beautiful assortment of designs is perfect for our Month of Lace, as all the designs feature traditional and modern applications of Shetland and Orenburg lace motifs and design.



new designs, previously only available in PDF format, here is your chance to collect the series. All the patterns are printed on acid-free linen paper to ensure that they will last longer and still look fresh in your library.

Have you been considering participating in our [Girasole Knit-along](#), but haven't wanted to purchase an electronic version of the pattern? Here's your opportunity to buy the pattern and yarn together and receive our Month of Lace discount.

For those knitters unfamiliar with Jared's blog, his designs have been published in Interweave Knits, Vogue Knitting and Son of Stitch 'n' Bitch. His designs are well-known for being based on traditional Aran and Shetland patterns. Running the gamut for design work, Jared has created patterns for everything from Shetland-inspired lace to simple and flattering sweaters.

[Add some tweed to your stash.](#)

## Yule Love This Christmas in July



It's a summer tradition we can't bring ourselves to ignore. But we're putting our own twist on Christmas in July this year and encouraging knitters everywhere to cast on their holiday gifts early this year. If you suffer from impossible knitted gift deadlines every year, give yourself a head start this time! We'll be hosting a series of workshops, events and trunkshows all intended to get you started early and prevent Last Minute Knitted Gift Syndrome.

Join us for our **Cast On Your Holiday Knits Party** on July 24th, from 6 - 9 pm, to get started on all those knits you'll need to finish by the real Christmas Eve. We'll have wine and hors d'ouerves as well as an assemblage of project ideas, for knitters in need of advice. There is no charge to attend.

If you enjoyed our Ornament Kits from last Christmas, we have a workshop for you! At our Knit Christmas Tree Ornaments class, on July 25th from 12 - 2 pm, we'll be unveiling three **new** handknit ornaments for knitters to make and use as decorations on their trees. Increase your collection or make them as gifts for family and friends - we promise they'll be treasured for years to come! [Contact us for more details.](#)

For our out-of-town customers, both Judy's Colors and our Knit Purl ornament kits are up and available for purchase online. Instead of a chunky scarf for Mom or Dad this year, how about a beautiful Christmas stocking or collection of adorable handknit ornaments? Cast on your holiday gifts now and you'll have five whole months to complete them!

For more information about our upcoming Christmas in July plans, see our [Events page](#).

And while many of the patterns will make lace enthusiasts' hearts flutter, the collection also includes simple lace projects that use DK weight yarns (see article below left) for beginning lace knitters.

In either case, we're sure there's a pattern here to tempt you.

[How fast can you knit?](#)



## Crochet from "Knot" Workshop

Ever since the Japanese book [Knot](#) first arrived, we've seen many a knitter or crocheter sigh while thumbing through its pages. The collection of jewelry and accessory patterns are unparalleled in design and beauty, but the fact that the book is in Japanese stops many readers in their tracks. Well, no more!

One of our employees, Brook, an adventurous crocheter and knitter, has made several of the pieces from the book and will be teaching a class on crocheting the pieces from this exceptional book.

Discover how easy it is to make many of the designs from Knot in this two hour workshop, as Brook teaches students how to read the patterns and begin a small project from the book.

Don't know how to crochet or need a refresher course? Brook has you covered with her Introduction to Crochet workshop on the 18th. Learn to chain, single and double crochet before taking her Knot class.

Take Knot off of your coffee table.



## [Girasole Knit Night](#)

July 15th, 6 - 8pm

Get into the Holiday Spirit... early!



## When Bigger Is Better

### Lace With Heavier Yarn

Overwhelmed at the thought of knitting a large project with lace yarn? Maybe the fact that most lace shawls require over 1,000 yards of yarn - which is several hundred yards too many - kills the urge to yarn over for you.

Whatever the reason, we have a solution that will enable you to knit lace without lace weight yarn and that will, much of the time, use only one skein!

Two patterns by [brooklyntweed](#) caught our attention recently: [Porom](#) and the [Tweed Baby Blanket](#). Both use DK weight yarn and both are (relatively) small projects. Porom, shown left, is a very quick knit and requires only one skein of most yarns. [Our sample](#), as seen on our blog, was made with one skein of [Habu Textiles' XS-32](#), a DK-weight bamboo yarn that's perfect for summer knitting. The Tweed Baby Blanket is a sweet project that has just a dollop of traditional Shetland lace that's perfect for new lace knitters.

Also among Jared's designs, and the focus of our current knit-along, the [Girasole blanket](#) is made with worsted weight yarn, like [Malabrigo Worsted Merino](#) or [ShibuiKnits Merino Worsted](#). This project is for the more adventurous, as the finished blanket is quite large - but well worth the effort.

[I'm Knitting As Fast As I Can](#), in particular, has knitters covered with a wealth of designs that use DK weight yarns, including [Heat Wave](#), [Forest Canopy Cowl](#) and the [Forest Canopy Shawlette](#). Using a silk or bamboo yarn, you can make a light and airy shawlette or scarf this summer that will be cool to knit and wear.

Susan Lawrence also offers a worsted weight lace pattern that can double as a quick-knit gift. Her [Elysian Mitts](#) are made with a luxury worsted weight yarn, like [ArtYarns Cashmere 5](#), that will create a beautiful and divinely soft pair of mitts that you won't want to take off once the weather cools down!

Whatever your preference, there's a pattern in our collection that will allow you to try your hand at lace on your own terms.

Give lace a chance.

We're getting together again! Stop by the store on Wednesday, July 15th, to see how other participants in the knit-along are doing and share your own progress. New participants are welcome. Wine and cheese will be served at this complimentary event. [It's not too late to join the fun!](#)