

Chain Reaction

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I am Marie Bohnen and I joined the club in September, 2015. I really enjoy meeting all the folks and feel very lucky there are so many talented people in the club that are so generous with their knowledge.

I am a 63 year old beginner at crochet, only learning it earlier this year. Since I retired 3 years ago my husband and I travel South for the winter and we live out of our 20' trailer in Florida or Texas. A crochet class was offered at one of the Florida RV parks where I learned to crochet a bag using plastic grocery bags (they call it "plam"). It was frustrating trying to remember how the stitches were made and working with "plam". I found the most

difficult part of crochet was stitching into the first row of your chain stitch. It still takes me awhile to stitch into that row but I have an unconventional way of crocheting so that probably adds to my difficulty, but it works for me.

I prefer making household items rather than clothing, such as bowls, flower pot covers, cute creatures, phone cases, face cloths out of Scrubby yarn, etc., and I use everything I make, even the mistakes! While I am still a beginner, I do find crochet to be very relaxing and fun by being creative with colors, as well as challenging in learning new stitches. Before learning crochet I had spend quite a few years trying to learn to play Irish tunes on my fiddle. I now find that I am a better crocheter than a fiddler – so now I crochet while listening to fiddle tunes and I am far less frustrated with this.



SNUG HUGS

Please remember Snug Hugs on November 7, 2015 at the Resurrection Lutheran Church in Aurora.

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Special points of interest:

Remember Tuesday Night Study Group meets at Barnes & Noble in Arlington Heights from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

HOW TO CROCHET A BOOKWORM

LEFTOVER YARN

SIZE "G" CROCHET HOOK

PLASTIC EYES

Chain 63, skip 1 chain; 3 single crochet in the next 4 chains; switch to 3 double crochet in each chain, continuing until you develop 3 complete spirals' 3 single crochet in the next 3 chains; 1 single crochet in the next 2 chains; 1 slip stitch in the

next 2 chains. Cut the yarn and pull the end through tightening to create a slip knot. Weave the end into the other stitches so it's invisible.

Twist the worm fairly snug, tugging on the "head" so it's visible. Glue the eyes in place with clear silicone.

Your bookworm will hold your place in your favorite

book or give it to a friend. You will be remembered every time they begin to read. Include this poem by Nancy Hardin:

I am a funny bookworm
I work so hard you see
I mark your place
Put a smile on your face
Every time you read



BROOMSTICK LACE SCARF – FREE FROM LION BRAND

Ch 18

Row 1: Tr in 5th ch from hook (beg ch counts as first tr) and in each ch across – 15 tr

Row 2 (Loop Pass): Working from left to right, extend the working loop and place it onto the needle,*insert hook into the back loop of next st, yo pull through and extend loop to place onto the needle; re from * to end – 15 loops

Row 2 (Return Pass): insert hook (from right to left) through center of first 3 loops and

remove them from the needle, yo and pull loop through, ch 2 (counts as first hdc) 2 hdc in same sp (center of loops), *yo, insert hook through center of next 3 loops and remove them from the needle, yo and complete the first hdc, then work 2 more hdc in center of loops; rep from * across – 15 hdc through 5 Broomstick sts

R3: Ch 4 (counts as first tr) turn, tr in next st and in each st across – 15sts

Rows 4-45: Rep rows 2 and 3 DO NOT FASTEN OFF

Edging

Rnd 1: Ch 1, turn, *working in sps between sts across short end of scarf, 3sc in first sp, sc in each sp to last sp, 3sc in last sp, turn to work down side edge of scarf, 3sc around first tr (3sc around strands of the

Broomstick st, 3sc around next tr to next corner, rep from *join with sl st in first sc – 306 sts
Rnd 2: *Ch4, sk next 2 sc, sl st in next sc; rep from * to last 2 sts, join with sl st in base of beg ch 4

Rnd 3: Work 7 sc in each ch-4 sp around: join with sl st

THIS SCARF IS
ALSO CALLED
THE MOTHER'S
DAY SCARF



HELPFUL WEBSITES

For latest crochet fashion trend check out:

www.thekeytochic.com

www.vogue.co.uk/fashion/trends/2015

www.yarnobsession.com

For helpful resources, check out:

www.craftyarncouncil.com

For thread crochet:

www.crochetdesign.com

RETREAT - 2015

On Friday afternoon, members were treated to a slideshow on International Crochet. In her search for crochet history and traditions worldwide, Dora has traveled to the Balkans – Bosnia, Croatia, and Albania – to central Asia: Uzbekistan and Tajikistan and Istanbul in Turkey. She shared stories and photos of her discoveries and adventures, and what she learned of the history of crochet. Beautiful samples

collected from all these regions were shown.

On Saturday, the topic was Intarsia and tapestry crochet. Also covered was how to read colorwork charts and investigate color theory. Lastly, members learned how to work with variegated and self-striping yarns for awesome color effects.

About our presenter – Dora Ohrenstein

Dora Ohrenstein is a leading crochet designer, author and teacher. Dora's chic and innovative designs appear regularly in *Interweave Crochet*, *Crochet!*, *Vogue Knitting Crochet*, and *Crochet Today* magazines. She is Co-Editor of *Annie's.com* widely read Talking Crochet column, and has written for various other publications about crochet history, international traditions, and techniques. Dora's website, *CrochetInsider.com* is a great resource for articles, patterns, and classes.

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2015

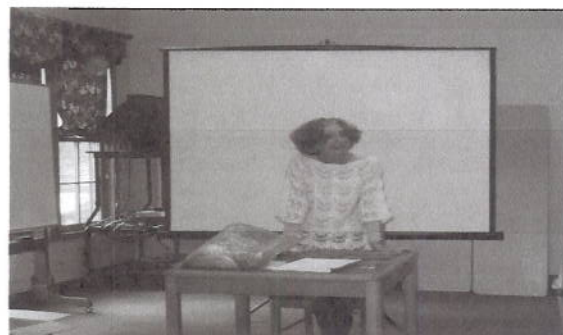
At our next meeting on November 21, 2015, Gwen Blakley Kinsler and Pattie Aaron will be teaching our members how to Entrelac Crochet. Please watch for an e-mail or go to the chapter website for a supply list for the meeting.

At our December meeting there will be a gift exchange. If you wish to participate, please bring a gift that you have made using crochet.

BIG APPLE LEMON DRIVE
– The Craft Yarn Council in collaboration with CGOA's New York City Chapter is sponsoring a contest to crochet lemon-shaped stress balls that will be given away next April in New York City for National Stress

Awareness Month. You can obtain a free pattern at www.craftyarncouncil.com/health

Deadline – Dec. 31st



THE
RETREAT



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LOCAL CHAPTER BENEFITS



- A newsletter
- A membership Directory
- Lending privileges from our Chapter Library
- Specially scheduled workshops
- Monthly meeting reminders

NIC-CGOA meets monthly at the Rolling Meadows Library. Each meeting gives members an opportunity to work on their craft, ask questions, show and tell, and learn a particular skill from another member.