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Happy Mother's Day

Mother's Day is fast approaching. Whether you are doing the appreciating or being appreciated (or better yet - both!), Mother's Day is a great chance to share your love with the important women in your life. Mother's Day can be a very personal holiday and you're sure to do any celebrating in your own unique way. Nonetheless we've got a few suggestions if you are looking for inspiration.

As children many of us used crayons to draw our own personalized Mother's Day card. Today you may have moved beyond the crayon as your primary method of communication, but the opportunity to be creative and unique with your own handmade Mother's Day gift remains. Handmade gifts are full of thought and sure to be treasured. If you learned to knit or crochet from your mother, what better way to honor her than by giving something you made using those skills? Bernat® offers a variety of yarns and patterns you can use to say Thank You and I Love You.

Wrapped in Love - for Mom

A fresh bouquet of flowers can be a well-received gift, but a knitted or crocheted item is a gift your mother can keep and treasure for years. In honor of Mother's Day, we're highlighting some great free shawl patterns that you can give to your mother or keep for yourself.

Free Shoulder Shrug pattern to download



This Shoulder Shrug can dress up the most simple of tops. Knit in [Bernat® Cot'n Corn](#), it is perfect for a light cover-up on a cool evening, [download](#) it now.

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Greetings from Bernat®

My mom was the one who taught me how to knit. She was always patient yet demanding as I struggled to learn the ways of knitting. It's only later that we realize that our parents want us to be the best that we can be and everything that they teach us is for a good reason. A bit later I was excited about the creative side of this craft. Knitting definitely became my thing. I faced one challenge: getting enough yarn for a whole project. I didn't want left over bits and pieces from my mom's knitting. When I felt that I was "skilled" enough, and my mom had gone away on business, I decided to take apart her mohair shawl, which was creamy yellow in color with aqua and pale pink stripes. I TOOK IT APART as quickly as I could. When you are 11 years old, you see the world a little differently - I wanted to make a surprise for my mom and knit her, that's right, a new shawl. The end of this old story is not that warm and happy - my mom was speechless when she saw the balls of yarn from the unraveled shawl and I was grounded for the mess caused by the mohair fluff around the room. It was a great beginning for my career as a knitwear designer.

Shawls are not only practical shoulder warmers or a detail to be added to an outfit, above all they are a memory and an appreciation... Thank you mom!

Sincerely yours,
Svetlana
-Designer

Free striped wrap pattern



If crochet is your thing, we have a great wrap pattern for you to download. Made in [Bernat® Bamboo](#), this wrap is soft, warm, works up quick, and looks great too! [Download](#) this pattern today.



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Here's wishing you a Happy Mother's Day. Take some time and appreciate the remarkable women that made you who you are today.

Cheers,
The Bernat® Design Team