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Whimsical Hats

This collection of essays from over twenty different authors, including Elizabeth Berg, Ann Patchett, Andre Dubus III and Sue Grafton, describes their passion for knitting, recalling their triumphs and disasters in their craft projects and lives. 30,000 first printing.

Knitting Yarns: Writers on Knitting

A guide to knitting, making, and living a slow and thoughtful lifestyle all year long Slow Knitting introduced crafters to a process of more mindful making through three basic tenets: source carefully, make thoughtfully, think seasonally, experiment fearlessly, and explore openly. Now, this seasonal approach encourages

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knitters to delve deeper into those concepts, applying them to everyday making through a series of essays, projects, and patterns that explore the life of a knitter throughout the year. Organized similarly to a seasonal planting guide or farmer ' s almanac, each chapter and section is designed to identify and encourage small ways that knitters may begin to employ noticeable change: organizing your yarn stash, carving out time for knitting, and starting on that baby blanket in a timely manner. The ideas explored here add up to a fuller, more mindful year, all through the joyful experience that is knitting.

Mastering Creative Anxiety

Like the “ slow food ” movement, Slow Knitting encourages knitters to step back, pare down, and celebrate the craftsmanship of their work. In five chapters centered around the tenets of slow knitting—sourcing carefully, making thoughtfully, thinking environmentally, experimenting fearlessly, and exploring openly—Hannah Thiessen challenges knitters of all skill levels to view their practice in a new way. Each chapter contains explorations of fiber types; profiles of well-known yarn types, makers, and yarn suppliers; and garment patterns inspired by the featured fibers. With contributions from knitting superstars Norah Gaughan, Bristol Ivy, and many others, Slow Knitting proposes an approach to knitting that is both minimalist and all-encompassing, and emphasizes what makes knitting a meditation, a passion, and a unique necessity.

A Year of Creativity

Presents a guide to three hundred knitting stitches, including such patterns as lace, openwork, cable, slip stitch, and textured knit and purl, with information on techniques, symbols and charts, and

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reading instructions.

Knit for Health & Wellness

Bring out your child ' s creativity and imagination with more than 60 artful activities in this completely revised and updated edition Art making is a wonderful way for young children to tap into their imagination, deepen their creativity, and explore new materials, all while strengthening their fine motor skills and developing self-confidence. The Artful Parent has all the tools and information you need to encourage creative activities for ages one to eight. From setting up a studio space in your home to finding the best art materials for children, this book gives you all the information you need to get started. You ' ll learn how to: * Pick the best materials for your child ' s age and learn to make your very own * Prepare art activities to ease children through transitions, engage the most energetic of kids, entertain small groups, and more * Encourage artful living through everyday activities * Foster a love of creativity in your family

Knit Yourself Calm

A joyful and engaging look at a time-honored craft. Follow the knitting journeys of the authors and others to discover how they have used knitting to explore and strengthen their spiritual selves, and how you can do the same. Includes original patterns.

Crafting Calm

Apart from the sheer enjoyment of using our hands to create something new, crafting helps us to connect with who we are. Mindful Crafting explores our relationship with our creativity and self-expression, and reveals how the act of making is the beautiful

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epitome of conscious living. Sarah Samuel casts fresh light on how the basic human need to create is often forgotten as mass-consumerism grows, and how we can all still find our unique path, craft and our own means of individual, joyful self-expression. Through personal anecdote and expert insight, this book unearths the true value of craft, and how we can meet our soul 's yearning to be creative and open ourselves up to infinite possibilities.

Paint Yourself Calm

Contains easy-to-follow instructions for making over 50 knitted toys in a selection of colours, ranging from tiny toys that take no time to knit to a large pair of dolls with sets of removable clothing. Only basic knitting skills are required.

Seasonal Slow Knitting

In his decades as a psychotherapist and creativity coach, Eric Maisel has found a common thread behind what often gets labeled "writer's block," "procrastination," or "stage fright." It's the particular anxiety that, paradoxically, keeps creators from doing, completing, or sharing the work they are driven toward. This "creative anxiety" can take the form of avoiding the work, declaring it not good enough, or failing to market it and it can cripple creators for decades, even lifetimes. But Maisel has learned what sets successful creators apart. He shares these strategies here, including artist-specific stress management; how to work despite bruised egos, day jobs, and other inevitable frustrations; and what not to do to deal with anxiety. Implementing these 24 lessons replaces the pain of not creating with the profound rewards of free artistic self-expression. * Practical insights and proven techniques for overcoming the challenges and fears that plague creators of every kind * Teaching tales that convey effective approaches to creating fearlessly and

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abundantly

The Great Christmas Knit-Off

Take a trip to Norway--without ever setting down your needles! Let Nina Granlund Sæther guide you through Norway's mountains, rivers, and countryside as you delve into 400 years of Scandinavian knitting history. Reconstructed from historical sources or drawn directly from the author's familiarity with Norwegian pattern knitting, more than 40 textile treasures are collected here, from the well-loved Selbu mittens to lesser-known delights whose fascinating origins have been carefully traced. Resting on a foundation of formidable research, with stunning photographs by Guri Pfeifer and clear, helpful pattern charts, *Mittens from Around Norway* is a brilliant combination of design inspiration and historical reference that belongs on every knitter's bookshelf.

The Knitting Way

Easy patterns for charity knitting projects from blankets to bears! All across America, people are knitting for peace. In yarn shops and private homes, churches and synagogues, schools and even prisons, they meet on weekday evenings or weekend afternoons to knit afghans for refugees, mittens for the homeless, socks for soldiers, or premie caps for AIDS babies. The tradition goes back as far as Martha Washington, who spearheaded knitting efforts for the soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and has seen a recent flourishing in what is nowadays called “charity knitting,” “community knitting,” or “knitting for others.” And whether it’s for world peace, community peace, or peace of mind, today’s various causes have the common goal of knitting the world into a better place one stitch at a time. *Knitting for Peace* is an exceptional book that celebrates the long heritage of knitting for others. It tells the stories

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of 28 contemporary knitting-for-peace endeavors and features patterns for easy-to-knit charity projects such as hats, socks, blankets, and bears, plus a messenger bag emblazoned with the Knitting for Peace logo. Enlivened by anecdotal sidebars and quotations from both knitters and peacemakers, this inspiring book also includes everything readers need to know to start their own knitting-for-peace groups.

Knit Your Socks on Straight

In the tradition of Trisha Ashley and Jenny Colgan, this first book in a new series by Alexandra Brown—author of the popular Cupcakes at Carrington 's series—tells the hilarious, heartwarming story of a jilted bride who anticipates a lonely Christmas but instead finds herself in the tiny village of Tindledale, where the residents share her obsession with knitting. When life unravels, it 's time to knit... Sybil has always taken comfort in her passion for knitting, creating beautiful knits stitch by stitch. But her world suddenly unravels when her fiancé ditches her for her identical twin sister at her Star Wars-themed wedding, leaving her sporting a Princess Leia do. Then things go from bad to worse when an incident at work jeopardizes her job. Hoping to escape her woes and forget that she 'll be alone for Christmas this year, she visits her friend in Tindledale—a winter wonderland of quaint shops and snowy rooftops. When she arrives in the idyllic town, she can 't help feeling like she 's in a Hallmark greeting card. She 's embraced by welcoming—if eccentric—locals wearing handmade knits that remind Sybil of her own creations as well as her unrealized ambitions of selling them. So when the vintage boutique asks her to make an assortment of knits for their display window, she 's thrilled. The hot town doctor has even taken an interest in Sybil, hoping to heal her broken heart. But just when Sybil thinks she 's going to have her fairytale Christmas after all, an unexpected turn

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of events threatens to unspool her happily ever after.

Crochet Therapy

This is the ultimate cat lover's collection of knitting patterns for garments and accessories. If you love cats and yarn you will want this collection of 16 quirky designs all based around the theme of cats. It includes four garments graded for 16 different sizes, as well as cat-themed accessories including a wrap, shawl, scarf, cowl, capelet, mittens and hats. The patterns are divided up into four chapters, each with a different style of cat-themed design similar to Marna's Sinister Catdigan pattern.

Kids Knit!

Provides instructions on the basics of knitting and includes a variety of projects to create such items as a washcloth, a scrunchie, a cat toy, a backpack, and a tote bag. Reprint.

Zen And The Art Of Knitting

The Calm Coloring Book is filled with peaceful and uplifting vibes - every nature & mandala inspired illustration has a positive theme. The twenty-eight detailed, hand-drawn illustrations are waiting for you to bring them to life with color! When inspiration strikes, you can add in your own doodles and drawings wherever you'd like. This book is for colorists of all ages to enjoy - including adults. After all, coloring shouldn't just be for kids - grownups need to have fun too!

The Knit Stitch Pattern Handbook

Contrasts between the relationships of two sisters, Ursula and

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Gudrun, and their love affairs with Birkin and Gerald.

The Artful Parent

“ The Artist ’ s Way for the twenty-first century. ” —Nancy Coleman, PhD, clinical psychologist, writer, facilitator, and teacher

Settle your mind, connect with the moment, and unleash your creativity with this unique and mindful art journal. In our demanding, fast-paced culture, it ’ s increasingly important to find ways to decompress and recuperate from the busyness and stress of life. More and more, mindfulness and creativity are being recognized as antidotes to the speed and overstimulation of modern society. This beautiful book combines the two, offering both creative and meditative practices to provide a guided journey into contemplative art for healing, relaxation, deeper connection, and greater well-being. Rather than focusing on any one medium or art form, this unique guide offers basic meditation instructions, and a variety of creative prompts and activities—from collage and coloring to meditative mark making and sketching to photography and perceptual exercises—making it perfect for anyone who wants to deepen and cultivate their mindfulness and creativity. With these artistic and introspective practices, you ’ ll put meditation into action, and learn to view yourself and your own creative process without judgment or aggression. Using Be, Awake, Create, you ’ ll see beyond habitual patterns, discover the richness of your world, and recognize the ordinary magic of your own creativity, with greater freshness of expression and spontaneity. By cultivating awareness and allowing yourself to play in the open space of artistic creation, you ’ ll come to discover all of the positive impacts mindfulness and creativity can have on every area of your life.

Mindful Crochet

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Provides instructions for thirty-two whimsical knit hats for children to wear, including big bad wolf, Christmas tree, owl, and birthday cupcake.

SereKNITy

Wrap up in style with these 35 cute and colourful crocheted scarves and cowls. It takes no time at all to crochet a cowl or a scarf, and some of these are super-fast, using chunky yarns and a big hook. Nicki Trench has created a wide range of contemporary designs, with a variety of stitches and fashionable colours, so you'll really stand out from the crowd. Start with the soft and cosy pom pom scarf or the bright shell stitch scarf in red, yellow and peach. Not every scarf or cowl has to just be for winter! The pretty silk lace scarf and the cool Mexican-inspired tasselled scarf can be worn all year round. There are also handy stash-busters such as the patchwork scarf and the horizontal striped cowl. Whether you want to match your scarf to your outfit or give them as gifts, there's something for everyone in Crocheted Scarves and Cowls.

Crochet Yourself Calm

Crochet Therapy is a unique and accessible craft book designed to combine the art of crochet with practical mindfulness techniques to bring moments of calm to your everyday life. The rhythmic skills and colorful repeating patterns created by crochet help to both relax you and encourage greater focus on the present—a vital element of mindfulness theory, which improves mental wellbeing. Patterns include beautiful crocheted mandalas with zen-like circular designs as well as other simple motifs designed to help engage you in a series of meditative exercises. Alongside these patterns are further mindfulness activities, designed to compliment the therapeutic effect of crocheting and boost your health and well-being. With the help

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of this book, crocheting can become an effective tool to manage stress on a daily basis, whilst also allowing you to impress family and friends with your creations.

Women in Love

Crochet Therapy will inspire you to pick up a hook and take some time out of your hectic day to dive into colorful whorls of yarn. Focus, relax, and become more mindful by making more than 20 simple and colorful projects comprised of crocheted mandalas, soothing circles, and other beautiful motifs. Each repetitive pattern helps you engage with your materials, increase your well-being, and unlock your creativity. Mindfulness exercises accompany the patterns and complement the therapeutic effect of crocheting for achieving calm, stress relief, and becoming "effortlessly present" in your craft. Clear instructions and a host of finishing techniques round out the pretty projects and crocheted bounty.

Knitted Toys

Anyone can pick up a pair of needles and a ball of yarn. And everyone can be mindful. The Mindfulness in Knitting casts fresh light on this renowned calming craft, and reveals how the act of “ knit and purl ” can be the epitome of conscious living. Ethical textile artist Rachael Matthews unpicks the threads of this popular pastime to explore how knitting connects us to each other and to the world around us. Through personal anecdote and expert insight, she unravels the true value of what it means to craft, its therapeutic benefits, and the joys of mindful making.

Knit the Sky

Do something creative every day! In A Year of Creativity, learn

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how to throw the perfect creative party with your friends—with organizing tips, 25 project ideas, and even recipes for snacks. A "craft date" is a fun get-together with a handful of creative friends in which you surprise each other with craft and DIY projects using cool materials, inspire each other, and make beautiful things together. At each date, a group of participants share a self-made project to be re-created by the other attendees. Materials are individualized for each participant and given as a unique personal gift along with the instructions for the project. A craft date is different than a workshop since you get to choose the lovely people that you invite, and as the organizer, you get to participate in all the projects. Invitees can put their own spin on the project by using their favorite colors, materials, or techniques. This way you end up with a range of different interpretations and results, leading to new inspiration and ideas. A Year of Creativity is a book for everyone with a basic knowledge of crocheting, knitting, and sewing. It does not teach you how to crochet or explain how a sewing machine works. There are plenty of other books for that. What it does do is inspire crafting enthusiasts to make something together, learn from each other, and have fun doing it. You'll find within: An introduction to craft dates and how they work Tips on planning your craft date events Plenty of project ideas (short, long, and cooperative) Plus recipes for party dishes that keep the creative juices flowing You will share ideas, discover new inspiration, and find new friends while creating uniquely beautiful aprons, knit garlands, infinity scarves, haberdashery bags, cards, pencil cases, and more. Have you had a great craft date or are you working on a neat project and want to show it off? There ' s a place for this in the craft dates community. On Instagram, for example, you can tag your photos with, or search for the hashtag #craftdates. You can have a look at each other ' s work, drum up inspiration for your own dates, invite your Insta-friends, or organize a "blind date" with creative people from your town or city that you don ' t know yet. A whole world will open up. A very creative world is waiting for you in

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A Year of Creativity.

Knitting for Peace

The 35 patterns in *Mindful Crochet* include specially designed elements of repetition, color and texture, which will help you relax, refocus and unwind. Anyone who 's ever tried to master a new stitch or work out which granny squares should go where on an afghan will appreciate how crochet can totally engage your attention and harness your creativity. Being " in the moment " is an essential part of following a pattern, keeping your yarn on the hook, counting stitches, and remembering which color to use next. Emma Leith shows how these qualities can become a form of mindfulness practice, bringing you peace, calm, and a greater sense of well-being. There are projects you can make for yourself or your home, and others designed to be given as gifts. The satisfaction you ' ll get from creating these lovely makes and seeing others appreciate them is another important way in which crochet can encourage a positive outlook and bring happiness.

A Book That Takes Its Time

Keep your hands busy and your mind relaxed as you crochet this inspiring collection of 50 repeat patterns including mandalas, granny squares, and triangles. Focus on the repetitive rhythms of creating your piece, stitch by stitch, and you ll truly be in the moment. Your breathing and heart rate will slow, your serotonin levels will rise, and you ll have 15 beautiful completed projects to show off! "

Knitting 24/7

As our world has become increasingly dependent on technology,

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and our Western societies have become woefully

“ Crackberried ” — to use the title of a recent documentary on the emotional and social pitfalls of our too-wired ways—an intriguing phenomenon is occurring: There is an increasing amount of interest in returning to some of the simpler arts that were neglected or left behind with the onslaught of technology. Artisans and everyday crafters are finding a renewed satisfaction in making something with their own hands; some are even communicating about the inherent physical- and mental-health benefits found in handwork—and, even more than that, they are framing their handwork as meditation or spiritual practice. In today ’ s sophisticated and pluralistic society, people are more aware than ever that spiritual practice can be defined more expansively—and the popularity of books focusing on alternative spiritual practices demonstrate that readers are hungry for new (or ancient) ways of enhancing their inner lives. In *Crafting Calm* the author will explore these new forms of creative spiritual practice and the benefits they provide. The format of *With Shannon's* book will itself be creative, a rich “ potpourri approach ” that weaves together interviews, historical facts, projects for readers to do themselves, quotations, and suggested resources. *Crafting Calm* will serve as an inspirational resource guide to a broad assortment of spiritual practices gathered from the global arts-and-crafts communities, as well as from people who don ’ t consider themselves artists but who have adopted creatively expressive forms of spiritual practice. While there have been a few books published focusing on a particular form of creative spiritual practice (*Skylight Paths*, for example, has published books on beading as a spiritual practice; painting as a spiritual practice; and using clay as a spiritual practice), no one has yet explored the breadth of possibilities for creative spiritual practices contained in *Crafting Calm*.

Crocheted Scarves and Cowls

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Bestselling international author and artist Jean Haines' new book takes readers on an exciting journey through painting. Not just a book for artists, this is for anyone looking for a way of enhancing their life and mood through paint. It's also a way into art for people who have never painted and may even have been told they 'can't paint' at an early age. If you love the idea of sitting down and playing with colour and paint as a distraction from the stresses of modern life, then this is the book for you! All of Jean's books have promoted the life-enhancing effects of painting, and this is especially relevant in *Paint Yourself Positive*. Whether you can already paint or not, the aim of the book is for you to create in a way that you find pleasing, increases your self-confidence and leaves you feeling energized. Jean will very soon have you wanting to pick up a paintbrush and start to paint - and loving every second of it.

The Creative Doer

A yarn shop owner offers patterns to beginners and advanced crafters alike for knitting socks using a variety of yarns to fashion cozy, creative and beautiful footwear using a unique straight-needle method.

The Calm Coloring Book

This volume uses knitting as a metaphor to discuss the unity of all life and the spirituality involved in all endeavours carried out with mindfulness.

Colour Yourself Calm

Betsan Corkhills book will transform the way you think about your health, wellness and knitting. It rises above other self-help books because it provides an accessible tool which gets you actively

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involved in improving your health and wellbeing and shows you how to do this any time, anywhere. It quite literally puts the power in your hands. Betsan shares her knowledge of using Therapeutic Knitting clinically and integrates this with recent research, her medical knowledge, data from a survey of over 3,500 knitters from 31 countries, and numerous stories sent to her from knitters around the globe. Her writing style makes this an easy, enjoyable read whilst at the same time conveying valuable neuroscience, research and knowledge which will improve your life. Betsan is the recognised world expert on the use of Therapeutic Knitting for improving health, wellness and managing illness. She has pioneered this research since 2005.

50 More Ways to Soothe Yourself Without Food

A delightfully quirky celebration of the power of creativity and the secret magic of knitting. Greta the goat is a wonderfully accomplished knitter. She can even knit little goats and turn them loose to play around her feet. But when she gets distracted from her knitting, threatening creatures spring from her needles, each more menacing than the last. It takes quick thinking, courage, and brilliant knitting for Greta to find her way out of a perilous situation. In this whimsical story, creativity and craft empower our heroine to restore her safety . . . as long as she pays attention to what is growing on her knitting needles!

The Mindfulness in Knitting

A path for female creators, activists and magicmakers. The Creative Doer offers a roadmap for women who are hungry for a more creative life and who are willing to ask a few burning questions: What if we stopped trying to follow in the footsteps of the Male Genius? What does devotion look like if it doesn't mean forsaking

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everything and everyone, including your kids, for your art? What would happen if we granted ourselves the permission we're waiting for and started doing our work, our way? In this insightful, no-bullshit guide you'll learn how to: - Redefine creative work and bust the old myths about The Artist - Zoom in on your dream until it's doable - Claim the time and space you need to do your work - Understand fear and how to flow with it - Do self-care in a way that will change your creative life forever - Share your work, truthfully, tenderly and courageously

Be, Awake, Create

Historically, mandalas were created as sacred objects upon which to meditate. The symmetrical images are either painted or in some cases made from sand - the object being for the painter to reflect on and empty the mind. Psychologists have also noted that such paintings may be an attempt by the conscious self to release unconscious knowledge. By becoming absorbed in colouring in an object of beauty, the reader will embark on a practical exercise in mindfulness. Inspirational quotes accompanying the images will enhance the experience. This is an easy way to relax the mind, body and spirit, whilst subconsciously developing self-knowledge, expanding the imagination and creating a sense of well-being.

Paint Yourself Positive

In today's fast-paced world everyone is looking for ways to slow down, recharge, and appreciate the small, meaningful details of everyday life. SereKNITy: Peaceful Projects to Soothe and Inspire gives readers the perfect outlet with a collection of more than twenty-five knitting and crocheting patterns united by one all-compassing idea: finding peace. The projects here are not the complicated sweater patterns found in traditional knitting guides, but simple,

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beautiful objects anyone can create. Practical crafts, like fingerless gloves and mug cozies, are featured alongside more meditative patterns, like granny squares and crocheted flowers. Each is paired with an inspirational, intention-setting prompt and falls under an overarching theme-Color, Texture, or Structure-that encourages knitters and crocheters of all skill levels to be fully present in the moment. Fiber artist Nikki Van De Car gently guides readers to look inward as they work, releasing their anxiety as they create something beautiful. For experienced knitters and novices alike, this is meditative crafting of the very best kind.

Cat Knits

WATERCOLOURS. Life has a way of throwing unexpected obstacles in our path. Your personal anxieties can build up and seem overwhelming. Help is at hand. Master artist Jean Haines leads you on a journey through paint, showing how you can wipe away your worries with the soothing and gentle movement of watercolour on paper. Meditative, peaceful and calming, watercolour painting offers relief and solace to everyone, with no judgement or goal beyond itself. This book shows you the many ways painting can calm your life, and empower you so you have control over stress or boredom

Mindful Crafting

In this much-anticipated follow-up to *50 Ways to Soothe Yourself Without Food*, renowned nutrition expert and New York Times best-selling author of *Eat Q*, Susan Albers delivers fifty more highly effective ways to help you soothe yourself without eating—leading to a healthier, happier life! If you're an emotional overeater, you may turn to food to cope with stress and sadness, enhance joy, and bring a sense of comfort. But, over time, overeating can cause

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weight gain, heart disease, diabetes, and many other health problems. In *50 More Ways to Soothe Yourself Without Food*, you'll find fifty more mindful and healthy activities to help you replace your need to overeat. Based in popular mindfulness practices, this book will show you how to slow down and be present during mealtime so that you end up making healthier choices. In addition, the activities in the book—such as yoga, aromatherapy, and breathing exercises—will help you gain a greater overall sense of well-being and appreciation for your body. If you're ready to stop using food as an emotional crutch, and start feeling healthy, happy, and truly fulfilled, this book offers fifty more ways!

Crochet Therapy

Grab the opportunity to knit when you're commuting, socializing, or just waiting around—with these highly portable projects! People who love to knit are determined to find time to practice their craft, despite the many roles they fulfill throughout the day. They knit while traveling or commuting, while waiting for their kids, while socializing. Times like these call for projects that are easily transportable and have stitch patterns that are simple to memorize. Veronik Avery has created 30 such projects for *Knitting 24/7*, a collection of stylish clothing and accessories that make use of those “in-between” times when we're busy, yet our hands are free. Ranging from sweaters, scarves, and shrugs to hats and mitts, the projects represent both what knitters want to wear and what they actually have time to create. The book's gorgeous color photographs capture knitters in a range of settings—a morning at work, a dinner with friends, a relaxing weekend afternoon—evoking the time of day when each wardrobe item might be worn.

How to Knit a Monster

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Take time to breathe. Take time to create. Take time to reflect, take time to let go. A book that 's unique in the way it mixes reading and doing, *A Book That Takes Its Time* is like a mindfulness retreat between two covers. Created in partnership with *Flow*, the groundbreaking international magazine that celebrates creativity, beautiful illustration, a love of paper, and life 's little pleasures, *A Book That Takes Its Time* mixes articles, inspiring quotes, and what the editors call "goodies" —bound-in cards, mini-journals, stickers, posters, blank papers for collaging, and more—giving it a distinctly handcrafted, collectible feeling. Read about the benefits of not multitasking, then turn to "The Joy of One Thing at a Time Notebook" tucked into the pages. After a short piece on the power of slowing down, fill in the designed notecards for a Beautiful Moments jar. Make a personal timeline. Learn the art of hand-lettering. Dig into your Beginner 's Mind. Embrace the art of quitting. Take the writing cure. And always smile. Move slowly and with intention through *A Book That Takes Its Time*, and discover that sweet place where life can be both thoughtful and playful.

Mittens from Around Norway

Knitting is a relaxing and therapeutic pastime, and this winning combination focuses on mindfulness and the perfect stress-busting knitting projects. Whether you choose a portable project to knit on the go, a group project to do with friends, or one that introduces new skills to stimulate a creative mind, this book is the perfect path to keeping calm. The book is aimed at beginners as well as more advanced knitters, but does not include anything more complex than basic knit and purl stitches, increasing, decreasing and some simple colourwork.

Slow Knitting

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“ Different from any knitting book I ’ ve ever seen! Think of it as a journal of your life, not with pen and paper, but with knitting needles ” (Lisa Congdon, author of *Find Your Artistic Voice*). Record the beauty, emotions, and experiences of everyday life—with your knitting needles! Author Lea Redmond offers thirty-two enchanting projects that will inspire you to create beautiful finished pieces full of personal meaning and memories. Stock up on shades of blue, gray, and white and knit one strip of a scarf each day for a year, using the color that matches the sky on that day. When you ’ re done, you ’ ll have a unique memento of your year better than anything you can keep in a scrapbook. Or when you ’ re traveling, knit postcard-size swatches at each place you visit, using the colors you see around you. When the trip is over, piece the swatches together into a throw or scarf that will remind you of your journey every time you use it. Or knit a height-chart scarf for a beloved baby, starting with her length at birth, then add inches each year until you have the perfect gift for her eighteenth birthday. These are knitting projects like no other, resulting in one-of-a-kind heirlooms that tell a story only you can tell. Redmond provides instructions for all the stitches and techniques you need, as well as required patterns. “ In this charming book, Lea Redmond puts her big heart into creative knitting projects. She reminds us that the sky ’ s the limit—in knitting and in life. ” —Ann Hood, author of *The Knitting Circle* “ Not your usual book about knitting . . . [It] aspires to turn on your creativity, to awaken the designer within you. ” —In *Stitches*

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