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The Granny Square Flowers Card Deck

50 Mix and Match Designs

Montgomerie, Claire

5/6/25 • 9781800923065 • \$19.95 • \$23.95CAN • Cards • 4 x 4in • 82 Pages



The fabulously floral follow-up to the sell-out sensation, *The Granny Square Card Deck*! 50 fun floral granny square designs in a stylish card deck, perfect for on-the-go crochet.

Innovative and completely visual, this card deck of 50 blooming gorgeous grannies will help you mix and match successful colour and design combinations every time you pick up your hook.

The sturdy, stylish box contains **50 colorful cards**, each with a fabulous floral granny square to make, mix and match. On the front of each 4 x 4in card is a color photograph of the finished granny square, while on the back you'll find a crochet stitch chart that shows you how to work the square, along with joining advice and any other helpful information you need. Simply lay out the cards to **easily mix, match and create your own design combinations**.

- Also within is a 32-page booklet, which contains a **comprehensive step-by-step guide to reading and understanding crochet charts**, with four side-by-side examples of pattern and chart instructions to get you started. You'll also find advice on **working three-dimensional flowers**, choosing yarns and hooks, 2 different methods for joining your squares together, and guidance on color placement and arrangement so that you can **achieve color success every time**.
- The perfect tool to help you mix and match granny square designs for any handmade project, select a few cards or slip the whole deck into your bag for **on-the-go crochet**. Each square is made using the same hook and yarn weight and is the same finished size, so that **the squares can be joined together in any combination** with ease.
- With 50 colorful floral designs to choose from and customize, this fun and versatile card deck is the ideal gift for any crocheter, and **perfect for visual learners**.

Claire Montgomerie is a textiles designer specializing in crochet and knitting. She has written many books on these topics, and also styles and edits the UK craft magazine *Inside Crochet*. Claire lives in Cambridgeshire. Check out her website: montyknits.blogspot.com and Instagram: @clairemontyknits

Author Residence: Cambridgeshire, UK



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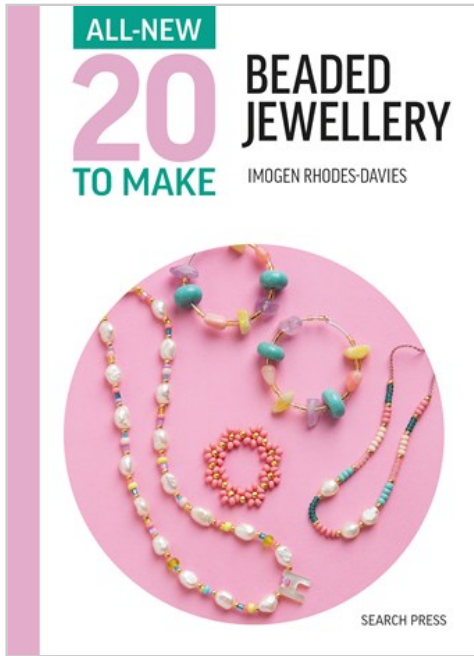


All-New Twenty to Make: Beaded Jewellery

Rhodes-Davies, Imogen



6/17/25 • 9781800922518 • \$11.95 • \$13.95CAN • Hardcover • 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 in • 64 Pages



Create and customize your own colorful beaded jewelry in 20 colorful projects!

Simple to make and right on trend, these fun beaded projects add the perfect finishing touch to any outfit and make wonderful personalized gifts.

Start off with simple projects such as elasticated friendship bracelets and hoop earrings, then move on to making stunning charm necklaces, tassel earrings and rings. Make coordinating pieces, mix and match, and then experiment with different beads – choose seed beads for more delicate projects and larger gemstone and glass beads for a chunkier look.

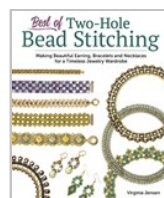
- 20 simple, customizable projects that make stunning accessories and great gifts
- All the techniques you need clearly explained – from bead weaving and fastening to making woven daisies
- With fun, contemporary colour variations to inspire your creativity!

The original best-selling *Twenty to Make* series has sold over 2.5 million copies worldwide! All titles in the best-selling *All-New Twenty to Make* series come in a handy hardback pocket-size format that makes them perfect little gifts, each containing 20 brand-new projects.

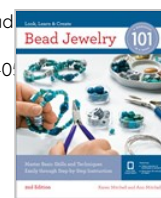
With a degree in textile design, Imogen Rhodes-Davies founded her business 'imogen melissa' in 2020, to modernize perceptions of beading and embroidery. She has developed a range of beaded embroidery and jewellery making kits and regularly delivers group workshops on beaded embroidery and jewellery making. Alongside the imogen melissa store (www.imogenmelissa.com), Etsy and Not on the High Street, Imogen can be found on Instagram @imogenmelissa_embroidery. Imogen lives in Farnham, UK.

Author Residence: Farnham UK

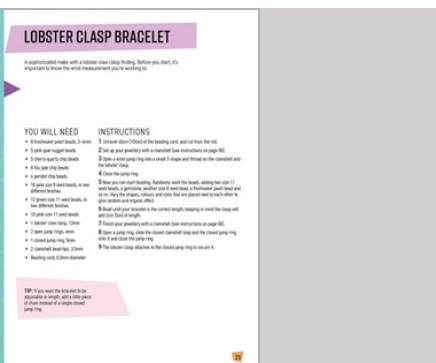
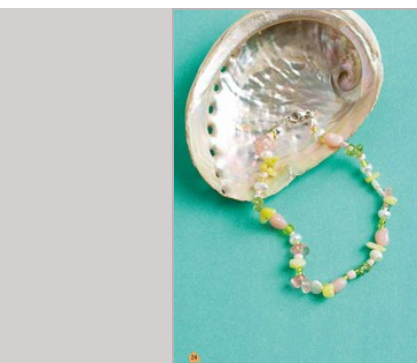
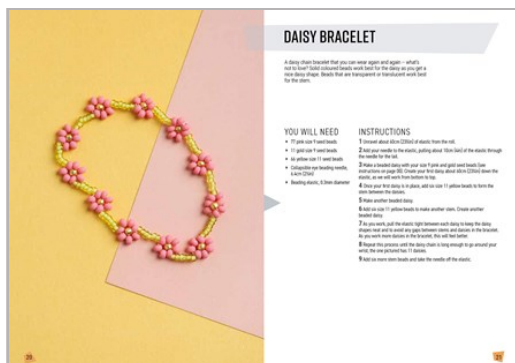
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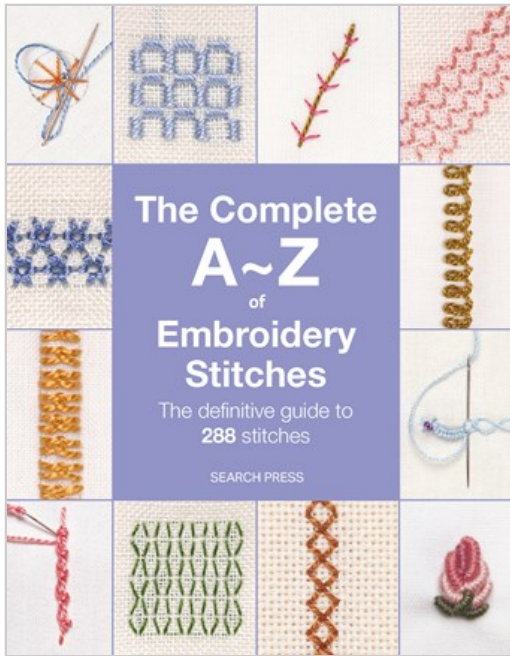


The Complete A-Z of Embroidery Stitches

The definitive guide to 288 stitches

Inspirations Studio

6/17/25 • 9781800923232 • \$29.95 • \$35.95CAN • Trade Paperback • 8 x 10 1/2 in • 304 Pages



The must-have stitch dictionary for every embroiderer.

Over 280 essential embroidery stitches curated from the best-selling *A-Z of Embroidery Stitches* books, from the expert team at Inspirations Studios.

Learn to work over 280 embroidery stitches, for the beginner through to the advanced embroiderer, with this comprehensive step-by-step stitch dictionary.

The book includes:

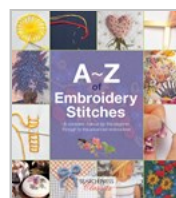
- Advice on choosing fabrics, threads, equipment, and working as a left-handed embroiderer.
- 2000+ step-by-step photographs and detailed instructions.
- Detailed stitch index for easy navigation.
- Dozens of hints throughout providing tips and historical insights.
- Lay-flat binding, for easy reference while you work.

Whether you're a confident embroiderer looking for new inspiration, or a beginner who's keen to expand your repertoire, this book opens a world of creative stitching possibilities, now and for years to come.

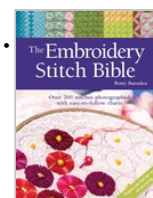
Compiled by the expert team at Inspirations, renowned Australian publishers of embroidery books and magazines, part of Inspirations Studios. *Inspirations Magazine* and the *All Stitched Up* newsletter are two of the most popular guides to embroidery for traditional and modern embroidery around the world.

Author Residence: Australia

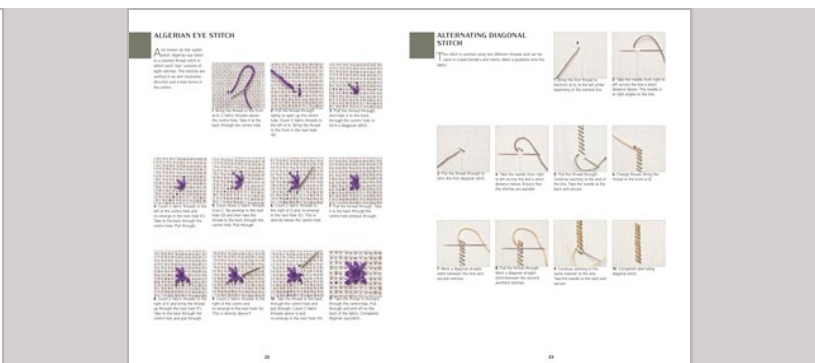
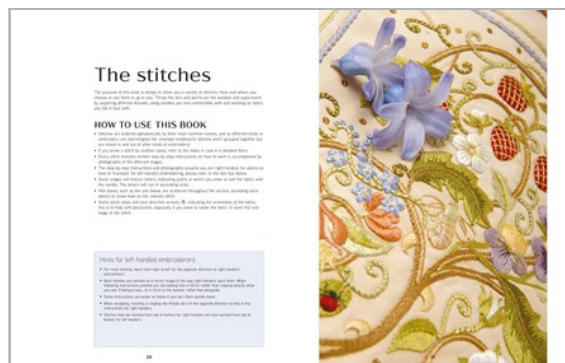
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Embroidery Stitch Bible • Barnden, Betty • 9781782216025 • Press



Drawn from the Wild

A practical guide to making your own foraged art materials

Ross, Caroline

6/17/25 • 9781800922594 • \$25.95 • \$31.95CAN • Trade Paperback • 8½ x 11in • 128 Pages



Caroline Ross uses wild and ancient materials to make artworks from small illustrations to large murals. She also teaches life drawing and shows people how to make the materials she herself uses. Having spent decades indoors in art and recording studios, Caroline spends as much as possible of her life outdoors, immersing herself in nature as she sources her materials, and makes her work. Visit her website www.foundandground.com and follow her on Instagram @foundandground
 MA Painting Chelsea School of Art 1996; BA (Hons) Fine Art Kingston University 1995; BTEC General Art and Design Bournemouth and Poole College of Art and Design 1991

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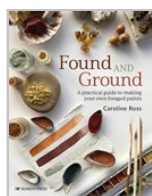
Transform foraged and found materials into vibrant, sustainable drawing media, from richly pigmented pastels and smoke-black charcoal to deep, lightfast inks. 'If you love culture, but know in your bones you are also part of nature, like me, you'll want to make your art practice more ecologically sound and sustainable.' - Caroline Ross

This stunning, practical book, sequel to the best-selling *Found and Ground*, contains both ancient and modern techniques for 'rewilding' your art practice. With hands-on advice and simple, step-by-step instruction, artist and author Caroline Ross shows you how to create beautiful, useful art supplies from wild and ancient materials – whether those materials are foraged, natural, discarded or repurposed. Discover:

- Advice on how to **forage safely and ethically**, as well as tips on **scavenging in the urban environment** and **rewilding your art practice gradually**
- Practical, step-by-step instructions for using lump media, **preparing pigments**, and **creating hard and soft pastels**
- A complete guide to **creating charcoal**, from assessing different wood types, refining your sticks and then a guide to burning
- A guide to **creating tannin, iron gall and botanical inks**, plus instructions for **making your own quill pen and brush**
- Surfaces on which to work, from **found paper, leather and bark**, to **making your own sewn sketchbook**
- A final section on more permanent and long-lasting materials, such as **metalpoint**

Expansive, inclusive and ethically-aware, Caroline illustrates the book with her own inspirational artwork alongside that of other artistic contributors from different cultures and different parts of the world, with their own distinctive materials, approaches and uses of the same core techniques.

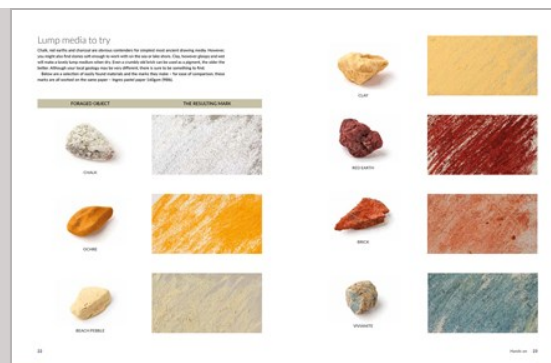
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Found and Ground • Ross, Caroline • 97818009209 Press



The Organic Painter • Griffiths, Carrie • 9781631596087 • Books





Knitting Companion, The

Mathieu, Morgane

6/17/25 • 9781800922600 • \$16.95 • \$19.95CAN • Hardcover Paper over boards • 5 x 7in • 160 Pages



The practical, pocket-sized manual that every knitter needs, from Morgane Mathieu of popular knitting blog 'Trust the Mojo'.

From casting on to casting off, *The Knitting Companion* is your indispensable guide to mastering the art of knitting. This comprehensive mini guide is packed with clear instructions and beautiful photographs, making it perfect for both beginners and experienced knitters.

This gorgeous little book contains tips, techniques and trusted advice on everything from reading a yarn label and choosing your needles to adapting a pattern and picking up stitches. Whether you are knitting your first project or your fiftieth, this comprehensive mini guide is a treasure trove of knowledge, perfect for dipping in and out of for quick reference.

Inside you'll find:

- **A comprehensive introduction to knitting essentials:** learn about yarn types, needle sizes and other equipment you'll need to get started
- **A step-by-step guide to knitting techniques:** discover essential stitches, increases, decreases and finishing techniques, all illustrated with clear diagrams and photographs.
- **Expert advice on reading knitting charts:** understand pattern symbols and how to follow knitting charts with ease
- **Tips for choosing the right yarn and needles:** Learn how to select the perfect yarn and needles for your project, ensuring a successful outcome
- **Guidance on adapting patterns:** discover how to customize patterns to fit your preferences and create one-of-a-kind pieces

Morgane Mathieu is a knitting designer based in Paris, France. She is the founder of the Trust the Mojo website (www.trustthemojo.com), where she sells her designs and shares her knitting know-how in the form of colourful patterns and tutorials.

After training as a textile designer and a leather-crafter, Morgane gravitated towards knitting, her lifelong passion. In 2013 she created her first collection for We Are Knitters, which led to a long-term collaboration. Over the years, she has partnered with many yarn brands, including Katia Yarns and Phildar.

Find Morgane on Instagram: @morganem2

Author Residence: Paris, France

The Knitting Companion is the perfect resource to help you achieve your knitting goals. With its user-friendly format and expert advice, this book is a must-have for any knitter's library.



Related titles:



Beginner's Guide to Knitting, The • Rowe, Lynne • 9781800921672 Press



How to Knit • Tomkies, Debbie • 9781782219477 Press

<p>Reading a yarn label</p> <p>The label on a ball of yarn gives you all the information you need about its properties and how to care for it. You can use this information to decide whether a particular yarn is suitable for your project.</p> 	<p>Needle size</p> <p>The label always gives the recommended needle size as a guide to classify the yarn and establish its tension (gauge). It is up to you if you want to use a different needle size (see Choosing your needles, page 90). The recommended needle hook/size (mm) is also shown.</p> <p>Yarn content</p> <p>The content lists the proportions of each fibre in a yarn. This will allow you to predict its properties (fibre structure, elasticity, resilience, conductivity, softness, absorbency, strength, water resistance, and so on). This will be a determining factor in your choice of yarn (see Yarns, page 61).</p> <p>Weight and length</p> <p>The weight of a ball is given in grams (g) or ounces (oz), and the length is given in metres (m) or yards (yd). This information is essential for calculating the amount of yarn required for your project (see How much yarn do you need? page 42). The ratio of length/weight is used to determine the thickness of the yarn. For the same weight, the longer the yarn, the thinner it will be, and vice versa.</p>	<p>Colour and dye lot</p> <p>The label will generally specify colour and dye lot. A colour can vary considerably from one batch to another. Check that all the balls you select are from the same lot, especially for hand-dyed wools. If you are making something that requires a large number of balls, and you are using yarn dyed in small batches, it is a definitely worth picking up an extra ball, just in case.</p> <p>Tension (gauge)</p> <p>The tension (gauge) - number of stitches and rows in a 10cm (4in) tall square - is always shown on the label as an indication of the average tension (gauge) made (distorted with the yarn) using the recommended needle size to make the indicated stitch. The tension (gauge) must be used as a reference for knitting your own tension (gauge) with 16 stitches in 10cm (4in) and other fibres. (See The tension (gauge) swatch, page 90).</p>	<p>Number of balls</p> <p>You will sometimes find the approximate number of balls needed for a small project, usually in the form of a small graphic, usually in the form of a small graphic, usually in the form of a small graphic. This information is not very accurate, but it can give you an idea of the number of balls you will need (see How much yarn do you need? page 42).</p> <p>Yarn structure</p> <p>Yarn structure varies according to the number of strands or filaments it is composed of and how they are twisted together. Like the content, yarn's structure determines its properties (its appearance, thickness and density, texture, strength, etc.). Use Yarns website, number of strands, page, page 13).</p> <p>Yarn classification</p> <p>The label sometimes mentions which group the yarn is in (this group depends on how many strands make up the yarn, its thickness and the twist or tension (gauge). The twist counts, however, as the classification system can vary from one brand to another, and there is usually no official standard (see The New Zealand Woolmark classification system, page 44).</p>	<p>The reference</p> <p>The label will generally give the yarn brand, name and reference number.</p> <p>Eco-friendly marks</p> <p>There may be markings on the label guaranteeing that the ball meets specific ecological, ethical or fair trade criteria.</p> <p>Caring for your knitwear</p> <p>The care symbols tell you how to wash, dry and iron your knitwear. Remember to check that the care instructions are suitable for the yarn's intended use (the baby knitwear, it is best to opt for machine-washable materials). If you are using several yarns for a single project, check that the care instructions are consistent. Don't combine a machine-washable yarn with one that is hand-wash only, or a yarn that can be ironed with one that cannot, and so on.</p>	<p>Yarns</p>  <p>Composition</p> <p>Yarns can be of natural origin (animal or plant) or synthetic.</p>
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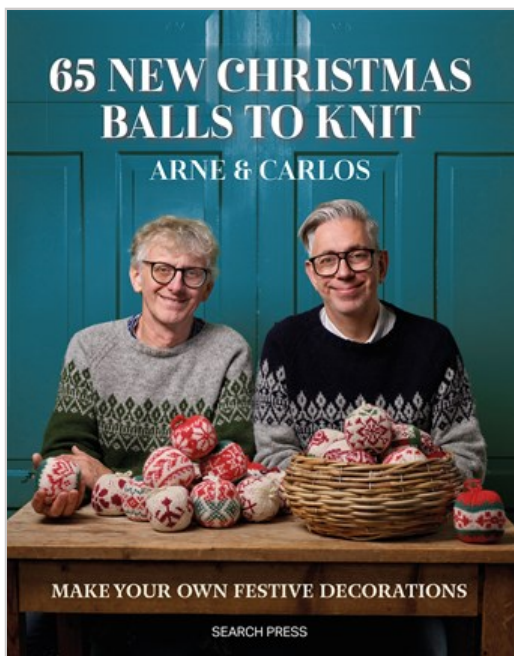
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65 New Christmas Balls to Knit

Make your own Nordic-inspired heirloom decorations

Arne & Carlos

7/15/25 • 9781800923355 • \$23.95 • \$28.95CAN • Trade Paperback • 8 x 10¼in • 128 Pages



Arne Nerjordet and Carlos Zachrisson, Norwegian and Swedish respectively, established their design company ARNE & CARLOS in 2002. Drawing on traditional Scandinavian influences and the natural environment, they create original and striking knitwear, and work with such prestigious fashion designers as Comme des Garçons. Arne and Carlos's creative base is their eclectic farm in Norway, where they absorb the rich tradition of Scandinavian arts and crafts while exploring their own knitwear inspirations. Visit their website www.arnecarlos.com

Author Residence: Norway

Arne & Carlos are back – with 65 brand-new festive decorations to knit, inspired by the magic of a Norwegian winter!

Best-selling and globally beloved knitters Arne & Carlos have created 65 charming new knitted designs so that you can bring a touch of a Scandinavian winter into your own home this festive season. Each of the seasonal balls is adorned with stylish, colorful motifs to make your tree sparkle with festive cheer.

65 New Christmas Balls to Knit features:

- Advice on selecting **tools and materials**, including yarns, fillings and additional sparkly embellishments
- Photographic step-by-step advice on **all the key techniques** required, including casting on, increasing, decreasing, working stranded colourwork and making a hanging loop
- The **basic pattern to get you started**, which is the basis of all 65 knitted balls
- **Themed collections for the 65 decorations**, such as Let It Snow, featuring fir trees and snowflakes; Flora and Fauna, including holly and reindeer; and Traditional, which harks back to ski jumper design motifs and red, white and green colorways. Each of the patterns is explained by a chart; there are no complicated instructions to follow; so once you've mastered the basic pattern you can create any of the designs simply and easily
- **7 delicious Christmas cookie recipes** inspired by the designs, for a true taste of a Scandinavian Christmas.

Enjoy the festive magic, God Jul*, and happy knitting!

(*Merry Christmas)

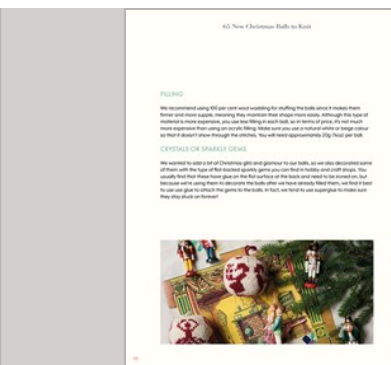
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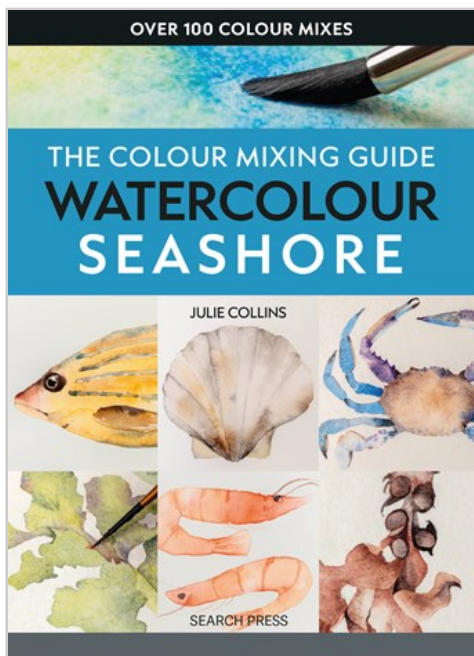


Colour Mixing Guide: Watercolour Seashore, The

Collins, Julie



7/15/25 • 9781800922457 • \$14.95 • \$17.95CAN • Trade Paperback • 6¼ x 8½in • 64 Pages



Create over 100 vibrant watercolor mixes and paint a range of inspiring seashore subjects including shells, seaweed, plants and fish with award-winning artist and colour-mixing guru Julie Collins.

This colorful, practical book features 15 vibrant and varied coastal subjects including mussel shells, coral weed, sea grass, sardines and a blue jellyfish. All 15 subjects feature a complete list of color mixes used with color ratios and finished swatches for inspiration, and five of the subjects are painted step by step so that you can follow the process of selecting colors, mixing and painting from start to finish.

Discover:

- Comprehensive information about color, including a color wheel and a guide to pure and mixed pigments
- Essential watercolor techniques such as painting wet into wet, wet on dry, washes, lifting off and more
- 15 inspirational paintings with color swatches, 5 shown step by step from start to finish
- Useful tips and tricks scattered throughout

This book will inspire your love of color, provide you with colour mixing inspiration and is designed to equip you with the knowledge you need to confidently create your own color mixes.

Julie Collins studied Fine Art at the University of Reading and has been an artist, writer and teacher since then. She has written a number of colour mixing guides and artists' problem-solving books and also writes for *The Artist* magazine. She works from her studio in Hampshire, UK, where she explores her passion for painting, drawing and crafts.

Julie has received numerous prestigious awards for her painting, including from the Royal Watercolour Society, the Royal West of England Academy and ING Discerning Eye; she was elected a Member of the Society of Women Artists and on to the SWA Council in 2022. Julie is a popular author, whose books have now sold in excess of 50k copies.

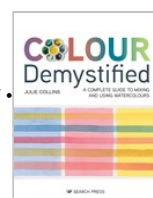
Author Residence: Hampshire, UK

Series Overview: Mix the perfect colors for every painting with the inspiring and easy-to-use *Colour Mixing Guide* series. Each book features over 100 key color mixes on a popular theme, showing you how to create exactly the colors you want, and building up your colour knowledge at every stage. These handy, pocket-sized paperbacks make ideal gifts or on-the-go reference guides: each contains 64 pages bursting with colour and jam-packed with practical information.

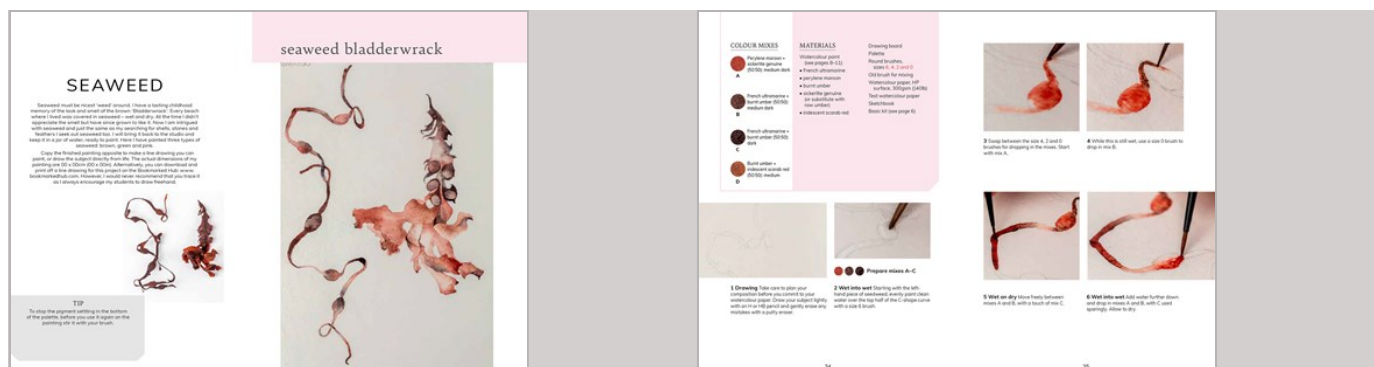
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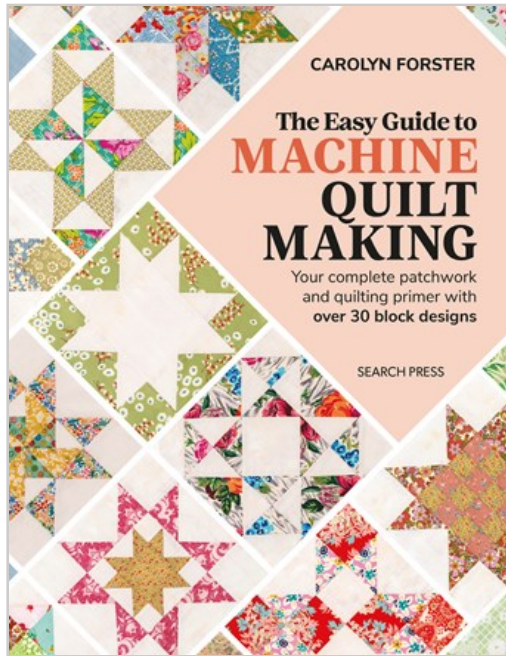


The Easy Guide Machine Quiltmaking

Your complete patchwork and quilting primer with over 30 block designs

Forster, Carolyn

9/16/25 • 9781782219941 • \$25.95 • \$29.95CAN • Trade Paperback • 8½ x 11in • 168 Pages



The complete beginner's guide to machine quilting, from best-selling author, Carolyn Forster. Discover 1 classic quilt block worked 30 different ways, for a cohesive range of inspiring, beginner-friendly designs!

Carolyn has taught hundreds of beginners to quilt, and this book follows her tried-and-tested teaching method for getting started. Using one classic block design (the Sawtooth Star), a multitude of inspiring techniques and a clever use of fabric, she shows you how to sew over 30 different star blocks with ease. Build up your skills as you go, and create a stunning and unique heirloom quilt to be proud of.

- **SKILL-BUILDING STRUCTURE:** Each of the 30 blocks introduces a new patchwork technique that's more challenging than the last to build your skills gradually. From the simple Four Patch and Flying Geese units through to the brain-testing Split Quarter Square Triangles, you'll cover core patchwork methods that are essential for making your first quilt, and will be invaluable for quilts in years to come
- **COMPLETE QUILTING GUIDE:** Once you've made up your star blocks, discover how to put them together. There's advice on different layout options; adding strips ("sashing" or "coping strips"); squares ("posts") and borders; quilting; attaching binding; labelling; and much more
- **MIX AND MATCH DESIGN:** All the blocks in the book are 12-inch square, so it's easy to mix and match your favorite motifs to create your own unique quilt. And, with just a few quick-to-learn math formulas, Carolyn shows you how to sew any size quilt you like for even more tailoring potential

Carolyn Forster is a best-selling quilting author, with over 175,000 books sold worldwide. She started making quilts when she was a teenager, and her passion for patchwork and quilting led her to study Textiles at Bath Spa University, UK. Since then, she has taught patchwork and quilting both in the UK and the USA and has had her quilts featured in a number of books and magazines, including Today's Quilter and French magazine Magic Patch. Carolyn lives in Tunbridge Wells, UK.

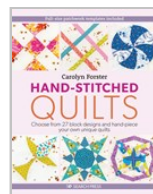
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Carolyn's friendly, tried-and-tested techniques make this the perfect beginner's introduction to quilting.

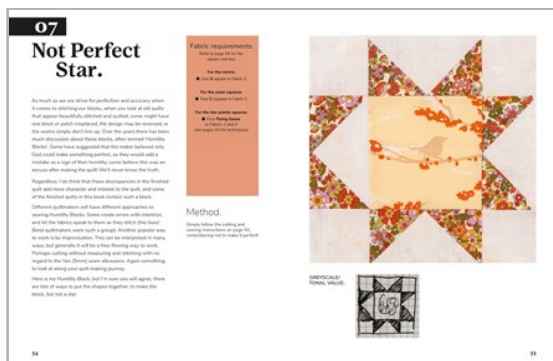
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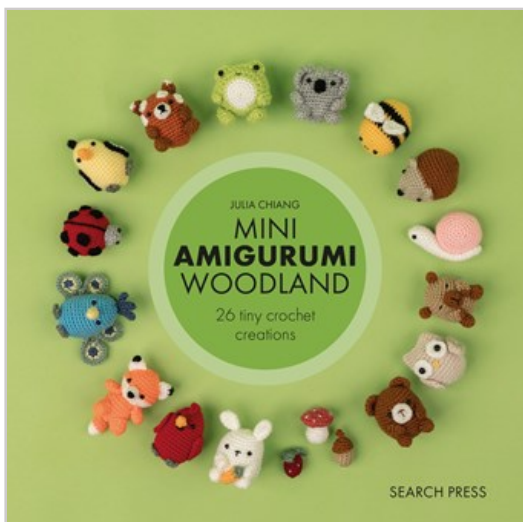


Mini Amigurumi Woodland

26 tiny crochet creations

Chiang, Julia

7/15/25 • 9781800922921 • \$12.95 • \$14.95CAN • Hardcover Paper over boards • 7 x 7in • 48 Pages



26 adorable woodland creatures to crochet, from squishable frogs and foxes to super-cute bunnies and bees.

Perfect for beginners, this simple book uses only a handful of stitches and contains clear, easy-to-follow instructions to get you started. Using only tiny amounts of yarn, but bursting with character and fun, these adorable amigurumi makes will bust your stash and melt your heart! Simply follow the short illustrated techniques section to create a whole forest filled with sweet furry friends, leaves, acorns and flowers!

- 26 stash-busting amigurumi projects
- all the necessary techniques illustrated step by step
- perfect projects to make as gifts, toys or accessories!

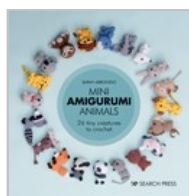
Key Selling Points:

- **POPULARITY IN CUTE AMIGURUMI FIGURES JUST KEEPS GROWING:** Amigurumi is a really hot topic with 18.2M posts in #amigurumi on Instagram and 1.2M on TikTok.
- **MAKE FOR ADORABLE GIFTS AND TERRIFIC STASH BUSTERS:** includes 26 quick and easy projects, perfect for using up small amounts of yarn.
- **PACKED WITH WOODLAND WHIMSY:** fun and cute projects in a range of different tiny woodland creations, from bumble bees, wise owls, and cheeky foxes, to sweet strawberries, tiny toadstools and acorns that would adorn a sleepy forest floor.
- **NEXT IN LINE IN THE SUCCESSFUL MINI AMIGURUMI SERIES:** books in the series thus far have sold in excess of 178k worldwide, having been translated into German, Norwegian, Swedish, Danish, French and Dutch!

Julia Chiang is a Taiwanese-American designer with a passion for all things cute and kawaii. She grew up sewing plushies and folding origami animals, and began designing amigurumi during university when struck with the whimsy to recreate one of her childhood stuffed toys. She specializes in crafting beginner-friendly designs that are both charming and accessible for newcomers to the craft. Julia draws inspiration from her background as a classical cellist, as well as her passion for storybooks and fantasy novels. Follow her Instagram: @byjuliaciang

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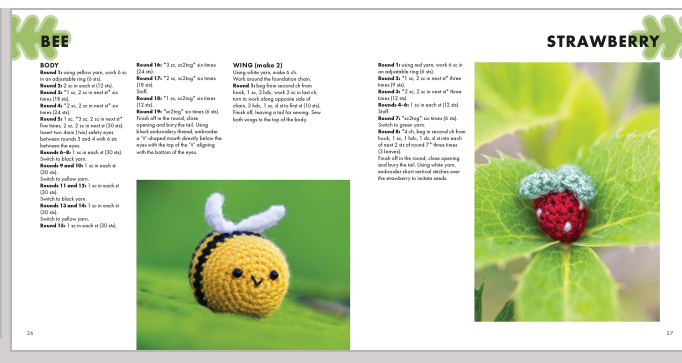
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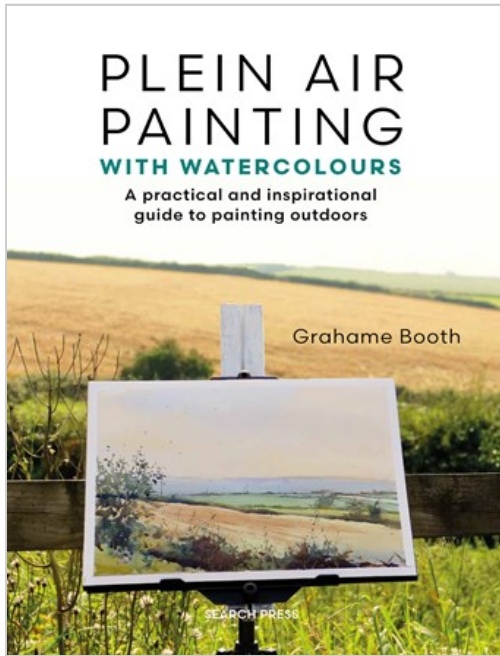


Plein Air Painting with Watercolours

A practical and inspirational guide to painting outdoors

Booth, Grahame

7/15/25 • 9781800922327 • \$25.95 • \$31.95CAN • Trade Paperback • 8½ x 11in • 160 Pages



The complete beginner's guide to painting *en plein air* in watercolor, with 8 seasonal step-by-step projects, hands-on exercises and practical advice from expert watercolor teacher, Grahame Booth.

'So what is all this fuss about plein air painting? It is the difference between listening to a CD and being at a concert, watching a travel programme and actually visiting. With plein air you don't just see your subject. You feel it and you are literally part of it.' Grahame Booth

In this guide to painting *en plein air* with watercolors, expert teacher Grahame Booth provides a complete introduction to painting outdoors, from preparing your kit and planning your painting session to getting the most out of your environment, light and subject.

Structured seasonally with numerous exercises and **8 complete step-by-step projects, all painted *en plein air***, and infused with Grahame's friendly, encouraging teaching style, this is the ideal introduction to painting outdoors with watercolors. Discover:

- A guide to the essential kit you need
- Practical considerations for outdoor painting (the weather, the changing light and interested onlookers to name a few)
- The importance of selecting and simplifying the boundaries of your painting when you have a 360-degree view to choose from
- How to successfully capture the atmosphere of a place
- 8 seasonal projects, with invaluable advice on painting successfully in different seasonal conditions.

Grahame Booth tutors workshops and holiday courses around the world. He is a popular demonstrator for art clubs and his paintings have been awarded many national and international awards. His work is featured in books, videos and art magazines, including *Artists & Illustrators*. work is represented in private collections worldwide and in public collections in Ireland and the USA. He is Past President of the Ulster Watercolour Society and a member of the Watercolour Society of Ireland. His subject range is international, and his use of color, light and shadow are particularly impressive. He is the author of *Ready to Paint in 30 Minutes: Street Scenes* (Search Press, 2017), *The Paint Pad Artist: Watercolour Landscapes* (Search Press, 2018), and he is a contributing author to *Artist's Painting Techniques* (DK, 2016). Grahame is based in Belfast, Northern Ireland. His To see more of Grahame's work visit www.grahamebooth.com

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Sewing with Heavy Duty Fabrics

Practical Bags to Last

Sinikka Wilhelm, Laura



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Discover 18 contemporary, unisex sewing projects made from heavy duty fabrics that are stylish, elegant and designed to last a lifetime.

Every project in this stunning book features heavy duty fabrics, including canvas, waxed cotton, leather and upholstery-weight: fabrics that are functional but elegant, age gracefully, acquire patina in the process, and can be used and loved for a lifetime. Contained within are all the techniques needed, explained using clear, simple steps - including advice on choosing the right stitches, needles and threads for your heavyweight fabrics - along with simple, easy-to-use patterns.

Choose from a range of practical bags and strong storage, including rucksacks, shopper bags and bicycle bags, as well as a tool belt, tablet case and sturdy baskets for your home: sustainable and robust items for you to use over and over again.

Key Selling Points:

- **PERFECT FOR CONFIDENT SEWISTS** looking to experiment with new fabrics.
- **18 CONTEMPORARY, UNISEX SEWING PROJECTS.**
- **SUPER-SIMPLE AND EASY-TO-FOLLOW:** contains clear step-by-step techniques and plenty of images.
- **GREAT FOR SUSTAINABLE SEWISTS:** upcycling, repurposing and making sustainable items has long been a hot topic.
- **ESTABLISHED AUTHOR WITH A COMMITTED FOLLOWING.**

Laura Sinikka Wilhelm learnt to appreciate good design as a child, so it was only natural for her to choose a profession in design once she had finished school. She studied textile design in Germany and Finland, graduating in 1997 with a degree in the subject from the University of Applied Sciences in Reutlingen, Germany. Since then she has been self-employed and works as a freelance fashion and textile designer, as well as a guest lecturer and course instructor in Germany and Finland. In 2009, her first sewing book was published. Since then, she has published a total of 11 books and works as an author for publishers in Germany, Finland and Switzerland. She has also worked on television and, since January 2011, has been a regular sewing expert on the SWR show Kaffee oder Tee (Coffee or Tea) in Germany. With a Finnish mother, she feels very attached to her second home. She has always found this connection to the North to be greatly enriching, and this is unmistakably reflected in her work.

Author Residence: Germany

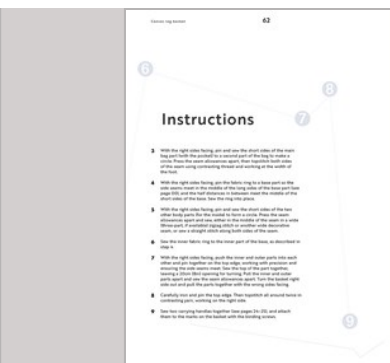
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Wilderness Knits for the Great Outdoors

Stunning Scandi-style patterns for all ages

Neumann, Linka

7/15/25 • 9781800922662 • \$31.95 • \$37.95CAN • Hardcover Paper over boards • 8 x 10¼in • 144 Pages



23 vibrant, Scandi-style knitted garments for the whole family, perfect for outdoor adventures in cold climates!

Knitted with Norwegian and Icelandic wool fibers to repel water and cold, and featuring designs and colors inspired by the wild north of Norway, this is the ultimate knitting book for outdoor adventurers. The 23 vibrant, playful designs feature polar bears, the arctic sun, Hopi dreamcatchers, snowflakes, sled dogs and falling snow, all inspired by the Scandinavian climate and indigenous people of author Linka Neumann's native Norway. Choose from:

- 12 **adult sweaters and cardigans** that can be adapted to suit your style with optional raglan sleeves, roll-necks and hoods, in sizes small to XXL
- 6 matching **children's sweaters** for kids aged 1 to 10 years old;
- 3 cozy **beanie hats**
- 2 sets of frostproof **mittens**

Every pattern contains full written instructions and colorwork charts, multiple colorways are shown to inspire your own yarn choices, and advice is given on how to measure yourself correctly to select the right size.

This enchanting follow-up to Linka's best-selling Wilderness Knits, and Wilderness Knits for the Home, invites you to create stunning yet practical garments designed to brave the elements and elevate your outdoor experience.

Linka Neumann grew up in Oslo in a family who loved to travel; outdoor activities were a big part of her childhood. Linka also loved to draw and paint. Knitting and needlework had been a big part of her family life, and Linka was always the one who didn't knit. This changed after she worked in a nursing home where both staff and patients knitted. She made her first sweater, and thus began a new chapter in life. Linka eventually began to design her own garments, and her first sweater, the Wilderness Sweater, is still one of her most popular. She has published three books – her first, published in 2019, was on the bestseller list for over 30 weeks and has been translated into several languages. In 2020, Linka and her husband opened the online store, linkaneumann.com. Linka currently has over 143,000 followers on Instagram. She and her husband live in the village of Åsgreina, Norway, with their two dogs.

Author Residence: Norway

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Sew Your Own Nursery Rhyme: Wheels on the Bus

Simi, Sarah



8/12/25 • 9781800922914 • \$16.95 • \$19.95CAN • Hardcover • 7 x 7in • 96 Pages



**The wheels on the bus go round and round - all day long!
Bring this beloved nursery rhyme to life in tactile, easy-to-sew felt!**

Jump aboard this fabulous playtime bus, and join a collection of busy little bears on an exciting day out. Discover how to make the bus (complete with wiper blades to swish, a horn to beep and a bell to ding), the bears, a stretch of road and even a bus stop for picking up and dropping off passengers - all from gorgeously tactile felt. The bus is perfect for playing with and storing the characters and makes the perfect accompaniment to rhyme time and story time!

Based on the popular stop-motion animation by Little Woolly Vision, The 'Bearly Moving' Bus and its host of happy passengers will provide hours of interactive, hands-on play. Simply follow the step-by-step instructions and use the simple templates to create your own irresistible collection.

The book features:

- easy-to-follow patterns for the bus, the driver and all the passengers;
- basic stitches, simple sewing techniques and very few materials;
- full-size or easily scalable paper patterns for all the makes
- a gorgeous fold-out felt bus to play with and store your new friends.

Visit www.littlewoollyvision.com or @LittleWoollyVision on YouTube to watch (and sing along with!) the original animation. Or visit nudinits.com to discover the author's best-selling cheeky knits for grown-ups!

Sarah Simi is a knitter extraordinaire and the creator, director and producer of *Nudinits*, the world's first all-knitted animation. Sarah makes lots of the puppets and sets for the animations of *Little Woolly Vision* - the children's division of Woolly Vision, a multi-award winning, stop-motion animation company specializing in making animation with wool, fabric and felt. The aim is to put a new spin on nursery rhymes and to move away from the computer generated animation so often associated with children's songs online. Every nursery rhyme on their channel is animated using traditional stop-motion techniques and each puppet and set hand sewn with felt.

Author Residence: Austin, TX

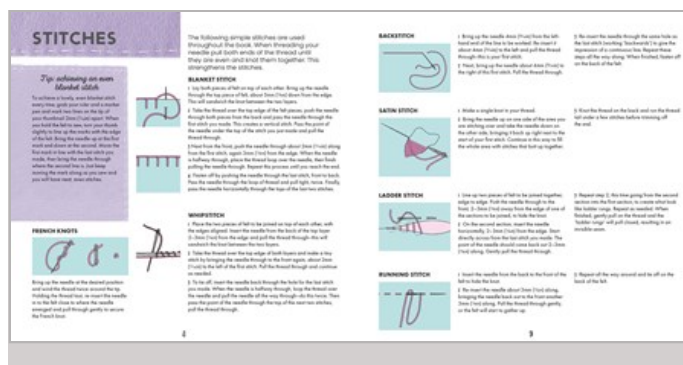
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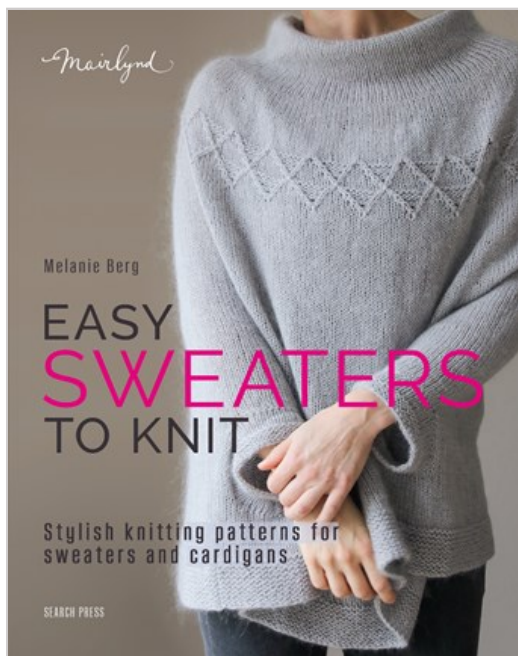


Easy Sweaters to Knit

Stylish knitting patterns for sweaters and cardigans

Berg, Melanie

8/19/25 • 9781800923478 • \$23.95 • \$28.95CAN • Trade Paperback • 8 x 10 1/4 in • 112 Pages



Knit a stylish collection of contemporary, colorful sweaters and cardigans from popular author Melanie Berg (Mairlynd). Discover 13 unique designs to suit your style and make you smile!

From rummaging through vintage wardrobes to knitting bespoke pieces, this collection is inspired by Melanie Berg's personal journey of discovery and creativity. Each of the 13 designs has been carefully selected for its special features – be it an innovative construction, a clever button trick, or the exceptional qualities of a particular yarn. **These patterns are crafted to inspire confident knitters to step out of their comfort zones and try something new.**

Every pattern can be worked in 7 different sizes and each includes all the necessary charts, illustrations and clear photography, to make construction a breeze. Choose from patterns such as:

- **Alive & Kicking:** a stunning short-sleeved sweater with a circular yoke, wraparound lace pattern and a flattering kick-out flair
- **Cinnamon Dream:** a slouchy, cozy dolman-style sweater with lace panels down the front and sleeves
- **Quiet City:** a cosy, draped poncho with an elegant roll-neck and cable-work detail
- **Whisperlike:** a seamless top-down knit with ribbing at the waist and neckline, and delicate lacework on the shoulders.

In 2012, Melanie Berg quit her job as an IT specialist to live her passion: designing knitwear.

Melanie combines texture and colour into wearable modern designs that are both playful and beautiful. She designs to surprise — from matching cheeky stripes with elegant lace, to unexpected colour combinations. Her patterns have been published by yarn companies and knitting magazines large and small.

Easy Sweaters to Knit is a translation of her third book, originally published in her native Germany, in both German and English! Melanie publishes and posts on social media under the trade name Mairlynd; she has over 103,000 followers on Instagram, 10,000 on Facebook, and a huge, successful presence on Ravelry.

Follow Melanie: @mairlynd or visit her website: www.mairlynd.de

Author Residence: Germany

The patterns are interspersed with tips and advice; and at the end, discover how readers have already interpreted Mairlynd's patterns and made the sweaters their own.

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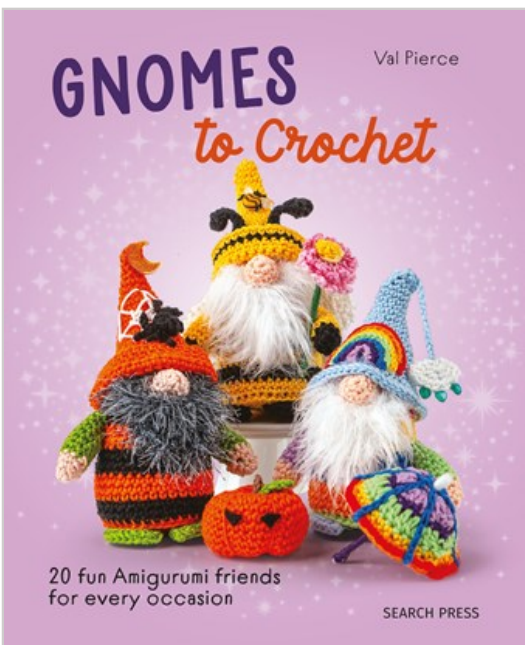


Gnomes to Crochet

20 fun amigurumi friends for every occasion

Pierce, Val

8/19/25 • 9781800922174 • \$19.95 • \$24.95CAN • Hardcover • 7½ x 9¼in • 96 Pages



Gnomes sweet gnomes! 20 colorful crocheted gnomes to make, gift and love, from best-selling author, Val Pierce.

Welcome to Val Pierce's world of amigurumi gnomes to crochet! Beginner-friendly, whimsical and bursting at the seams with fun, these adorable gnomes are brilliant stash-busters and make thoughtful gifts your loved ones will cherish.

Choose from 20 different projects for a range of occasions including:

- a heart-themed Valentine's Gnome for that special someone
- a pocket-sized Keyring Gnome with a daffodil hat adorned with bees and bug
- a Rainbow gnome with a fabulous rainbow outfit and matching umbrella
- a Baby Gnome with a baby bear bonnet and milk bottle;
- a Halloween Gnome complete with his own pumpkin, perfect for spooky season
- and Santa and Mrs Claus Gnomes to fill your house with festive cheer.

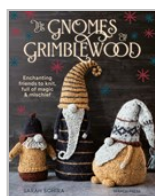
With a short and sweet techniques section to get you started, you'll be filling up your home with cheeky bearded friends in *gnome* time!

Val Pierce's passion for crochet and knitting began when her father taught her to knit at the age of five. Having worked for many major yarn companies and various well-known designers, she decided it was time to branch out and begin making her own designs, and her designs appear regularly in national knitting and crochet magazines. She teaches a range of needlecrafts, to both adults and children and is one of Search Press's best-selling authors, having written more than 20 books, which have collectively sold nearly half a million copies.

Visit her website: www.crossedneedles.co.uk

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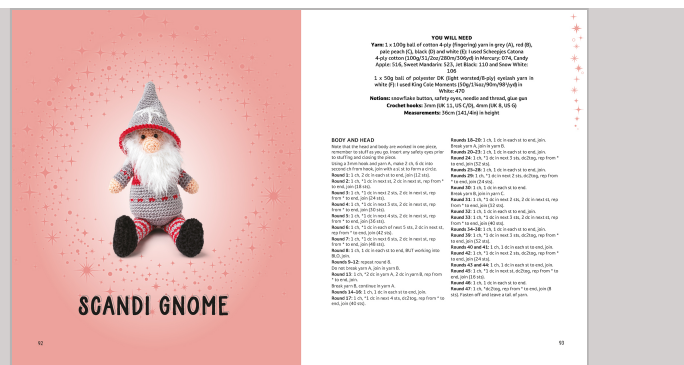
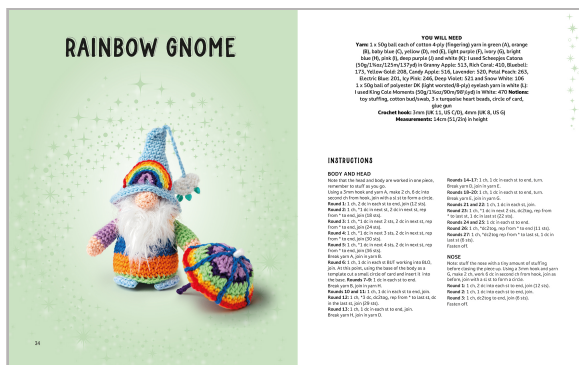
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How to Start Knitting

All the tips, tricks, and techniques new knitters need to know

Lam, Brenda

8/19/25 • 9781800923416 • \$19.95 • \$23.95CAN • Trade Paperback • 7½ x 9¼in • 128 Pages



'Hey you, yes, you! Let me teach you how to knit.'

From casting on to casting off, learn the fundamentals of knitting and discover 10 fun, chunky projects with self-taught knitwear designer Brenda Lam!

Learning how to knit can be daunting – not everyone is blessed with a friend or family member who can show them the ropes. While learning the basics (and not-so-basics) can be slightly intimidating, it's helpful to have a seasoned knitter by your side as you enter your knitting era. Popular chunky knitwear designer Brenda Lam shows you everything you need to know:

- The fundamental tools, yarns, stitches and techniques required to get started
- **Things I Wish I'd Known**, where Brenda shares her favorite tips and tricks
- A **Troubleshooting** section, for when you're not quite sure where a stitch has gone wrong (we've all been there!);
- Simple stitches, the basics on **how to read a pattern**, and a chapter on how to finish your work
- **10 colorful, chunky projects** to test out your new skills, including some scrappy mittens or, if you're feeling ambitious, a sweater vest.

Brenda Lam is a self-taught knitwear designer from Ottawa, Canada. She specializes in chunky yarn and sells her creations and patterns on her website, www.brendamadethis.ca. She has designed for brands like We Are Knitters, Wool and the Gang and Bettaknit. You can find her hiber-knitting on Instagram @beatificbrenda where she has over 47,000 followers.

Author Residence: Ottawa, Canada

With its witty and welcoming tone, this book is perfect if you're looking to take your first step into the knit-o-sphere.

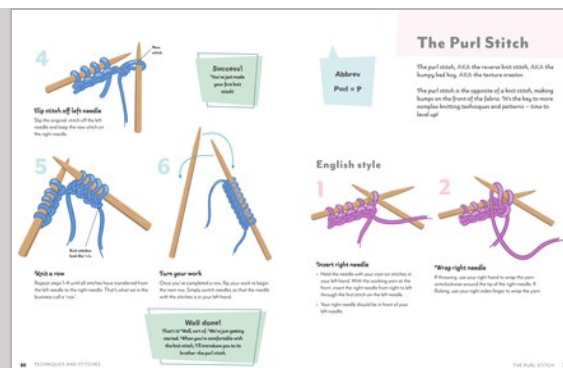
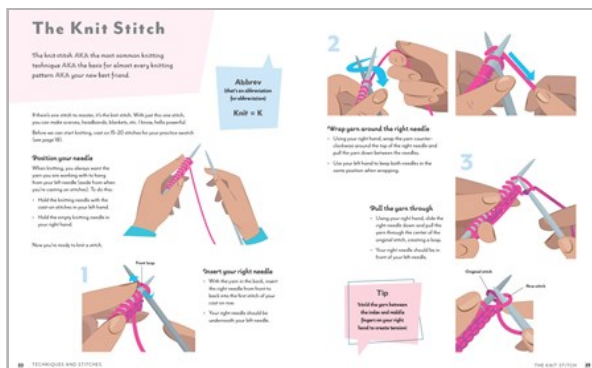
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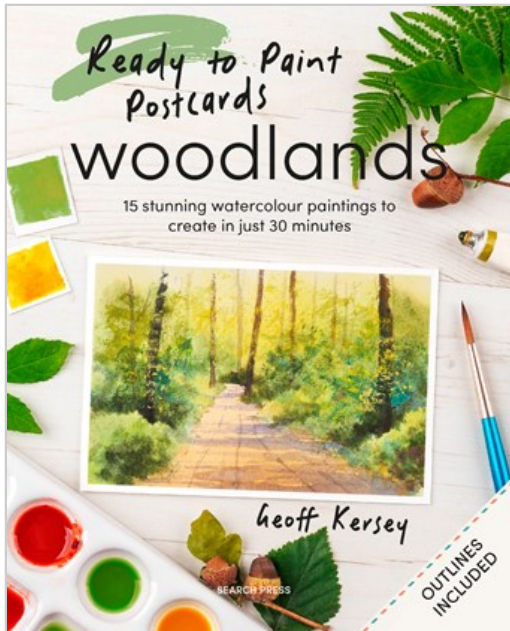


Ready to Paint Postcards: Woodlands

15 stunning watercolour paintings to create in just 30 minutes

Kersey, Geoff

8/19/25 • 9781800922952 • \$17.95 • \$22.95CAN • Trade Paperback • 7½ x 9¼in • 96 Pages



Learn to paint pocket-sized woodland watercolour scenes in 15 half-hour lessons with master artist Geoff Kersey.

'I was impressed how much you could get done in half an hour and have a lovely picture at the end.' www.myshef.com

Within this inspiring, practical book are full instructions for 15 small but perfectly-formed landscape paintings themed around trees and woodlands. The 30-minute paintings are all worked at postcard size – ideal for a 6 x 4in watercolor pad – and outline drawings are provided for those who are less confident at drawing. Highly varied, the projects range from snow scenes to bluebell woods, and show you how to use classic watercolor techniques with minimal materials to produce beautiful postcards to keep, send or show off.

- The beginner-friendly projects are packed with hints and tips and structured step by step, making it easy to follow the instructions and achieve your own fantastic results!
- Each of the 15 projects takes 30 minutes or fewer so are easy to paint in an evening or in a spare afternoon, and each will teach you a new skill or technique.
- No drawing is necessary – full-sized line drawings for each postcard artwork are provided at the back of the book.

Geoff Kersey is an experienced watercolorist and is much in demand as a teacher and demonstrator. He lives and works from his studio in Derbyshire, and he travels and exhibits extensively. A successful commercial artist and writer, he contributes to various art publications and has written many best-selling watercolor books including *How to Paint Skies*, *Painting Successful Watercolours from Photographs* and *Take Three Colours: Watercolour Seascapes*, with over 176,000 books sold worldwide. He now runs highly successful online tutorials via his website www.watercolourlandscapes.co.uk

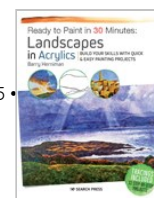
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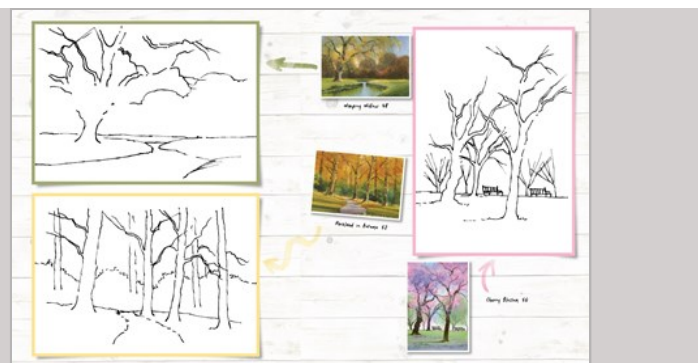
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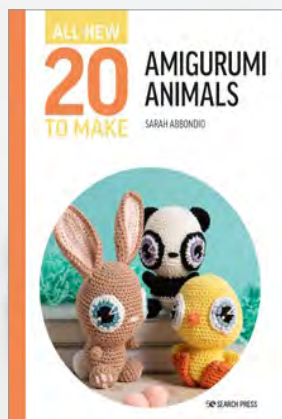
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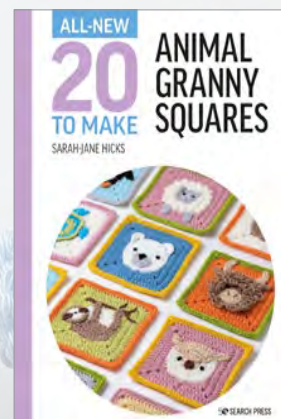
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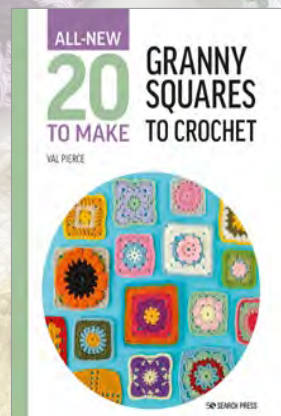
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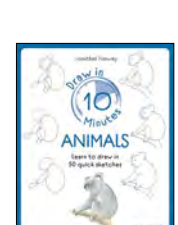
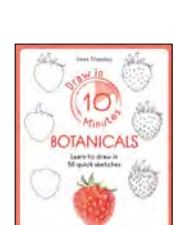
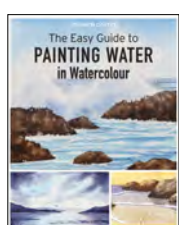
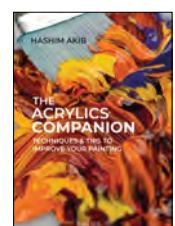
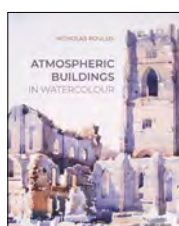
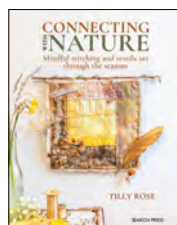
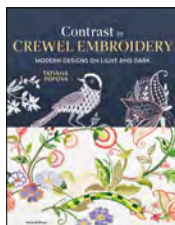
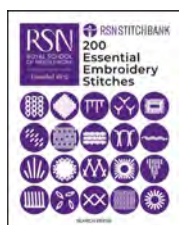
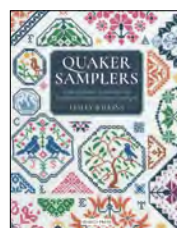
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