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Socks that will make heels turn!

Favorite Socks: 25 Timeless Designs from Interweave

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According to a 2006 Knitter's Review poll of over 2,500 knitters, when asked "Have you ever knit socks?" 29.8 percent responded "I frequently knit socks," 30.2 percent said "I've knit a few pairs of socks," 14.8 percent want to try sock knitting, and another 10.8 percent said "I think I have a problem. I could clothe a small country with the socks I've knit."

Loveland, Colo.: Sock knitting is at an all-time high, giving new meaning to the phrase "foot fetish" and sparking an interest among both beginning and experienced knitters. Why do knitters love socks? Socks are portable, useful, fairly quick to knit, and universally wearable.

In **FAVORITE SOCKS: 25 TIMELESS DESIGNS FROM INTERWEAVE**, Interweave Press offers 25 beautiful and timeless sock patterns for every occasion in a range of techniques, traditions, and designs. Many of these patterns were originally printed in *Interweave Knits* magazine but have become unavailable as original issues went out of print. Now the favorite sock patterns from *Knits* are handily bound together in this inspired collection, along with additional patterns from *Spin-Off*, *PieceWork*, and six brand-new patterns. The adventurous knitter will find a classic, varied compilation of socks from renowned sock designers including Nancy Bush, Evelyn A. Clark, Priscilla Gibson-Roberts, and more.

Offered in this book are patterns for socks made with almost every conceivable technique and from traditions across the world. Patterns have comprehensive instructions for the various techniques used—from knitting socks on two circular needles to using traditional sets of four or five double-pointed needles. Also included are helpful tips and instructions for making resoleable socks.

Join the Interweave School of Socks

How many ways can you knit a sock? More than you might think! Did you know there are at least nine different ways to shape heels and seven ways to shape toes? Beginning in March 2007, knitters from across the globe are invited to join the Interweave School of Socks Knit-Along and show off their growing sock-knitting expertise. This KAL will be a master study of socks using the patterns from **FAVORITE SOCKS: 25 TIMELESS DESIGNS FROM INTERWEAVE** and other recent Interweave Press sock books. Each participant will graduate to a new class distinction—from freshman to senior, teaching assistant to tenured professor—each time a new sock technique is mastered. There's no deadline to enter and the KAL will be ongoing and can be combined with other knit-alongs. Visit http://www.interweave.com/knit/books/favorite_socks/ for more information beginning in February 2007.

It's all here: the traditional cuff-down, toe-up; heel and instep knitted separately; ribs, cables, lace, color patterns; delicate and elegant socks, sturdy and functional socks; socks for men and women, every season, every foot—and any knitter.

Anyone who has worn homemade socks knows there's no turning back. With **FAVORITE SOCKS: 25 TIMELESS DESIGNS FROM INTERWEAVE**, knitters of all skill levels can add to their sock-pattern collection with confidence that these socks are classic favorites for themselves or their loved ones.

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Linda Ligon founded the company in the 1970s when she began publishing *Handwoven* and *Spin-Off* magazines. Since then, the company has grown to employ more than 100 people throughout the country, with corporate headquarters located in Loveland, Colo. For more information on Interweave Press, please visit www.interweave.com or call (970) 669-7672.

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