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Around the World in 32 Hats!

Get Ready to Turn Heads with **Folk Hats:** **32 Knitting Patterns & Tales from Around the World** Vicki Square

Loveland, Colo.: Join best-selling author Vicki Square on a *tour de force* of knitted headgear. Hats are the universally loved fashion accessory, and this eclectic collection of original knitted designs is sure to turn heads. In her newest book **FOLK HATS: 32 KNITTING PATTERNS & TALES FROM AROUND THE WORLD** (Interweave Press, \$21.95), Square gathers the history, love, and whimsical details from the rich traditions of our diverse cultures to reinvent headgear with a delightful range of yarns for 32 spectacular hats.

"I love hats because they offer knitters the freedom to get wildly creative. Hats are the exclamation point to the wardrobe," says Square.

Providing knitters with an opportunity to learn while they create, these hat projects range in complexity, appealing to the beginner through advanced knitter. Knitters are taken step by step through techniques in color combining (stripes, Fair Isle, and intarsia), merging textures, felted knitting, and using inventive engineering to shape a hat.

Feeling chilly? Try the seriously warm Russian-inspired Cossack or the toasty Irish Cables. Silly? Check out the more light hearted Yoruba Bird hat or Lapland's Four Winds design. From classic fedoras to an outrageously fun and still functional samurai's "helmet," there's something for every personality and style out there.

You'll also find felted cowboy hats, smart pillboxes, historic derbies, sporty caps, sassy cloches, and darling baby bonnets from nearly every corner of the planet including Canada, Panama, Nigeria, Italy, China, and Japan. Whether you're looking hitting to hit the slopes with friends or heading to a romantic cocktail party, **FOLK HATS** fits every occasion.

The seventh and most recent book in the *Folk Book* series from Interweave Press, **FOLK HATS** continues the tradition of respectfully reinventing knitting designs inspired by folk style characteristics from across the globe.

**FOLK HATS:
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by Vicki Square**

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About the Author: Vicki Square is a nationally known knitwear designer recognized for her artistry in color and aesthetic that are stated boldly through her engineering of unusually shaped garments and accessories. She is the author of four books including *Folk Bags* (Interweave Press, 2003) and the block buster best seller *The Knitter's Companion* (Interweave Press, 1996). She's a favorite guest on *DIY's* hip knitting TV show, *Knitty Gritty*, and has appeared on the *Shay Pendray Needlearts Studio* (PBS) and regional broadcast morning shows. Her designs have been both self-published and featured in *Interweave Knits*, *Spin•Off*, and *Fashion Knitting* magazines. Vicki won the 1990 National Knitting Contest sponsored by *Fashion Knitting* and has shown her pieces in juried art shows in Colorado, Oregon, and Illinois. She has an MFA in printmaking and has taught knitting workshops around the country for more than twenty years, as well as painting and drawing at Colorado State University. Vicki lives in Fort Collins, Colorado.

About Interweave Press: In business since 1975, Interweave Press publishes magazines and books related to fiber, thread, needlework, and beads. Throughout Interweave's evolution, its publications have focused on natural materials and processes, a respect for doing, and an appreciation of the fine, simple things in life. Interweave publishes six magazines including *Beadwork*, *Handwoven*, *Interweave Knits*, *PieceWork*, *Spin-Off*, and *Fiberarts*. Interweave is dedicated to creating a resource for its readers to find the best information in their field of interest, the latest news, the best products, the newest techniques, and the history behind the techniques.

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