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***French Girl Knits:
Innovative Techniques, Romantic Details, and
Feminine Designs***
By Kristeen Griffin-Grimes

Bring out your inner French girl with *French Girl Knits* (Interweave, January 2009, \$24.95), an inspiring book of romantic knitted garments. Influenced by classic fairy tales, historical costume, and French vintage fashion, Seattle designer Kristeen Griffin-Grimes, known in the knit and crochet community for her pattern company, French Girl, utilizes inventive combinations of texture, color, and stitch patterns in her fashion-forward design work.

All of the garments featured in *French Girl Knits* are body conscious and figure flattering. Many designs include curve-friendly waist shaping, empire-waist styling, and stitch patterns that emphasize the feminine form. Kristeen uses unique detailing such as lacing, openwork, lace edgings, and bell sleeves to further highlight a woman's silhouette.

French Girl Knits includes:

- Classy, feminine designs fashioned in luxurious yarns that achieve superb figure-flattering fit with seamless construction—the need for sewing has been eliminated with Kristeen's one-piece designs.
- Four thematic vignettes inspired by French daily life, film, and history: *Enfant Sauvage* (Wild Child), *La Boutique Parisienne* (A Vintage Dress Shop in Paris), *Dans La Rue* (Street Wear), and *Créatrice* (Creative Woman).
- Vignettes with Kristeen about her designs, which help de-mystify her seamless construction methods and provide valuable technical information for both beginning and seasoned knitters. You'll learn how to design in a more organic way, either from the top down, from the hem up, or from side to side—all seamlessly and by picking up live stitches when possible.

French Girl Knits invites you to be immersed in a world filled with imagination and creativity, using knitting as a vehicle for self-express and encouraging experimentation through your medium.

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About the Author: Seattle designer Kristeen Griffin-Grimes launched her French Girl pattern line in early 2005. Her patterns are currently carried in 125 yarn stores in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom and on websites such as Jimmy Beans Wool, The Knitting Garden, and Dream Weaver Yarns. The inspiration for the French Girl label comes from her jazz singer, French Cajun mother (the “original French Girl”), her New Orleans childhood, and her ten-year love affair with France. She leads annual knitting workshops and cuisine and wine tours in France every spring and fall. www.frenchgirlknits.com.

Chez French Girl Tours in 2009

Knitting Retreat June 20-27, 2009
Knitting Tour September 12-19, 2009
Cooking/Wine Tasting Tour September 19-26, 2009

“If you’ve often dreamed of spending a relaxing week in France, Chez French Girl Tours may be just what you’re looking for. In contrast to many tours, with “whirlwind” as their middle name, Chez French Girl Tours are all about relaxation,” says Kristeen. “You’ll spend an entire week in one location – the beautiful Chateau de Montblanc, nestled in the tiny village of Montblanc, just 20 minutes from sunny Mediterranean beaches. French Girl prides itself on offering just the right mélange of activity and relaxation, with an emphasis on immersion in French life and culture.”

“The knitting retreat, June 20-27, will be all about relaxation, community, and experiencing daily life in France. Tour members will have plenty of time to sit by the pool and knit, share stories and techniques, read, and relax into French culture. Afternoons will be spent visiting local yarn shops, a one-of-a-kind quilt museum, colorful markets, and charming seaside villages. Each morning you’ll wake to the sound of church bells, and a walk through the winding streets of the village will take you into a world very different from your own.

The ever-popular knitting tour is scheduled for the week of September 12-19, 2009, during which knitting classes will be held on three mornings with a world-renowned designer and instructor. As with the knitting retreat, the afternoons will be spent taking in the markets, villages and history of this beautiful, yet unspoiled region of France.”

Details online at: <http://frenchgirlknits.com/chezfrenchgirl.html>

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