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Don't know the first thing about knitting? All it takes is a bit of moxie,  
yarn, and a pair of needles—and *Getting Started Knitting!*

## **Getting Started Knitting** **Jennifer Worick**

**Loveland, Colo.:** The most basic of knitting books, **GETTING STARTED KNITTING** is intended for the total beginner. *New York Times* best-selling author Jennifer Worick takes knitters through the process of knitting, from casting on to binding off everyone's favorite first project—a knitted scarf. Worick makes no assumptions, taking great pains to not overwhelm knitting newbies with too much information too soon. Instead, the focus is on getting comfortable with the rhythm of basic stitches then moving on to completing fashionable projects.

**GETTING STARTED KNITTING** begins giving readers a personal tour through a yarn shop or yarn section of their favorite craft store, where they'll learn how to shop for yarn. Walking into a yarn shop or knitting section for the first time can be intimidating, but Worick offers a comfortable introduction, teaching about yarn weights, needle sizes, how to read a yarn label, and figuring out how much yarn is needed for a specific project.

Once beginners are set with the correct materials, chapter two offers some clever ideas for creating a knitting space and knitting bag, and gives tips on how to store your stash of yarn. Then it's on to the knitting know-how, and in her warm, girlfriend-to-girlfriend tone, Worick personally coaches new knitters through the following topics and more:

- Mastering the four essential moves of knitting: casting on, knitting, purling, and binding off
- Increasing and decreasing to shape knitting
- Demystifying knitting lingo and abbreviations
- Deciphering a knitting chart
- Fixing common knitting accidents and mistakes

After mastering an easy scarf pattern, **GETTING STARTED KNITTING** includes more inspirational projects to keep new knitters itching to knit while advancing skills like working with multiple colors, creating stripes, and more. The projects vary from simple to a little more challenging, from home décor, such as pillowcases, curtains, and a stop-sign baby blanket to accessories like a

messenger bag, leg warmers, wrist warmers, a Rock and Roll-Brim Hat, and a cable cap. When knitters are ready to move onto bigger projects, there's clothing patterns for the essential turtleneck, a charming capelet, a flirtatious knitted flair skirt, and more.

Rounding out **GETTING STARTED KNITTING** is a section on finishing projects with added spice and details. Readers will learn how to make tassels, fringe, pom-poms, and I-cord to add personal touches to their knitting. Knitters will be inspired to try their hand at changing a project to fit their style and continue their knitting by incorporating more difficult elements.

### **GETTING STARTED KNITTING**

**By Jennifer Worick**

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**About the author:** Jennifer Worick is a *New York Times* best-selling author of a variety of dating, pop culture, and crafty topics, including *Worst Case Scenario* survival guides. Beginning in Spring 2006, she is the new yarn review columnist for *Yarn Market News*. She has been the editor of popular knitting and crochet books, including Tara Jon Manning's *Men in Knits* and Lily Chin's *Knit and Crochet with Beads*. Her favorite knitting project was a shawl that took one week and one skein to knit, although she's most proud of the shawl-collared cabled cardigan that nearly killed her. In her previous life, she was a publishing executive. She lives in Seattle, Washington.

**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 the field of interest, the latest news, the best products, the newest techniques, and the history behind the techniques.

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### Do it yourself Diva!

A self-proclaimed do-it-yourself diva, Jennifer Worick brings her unique blend of humor and girlfriend-to-girlfriend advice in her forthcoming book *Getting Started Knitting* (Interweave Press, April 2006). Jennifer is a *New York Times* best-selling author on a variety of dating, pop culture, craft, and hilarious

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#### Books

*The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook: Dating & Sex* (Chronicle)—  
New York Times bestseller

*The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook: College* (Chronicle)

*Girl Groups: A Women's Guide to Getting Together* (STC, Spring 2006)

*The Action Heroine's Handbook* (Quirk Books)

*How to Live with a Man...and Love It!* (Perigee)

*Rebound Rituals* (Chronicle)

*The Stuntwoman's Workout* (Quirk Books)

*The Art of Belly Dancing* (Running Press)

*Girls' Night In: Spa Parties at Home* (Laurel Glen)

*Get Your Dating Game On* (Laurel Glen)

*Nancy Drew's Guide to Life* (Running Press)

*The Spa-tacular Spa Party Book* (Barrons Books)

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how-to topics, including *The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook: Dating and Sex*, *The Action Heroine's Handbook*, and *Nancy Drew's Guide to Life*.

In the knitting world, Jennifer has worked for several years as the editor of books such as Tara Manning's *Men in Knits* and Lily Chin's *Knit and Crochet with Beads*. She finally emerges from behind the editor's desk with *Getting Started Knitting*. "It's unlike any other knitting book. The tone is friendly and fun, as if your closest girlfriend were teaching and cheerleading you on during your knitting adventure...and we've got the pom-pom pattern to prove it!"

When Jennifer's not traveling the country on the lecture circuit for *The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook: Dating and Sex* and *The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook: College*, she frequents coffee shops from her home base of Seattle—people-watching, writing, and knitting (not necessarily in that order). She learned to knit a few years back on an island in the Pacific Northwest, and her life hasn't been the same since. To date, her favorite project was a shawl that took one week and one skein to knit, although she's most proud of the shawl-collared cabled cardigan that nearly killed her.

Jennifer's broadcast television experience includes guest appearances on *The Today Show*, *Montel*, *The Other Half*, *ABC World News Now*, and numerous regional television morning shows around the country. She has been interviewed for *Cosmopolitan*, *Seventeen*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Detroit Free Press*, the *New York Post*, *USA Today Weekend* magazine, and the *Washington Post*, among others.



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