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## ***Japanese Inspired Knits: Marianne Isager Collection***

East meets West in ***Japanese Inspired Knits*** (Interweave, \$22.95, April 2009), a collection of knitwear designs inspired by the seasonal festivals and traditions of Japan, written by Danish designer Marianne Isager and translated here for the first time into English standard knitting instructions. Marianne's Scandinavian style is transformed by her foreign travel to Japan, leading to beautiful knitwear designs steeped in folk customs with patterns created especially for women.

Marianne has long been one of the foremost Danish proponents of interpreting classic knitwear into travel-inspired design wearables. In ***Japanese Inspired Knits*** Marianne stays true to Japanese ideals of high quality and design materials, with 12 Scandinavian designs influenced by Japan's 12 months of the year—a style of knitwear design she calls “Fusion Knitting.”

***Japanese Inspired Knits*** includes inspiring projects with names like Stone Garden, Sake and Soba, Indigo, Summer in Tokyo and more. In addition to standard knit and purl combinations, these fashion-forward pieces involve double knitting, entrelac, intarsia, and standard two-color knitting. Knitters will learn how to combine fine, lightweight yarns together to create new textures and colors, which is Marianne's trademark. To ensure every knitter's success, Marianne describes each technique with clear text and illustrations, and begins each project with a gauge swatch, which can double as attractive knitted wrist warmers—a traditional accessory of Scandinavian countries.

Also included are Japanese ideographs that relate to themes that inspired the projects, a Japanese calendar, plus lush travel photography of Japan. Knitters of all skill levels looking for innovative women's wear with new techniques for sweater design will gain insight on how to translate their travel experiences, or love for other cultures and their traditions, into fashionable, fitting knitwear with ***Japanese Inspired Knits***.

**JAPANESE INSPIRED KNITS:  
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Marianne Isager**

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### **About the author:**

Marianne Isager grew up in Vendsyssel, Denmark. She earned her degree as a textile designer from Copenhagen's School of Design and Handicrafts. She divides her time between Aarhus, Denmark, and Tokyo, Japan. Her previous books include *Knitting out of Africa* (Interweave, 2005.) Marianne Isager's knit garments are sold at many places in Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and Germany. She has had numerous exhibitions of her work in Europe, and well as Japan and the United States. She has taught at design

schools, vocational colleges, and at Denmark's Teacher's College. Her signature yarn line is distributed in the United States by TUTTO Opal-Isager. Visit her web site at: [www.isagerknit.com](http://www.isagerknit.com)

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**Marianne is coming to the States in 2009! Meet her at the following events:**

**\* Knitting in Santa Fe, New Mexico, March 3-8, 2009**

Stay at the The Inn on the Alameda, with wine and cheese receptions every afternoon, local tours, a visit to Taos, and 3 in-depth workshops with Marianne on "Double Knitting" (4 hours), "Inspirations from Japan" (6 hours) and "ZigZag Knitting" (4 hours). Learn more at: [www.tutto-opal-isager.com/KnittinginSantaFe.html](http://www.tutto-opal-isager.com/KnittinginSantaFe.html) or email [tutto@tutto-opal-isager.com](mailto:tutto@tutto-opal-isager.com), phone 877-603-6725.

**\* Nordic Knitting Conference, March 13-15, 2009, Seattle, Washington**

Take classes with Marianne on "Entrelac: Old Scandinavian technique – New Design" (Friday), "Fusion Knitting: Scandinavian knitting inspired by Japan" (Saturday), and Double sided knitting (Sunday). Learn more at: [www.nordicmuseum.org](http://www.nordicmuseum.org)

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