

Knit to Be Square Domino Designs to Knit and Felt

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Modular knitting takes on a new twist with ***Knit to Be Square: Domino Designs to Knit and Felt*** (Interweave, September 2008, \$22.95) by Vivian Høxbro, who popularized the method in *Domino Knitting*. By adding felting and geometric openwork patterns to modular squares, this Danish knitwear designer has created a new form of addictive knitting! Fans of small-project knitting will love these hats, bags, scarves, pillows, slippers, capelets, and more composed of small squares that use up the knitter's stash.

All of the projects in ***Knit to Be Square*** begin with an individual square, small or large. Additional squares are then worked on top of and adjacent to the first square to form larger blocks that become the foundations for each project. Begin with a primer on how to knit the basic square, how to join them into a block, how to weave in tails as you knit, and then jump right into these creative, colorful, eye-catching projects. Project chapters are based on the amount of blocks needed to complete a pattern, including incomplete squares that produce L-shaped motifs. Projects include:

- **Pyramid Pillow:** This unusual pillow is constructed from two 64-square blocks—each block made up of eight panels of eight squares each. The squares are worked checkerboard fashion, alternating solid black squares with striped black-and-white squares.
- **Slippers:** These comfy slippers are adapted from traditional Faroese-Icelandic shoes. They begin with two blocks joined along two sides to form the closed toe, and additional squares are added to this pouch to form the sides, sole, heel, and optional ankle. Felt the slippers in the washing machine to shrink them to size.
- **Three-block Cap:** This jester-style cap is made up of three nine-square blocks that are joined together into a point to form the crown. By adjusting the number of stitches worked in each square, you can size the hat for a small, medium, or large head. Experiment with different color combinations in the squares for completely different looks.

- **Afghan:** This colorful afghan shows just how easy it is to join four blocks into a large rectangle. The color pattern featured in the book was carefully designed to grade from light to dark to light, but you could easily use leftover yarns and let serendipity be your guide.
- **Bucket Bag:** This roomy bucket bag is constructed like the four-block cap and features a distinctive zigzag edge. After felting, the bag is shaped over an upside down bucket.
- **Abstract Stole:** This stunning stole shows what fun you can have knitting panels of incomplete squares. The stole features nine panels of 29 incomplete squares in a zigzag pattern of five colors of wool. To finish, the piece is felted in the washing machine.

Knitters will love ***Knit to Be Square*** for the fascinating color effects of modular squares, the innovative and clever project construction, and knitting with just a few stitches on the needles at a time.

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Catch Vivian Høxbro on Television demonstrating her domino knitting techniques on *Knitting Daily TV* Season 2, available on PBS stations nationwide in January 2009. Check the website, www.knittingdailytv.com for your local listings.

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