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American Girl® meets the Bratz™, but entirely handknit and made with love

Knitted Babes: New knitting book will keep girls knittin' and stitchin' as they create fashion dolls and their fab wardrobes

Loveland, Colo.: Welcome to Babes' World! New knitters, young knitters, mothers, daughters, and grandmothers alike won't be able to resist making these knitted, modern-day dolls that come to life with their very own personalities, plus several wardrobe changes and fashionable accessories that would make even Hillary and Haylie Duff envious.

Dot Pebbles, Bunny Bright, Flo Tilly, DD Diva, and Rudy Ranch are five gals that make a statement with an irreverent sense of style, fashion and play that has never been seen in a knitted doll.

And are the fashions the same old stuff? As if! Each Babe has patterns for a wardrobe to make of handknit and handsewn trendy clothes, like seersucker blouses, platform sandals, capris, board cords, beaded handbags, ruffled skirts, flare pants, hoodies, stoles, flip flops, bikinis, playful hats, and more.

Meet the Babes!

~ **Dot Pebbles**, *Sun, Sand, and Surf Chick*, is vivacious, breezy, and always on the go. She was born to be on the board or at the beach,

Where Are the Babes?

Visit www.knittedbabes.com for photos of the Babes on tour. And send us photos of your Babes on their travels!

Meet the Babes in person at:

- **NEW YORK CITY**
Book Expo America, June 3-5
- **COLUMBUS, OHIO**
TNNA Show, June 8-13
- **OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA**
Crochet Guild of America/Knitting Guild Association conference, July 20-24
- **CHICAGO**
Stitches Midwest, August 11-14
- **ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey**
Stitches East, September 22-25
- **NEW YORK CITY**
Knit-Out and Crochet, October 2
- *More tour dates forthcoming...*

Join the Knitted Babes Knit-Along at

<http://knittedbabes.blogspot.com/>

Launching in September. Share your creations inspired by the babes in the book, photos of your kids or friends with their babes, and any ideas for variations, clothing patterns, and suggestions for materials. Author/designer Claire Garland will drop in from time to time to chat and say hello.

and her clothes reflect this free lifestyle: relaxed and fitted for play; layered to suit the climate; totally cool and a little retro.

~ **Bunny Bright**, *Miss Prep*, is an ethereal sweet-natured beauty who loves totally girly and modern preppy looks. Her clothing is stylish, super colorful, and busting with sooo many looks—from sporty to country club chic to elegant movie star frocks and accessories with bling.

~ **DD Diva**, *Ultra Uptown Girl*, is all about the clothes. Her wardrobe is aptly named DD's Desirable Deco, reflecting her flamboyant character. DD is an uptown princess who has it all—beauty, charisma, style, and a delightful sense of humor. DD likes to travel to exotic and paradisiacal places, where she can practice her dives during the day (she's an Olympic diving champion) and her dance moves late into the night.

~ **Flo Tilly**, *Miss Pretty in Pink*, is a dancer who has her own inimitable style, favoring cozy wraps and classic romantic jumpers in all shades of her favorite color—pink! When she's not practicing at the ballet bar with fellow dancers and friends her favorite hangouts are the day spa or Pilates classes, where she stays limber and flexible for her upcoming performances.

~ And **Rudy Ranch**, *Country Gal*, is a Southern Charmer with her fiery red hair, freckles, and personality as sweet as a summer sunrise. A rodeo rider with a fondness for fringed fashion, Rudy enjoys the great expanses and freedom of the open plains and grooming her pony, Ranger. Her favorite rodeo get-ups are her floral ranch skirts, cowgirl boots, and ye-hah hat.

These five charming gals celebrate individuality and will encourage knitters' imaginations. "What's so wonderful about the Knitted Babes is that they are a simpler, soft alternative to the plastic fashion dolls on the market," says author and designer Claire Garland. "The Babes don't wear makeup, high-heeled shoes, or revealing clothing. Each doll will be unique because she is handmade. And they are made with love . . . so much love goes into each doll and the garments made by her creator."

KNITTED BABES is a truly simple and easy-to-use pattern book; all knitters need to know is how to knit and purl. The practical knitting and sewing know-how section illustrates the simple stitches needed to whip them up.

Supplies are minimal, too: Just yarn and thread, knitting and sewing needles, and fabric scraps are all that are needed to create dozens of fashionable clothes and accessories. Included are sewing templates to photocopy and use, along with advice on washing and caring for these fun-to-make-and-play-with dolls.

“I hope this book will inspire and cultivate knitters’ ingenuity, and be the catalyst for people to try their hands at being a fashion designer by creating even more clothes for their Babes. What a wonderful way to experiment and use up your stash!,” says Garland.

Get More Fashions for Babes~ As true fashionistas, additional “fashion packs” for each Babe will be available from designer Claire Garland at www.knittedbabes.com in winter 2005. Fans can join the Knitted Babes Club to receive new fashion patterns each month.

The Knitted Babes Blog~ Get to up-to-the-minute fashion flashes from the Babes themselves and see photos of the Babes on their 2005 U.S. Tour.

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**KNITTED BABES:
FIVE DOLLS & THEIR WARDROBES TO KNIT & STITCH
by Claire Garland**

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About the Author: Claire Garland was born in Bewdley, a village in the heart of England, where she spent her primary years living in the countryside and playing at being a fashion designer with her teenage dolls—ironic but true. She now lives in Cardiff, Wales, and is enjoying her rural bliss and living out her dream of making items for children—toys, bedding, and now *Knitted Babes*. Claire Garland created these projects and books to make things that her two children would enjoy and use—so they’ve been kid-tested. She also is an accomplished designer of tapestry kits, which are exported around the world, and she has a degree in Design from the college in Cardiff. She is the author of *Embroidered Treasures* (Mitchell Beazley, 2005).

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