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Knitting Socks with Handpainted Yarn

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Colorful, handpainted yarns have captured the hearts of countless knitters, and are especially popular among sock knitters who love the way some yarns magically knit up into graduated bands of color, stripes, Fair Isle, and zigzag patterns. Yet for their popularity many knitters don't understand why the yarn creates the color effects it does and may be disappointed with color pooling or blotching.

Carol Sulcoski, author of *Knitting Socks with Handpainted Yarn* (Interweave, January 2009, \$19.95), delves into the mystery of handpainted sock yarn and divulges its secrets. Carol, owner of the popular indie fiber sock yarn company Black Bunny Fibers, explains how to make the best of these much-loved yarns, and shows how to knit with success using 20 patterns designed with these yarns in mind.

Knitting with Handpainted Yarn provides sock knitters with technical guidance so handpainted yarn can be used to its full potential. Carol explains handpainted yarns' advantages over other sock yarns, how to design specifically with handpainted yarn, strategies for a yarn that isn't working as desired, and how to combine handpainted with other types of yarn. Knitters will learn the various types of handpainted yarns available on the market today and tips and techniques for fabulous footwear that everyone will want to sport on their feet.

Once knitters get the basics, they can begin to make colorful socks they'll be proud to show off on their feet. *Knitting Socks with Handpainted Yarn* offers fun, original sock patterns from a variety of popular knitwear designers illustrating various techniques, from simple stitch patterns to slip stitch and Fair Isle patterns, and even a pattern using yarn stash leftovers. The socks patterns are written for widely-available handpainted sock yarns so knitters can get the same results, but knitters will also learn to identify patterns for other unique yarns. Throughout Carol's book handdyers will be featured with a focus on their special yarns and tips for their use.

It's easy to work with handpainted yarns—and with *Knitting Socks with Handpainted Yarn* everything sock knitters need to turn out fabulous footwear is at their fingertips..

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