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Knitting Little Luxuries: Beautiful Accessories to Knit By Louisa Harding

KNITTING LITTLE LUXURIES is a book of simple, beautiful, quick-to-knit projects that are perfect to make as gifts for friends or for knitters' own indulgence. The projects are genuinely feminine and have been designed to unleash creative talents and excite an appreciation of wonderful yarns as well as the craft of knitting.

"The idea of uniqueness was my initial inspiration for the projects in this book," writes author and designer Louisa Harding in the book's introduction. "I wanted to design pieces . . . which could be made unique by the addition of found objects, buttons, flowers, ribbons, and embellishment with embroidery, making every piece as individual as the women knitting them."

From a sumptuous striped cloche hat to a sophisticated wrap with delicate embroidery to fingerless mittens with lace edging, these projects are stylish, luxurious, and can be created by even the novice knitter in a short amount of time.

KNITTING LITTLE LUXURIES is divided into four evocative chapter groups that showcase unique design elements and style trends:

- "Eclectic and Quirky" uses embellishments, stitch structures, and yarn combinations to show how different styles can be mixed. With the addition of vintage trimmings and buttons, each project becomes a unique piece reflecting the knitter or gift recipient.
- "Textured and Modern" reflects a modern woman by using cables and interesting stitch fabrics. These pieces turn conventional knitting techniques upside down by experimenting with offbeat construction.
- "Pretty and Feminine" uses color, texture, and lace stitches to give the projects in this chapter a distinctly girly theme. The pieces use luxury fibers such as silk/wool blends and angora, sometimes accented with pretty ribbons.
- "Traditional and Folk" offers several projects using traditional Fair Isle stitch patterns, which help establish the old-fashioned ambience of warmth and comfort, but with a modern twist.

Projects range from hats, mittens, purses, wraps, tops, scarves, socks, and sweaters, and include additional variations using different yarns, edgings, stitches, or embellishments to provide extra inspiration for personalization.

Beautiful photography, contemporary designs, and the appeal of small, quick-to-knit projects will make **KNITTING LITTLE LUXURIES** the new favorite of both beginning and experienced knitters looking for gorgeous gifts to knit.

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