

Publication: April 2006

*The Urbanites' guide to knitting!*

## **Funky Knits: Knitting Know-how for Hip Young Things** **Carol Meldrum & Julie Marchington**

**Loveland, Colo.:** Urban Outfitters meets MTV for the do-it-yourself knitting crowd in **FUNKY KNITS: KNITTING KNOW-HOW FOR HIP YOUNG THINGS**. Authors and knitwear designers Carol Meldrum and Julie Marchington bring funk to the knitting world with a collection of fresh and innovative projects. **FUNKY KNITS** has a little something for everyone—from the domestic goddess, super chic, to skater boy and Uber male. There are themed sections: Urban Playground, Night Owls, Home Comforts, Punk Garage Rocks, and Festival Folk, plus an introductory section for the beginning knitter itching to stitch.

Choose from more than 30 wild, anything-but-square designs, ranging from beginning to intermediate know-how. There are tried-and-true designs such as the hooded top, zip-up, fingerless gloves, and extra-long skinny scarf, all with a little added fashion twist for the chic chick and so-cool dude. And for those wanting something more original, the list goes on and on:

- Knock-out knee pad covers for the new age skater
- A party dress for a night out on the town
- A distressed hole sweater for poetic justice
- A guitar case and musical pillow for those with everything on-key
- An easy-care cactus that never needs watering
- Egg cozies and fruit protectors, seemingly outrageous but surprisingly practical
- And many more!

**FUNKY KNITS** is the perfect addition to any knitting circle of fun, hip males and females—yes, there's something for the guys, too. Start the group off with a market bag made out of plastic grocery bags—something everyone has plenty of—and then grab your yarn and needles for the warm, winter wear. If you gotta stay warm, you'd better look cool. Not enough hours in the day to sit, sip coffee, and knit? Well, then pick something quick to whip up, there is no pity here. There are small projects for the busy, but always crafty, gal and guy.

You'll love the variety of soft, colorful yarns used in the projects, but there's more to this book than meets the eye. There are all the techniques described, from basic stockinette stitch to

cable making and colorwork, not to mention all the know-how knitty gritty, yarn-selection advice, and photos and illustrations galore. **FUNKY KNITS** is nothing like you've seen before and more of what you've been looking for. It's sure to end all that thumb-twiddling.

**FUNKY KNITS:  
KNITTING KNOW-HOW FOR HIP YOUNG THINGS  
by Carol Meldrum and Julie Marchington**

Interweave Press • April 2006 • \$19.95  
7½ x 9¾ • Paperbound • 128 pages  
100 color photographs • 30 illustrations • 12 schematics • 5 charts  
ISBN 1-59668-003-2

**About the authors:**

**Carol Meldrum** has been working for Rowan & Jaeger Hand Knits for the past six years as a design consultant in Glasgow and has worked with Rowan as a freelance designer for the past five years. Carol maintains a very busy schedule teaching knitting and crochet workshops throughout the United Kingdom. She also produces and sells her own exclusive knitted bags and accessories through an independent retailer. Carol lives in Edinburgh, Scotland.

While working as a design consultant for Rowan & Jaeger in Scotland, **Julie Marchington** began making knitwear under her own label. Passionate about knitting since early childhood, she fulfilled a lifelong ambition in 2003 when she opened HK Handknit in Edinburgh, Scotland, a specialist store devoted to handknitting. Sadly, Julie died shortly after writing this book.

**About Interweave Press:** In business since 1975, Interweave Press publishes magazines and books related to fiber, thread, needlework, and beads. Throughout Interweave's evolution, its publications have focused on natural materials and processes, a respect for doing, and an appreciation of the fine, simple things in life. Interweave publishes six magazines including *Beadwork*, *Handwoven*, *Interweave Knits*, *PieceWork*, *Spin-Off*, and *Fiberarts*. Interweave is dedicated to creating a resource for its readers to find the best information in the field of interest, the latest news, the best products, the newest techniques, and the history behind the techniques.

Contact: Jaime Guthals, (502) 243-6834, Cell: (502) 387-2383, [JaimeG@interweave.com](mailto:JaimeG@interweave.com)