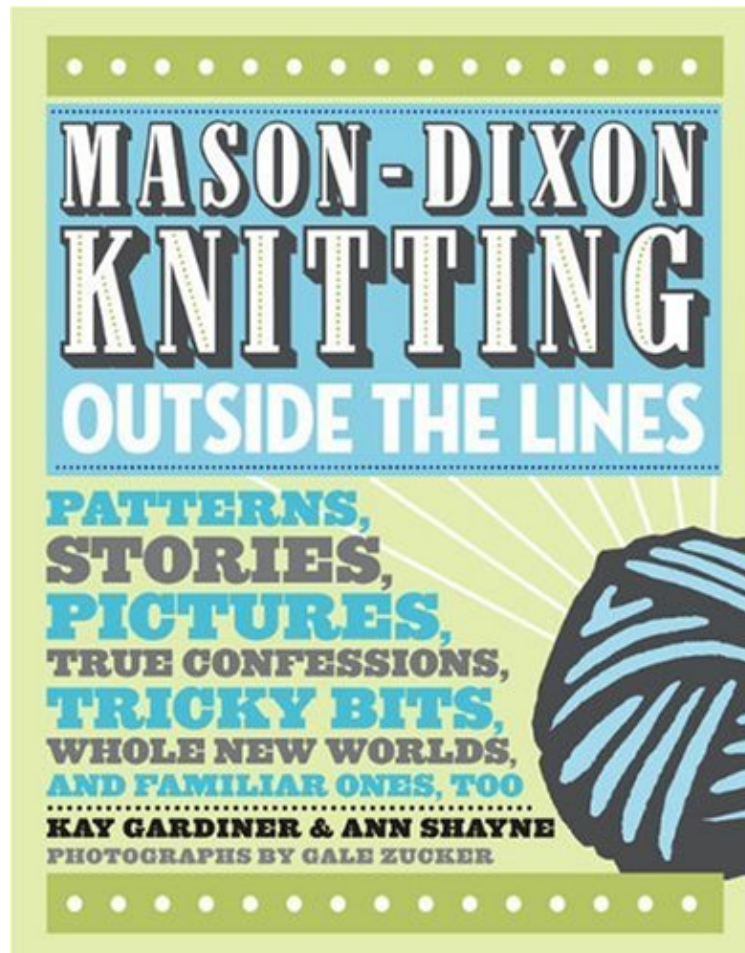


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40 of 41 people found the following review helpful. They've done it again!By Boston LesbianI never thought they could equal their first book but they've certainly equaled it, maybe even exceeded it. There are many attractive patterns, things I want to knit. Here are some of the patterns in the book.- A light and airy cardigan knitted with 2

skins of Kidsilk Haze that is a very attractive coverup for a cardigan, a camisole or a party item. They say about it, "We have to keep samples of this under lock and key. Everyone who sees it wants it." This is sized from XS - XXL- A very nice geometric shawl, called "Belinda" that when layered one on top of another gives a plaid effect. You can wear one at a time too.- A gorgeous Coat in a stitch that gives a tweedy effect with a decorative pattern on the collar and sleeves. This is knit in Lamb's Pride Bulky and is sized from S - XXL.- A classic coat done in a ribbed design, sized from S - XL.- A leafy patterned, lined handbag knit from hemp.- A beautiful, velvety scarf, with petal-like edges.- The "daily sweater", a top down sweater that is a classy alternative to a sweatshirt. This is sized from XS - XXL.- Several cabled sock patterns (I don't do socks)- A sweater with a message, sized from XS - XL. This is a very elegant design, almost edwardian.- Two very nice fair isle shawls- A BEAUTIFUL rug, knitted with Lamb's Pride Bulky. It is a geometric pattern, knitted in the round and then felted and steeked after you finish. It measures about 34" x 60" after you finish. This is on my short list to knit.- A great denim sweater for children (sizes 4-6 thru 12-14). It is a mock wrap-around style. I only wish it came in adult sizes.- A denim cap and jeans for baby- A knitted dress (sized 2 - 8) for girls. This has a geometric patterned skirt. This is modern in feeling.- A very nice knitted dressy dress for girls (sized 2 - 8). This is somewhat traditional, and called the "Jane Austen" dress. The bodice is knitted and the skirt is fabric. It is a much faster knit and allows many different results, depending on the fabric.- A "Jane Austen" shrug, sized for the same sizes as the dress.- A very nice "Fern" cardigan for toddlers and kids a little older. This is sized Small and Medium. It has an embroidered detail on the bottom, a fern design.I'm not going to be too detailed on the rest. There are Christmas stockings, a knitted Advent calendar, a knitted Kippah, a felted bag, a knitted table runner (Quite modern in feel), a knitted string grocery bag (in linen), a knitted lantern, a knitted mop cover, a knitted hanging towel, potholder and knitted rubber glove liners. There is also a lot of writing about knitting, about the patterns, etc. I haven't read all of that yet but it seems to be a lot like the first book, just as interesting and fun to read.I only have one complaint. My favorite sweater SK8R is not available in adults sizes. The children's patterns in this book are useless to me but it is doubly annoying to have the sweater I most want to knit for myself only available for kids.As I said before it is a great book with many wonderful designs. I predict it is going to be very popular. It is well worth buying. I ordered it before it came out and I'm glad I did.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. So many fun patterns! So little time!By RennyrijSeveral very nice and "off the beaten path" items. This book is fun, as well as informative and instructive. Love it!36 of 37 people found the following review helpful. Round 2, Roundly AwesomeBy Legal KnitterIt was hard to rationally imagine how the authors could top their first book, but both are such talented writers that I was expecting another home run. And yes, this book does not disappoint! Other reviewers have done a great job running through the projects in the book -- suffice to say that although my stash already equals a good-sized yarn store, I will be adding more very soon. (Yarn is squishy. It will fit.) There are (in my opinion) some wicked clever things in here that I've never seen before, and if you saw the size of my knitting library, you'd realize that's saying something. Clever, and yet doable and enjoyable to knit whether you're a newbie or have been at it for decades, like I have. And the writing! Oh my. It's pretty good when a book that you buy for the projects makes you laugh at loud. The Mason Dixon ladies really seem to capture the spirit of why I knit -- it's not just about whipping sticks and string around to make a sweater or a blanket, it's also about connecting with our families, our tribes, our best and worst caregiving impulses, our individual vanities, strengths and foibles. There's good stuff in here.

Dear Fellow Knitter, Welcome! Come on in. Have a seat we've been waiting for you. Ever since our first book, Mason-Dixon Knitting: The Curious Knitters Guide, we've been exploring techniques and ideas that we once thought were the sort of thing that only brilliant knitters could do. Our conclusion: We are all brilliant knitters! None of this is rocket science! If you can knit a garter stitch scarf, you've figured out the hard part. Now it's time for the fun to start. You hold in your hands the result of our odyssey. It's a new collection of 30 delicious projects that we hope will take you on your own knitting adventures. Decorating Yourself: A collection of beautiful things to make for your most demanding (and forgiving) client. The Fairest Isle of All: A simple, quick introduction to a sort of knitting you may not have considered, with surprising, modern projects. Covering the Small Human: Pint-sized knits, including baby hats, dreamy dresses, and a cool pullover for the ultimate challenge: the Older Child. Occasional Knitting: Projects for the special occasions in life: holidays, housewarmings, picnics. The Sophisticated Kitchen: New uses for one of our favorite yarns: kitchen cotton. We have filled this book with luscious photographs, stories, tips, rules, and hints. You'll read how we arrived at these projects and the discoveries we have made along the way, and you will discover shocking things about us. At all times, we have kept in mind Mason-Dixon Knitting Rule Number 1: Knitting is supposed to be fun. Fasten your seatbelts going to be a fabulous ride! Love, Kay and Ann

From Publishers Weekly Building on the success of their Web site and blog ([masondixonknitting.com](http://masondixonknitting.com)), Gardiner and Shayne wind their way through patterns for adults, children and homes, including patterns by other knitwear designers such as Bonne Marie Burns. Helpful and humorous sidebars discuss the pitfalls of the sweater coat (including bathrobe syndrome), the beauty of Shetland wool, how to make a stitch marker out of citrus peel or tin foil, and the Holy Crap moment, where a pattern breakthrough occurs. Gardiner and Shayne alternate personal anecdotes throughout, with an

especially enjoyable piece by Shayne about participating in the Tennessee State Fair knitting contest. With pattern names like Stephen Colbert's socks and Golightly Kitchen Gloves, Gardiner and Shayne demonstrate that the secret of knitting is that the longer you knit, the more fun it gets. (Sept.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

From Booklist

Knitters fall into two categories: those who think knitting dishcloths is good use of precious knitting time, and those who don't. Gardiner and Shayne, bloggers and authors of *Mason-Dixon Knitting* (2006) are among the former. In this second book, there are several patterns for household items, including one for a mop cover. But even knitters who scorn dishcloths will find plenty to like here. As fans of the duo know, much of the fun comes from their patter and from adherence to their number-one rule: Knitting is supposed to be fun. That doesn't mean it's always easy, and the authors don't shy away from patterns that include Fair Isle and felting, but as they say, "We wouldn't put it here if we thought you couldn't do it." Along with the patterns comes some sympathizing and plenty of down-home philosophizing. The range of projects is deep and wide, everything from sweaters for both adults and children, through Christmas stockings and tote bags, to towels. Fans have been waiting for this one.

--Ilene Cooper "The dynamic duo of the knitting blogosphere return for their second book of best-knitting pal chitchat and practically perfect designs." *Knit Simple* "My favorite knitting books are the ones that make you feel like you're sinking into a comfy chair and having tea and a chat with a knitting crony. You come away from the experience energized, excited to knit and bursting with new enthusiasm and ideas. Kay Gardiner and Ann Shayne's latest, *Mason-Dixon Knitting Outside the Lines*, available Sept. 16, fits the bill... Beyond the patterns, the tips and the ruminations make this book a keeper. Honestly, how can you fail to love a book in which one of the authors describes a fisherman's gansey as 'the Gore-Tex of its day'? And describes getting sucked into the wonderful world of sock knitting thusly: 'Life had turned into an endless infomercial where the product was socks, and I couldn't change the channel!'" *The Portland Oregonian/Oregonlive.com*

"*Mason Dixon Knitting: Outside the Lines* is a great addition to any knitters library. Wearable patterns, excellent instructions, readable stories, wonderful tips and techniques, and a big shot of humor equal a fantastic knitting book." *Blogcritics.org*

Praise for *Mason-Dixon Knitting: The Curious Knitters Guide* Imagine the stories and good company of the best knitting circle. Sandwich all that between hardcovers with 30 projects that don't look like something Granny's cat dragged in. Add clear instructions, and you've got *Mason-Dixon Knitting*.

Parade Like their blog, [*Mason-Dixon Knitting*] is filled with patterns, advice, personal stories and loopy humor.

Family Circle *Mason-Dixon Knitting* is a rare find indeed. Ann and Kay's infectious camaraderie, joie de vivre and irreverent humor translate well to the printed page, where they encourage readers to connect life and knitting.

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