

Northern Knits Gifts: Thoughtful Projects Inspired by Folk Traditions

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In Northern Knits Gifts, knitwear and textile designer Lucinda Guy continues her exploration of folk-knitting

traditions in this colorful volume of small projects and accessories. You'll learn some of the traditional knitting techniques of Scandinavia, Estonia, Iceland, and the Faroe and Shetland islands, through modern interpretations of such heritage techniques as twined knitting, two-color knitting, lace techniques, damask, fair isle, embroidery, and rya (knotted knitting similar to shag carpet). Accompanied by notes on the history and folk culture surrounding each technique, the projects in the book embrace the Danish notion of *hygge*--taking pleasure in comforting and cozy things, which is often associated with family and close friends. The 20 projects include mittens, socks, hats, scarves, and bags, and are perfect for wearing and gifting. Emphasizing pattern and color, these knitted designs also embody the Scandinavian aesthetic of making utilitarian objects beautiful as well as useful. Additionally, the book celebrates the specific wools traditionally used in each project. Immerse yourself in Lucinda's world as you enjoy thumbnail sketches of the history and folk culture surrounding each technique.

"Part knitting book, part armchair traveler's guide, *Northern Knits* is perfect for anyone who wants a deeper knowledge of the history of the knitting cultures of Iceland, Shetland, Norway, and Sweden. Knitwear and textile designer Lucinda Guy is your guide to learning the time-tested Nordic techniques of knitting in the round, steeking, lace, cables, Fair Isle, twined knitting and embroidery." - Scandinavian "Wow. Beautiful projects...pretty, pretty." - Austin American Statesman "Charming and beautiful." - KnittingScholar.com "The designs are wonderfully feminine and light feeling, not the heavy, thick yarned sweaters sometimes associated with these regions. It has a fresh quality." - Knitty.com "Lucinda Guy's *Northern Knits* is a gorgeous collection of designs, all inspired by the knitting traditions of a particular corner of the Western Hemisphere that is almost as famous as Lucinda Guy is among knitters for a particularly charming take on the knitted garment. It's a natural combination, and the result is a book that will most likely tempt you to make a few things." - Twist Collective Blog
About the Author
Lucinda Guy is a knitwear and textile designer as well as the author of several books, including *Northern Knits* (Interweave, 2010). She has sold her knitwear designs to Edina Ronay, Laura Ashley, Marks Spencer, and Rowan Yarns. She lives and teaches in England.