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**Mette N Handberg : Norwegian Patterns for Knitting: Classic Sweaters, Hats, Vests, and Mittens** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Norwegian Patterns for Knitting: Classic Sweaters, Hats, Vests, and Mittens:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Spectacularly Beautiful Norwegian Knits By Fairbanks Reader - Bonnie Brody Norwegian knitting is the reason that I started to knit. I hoped that some day I'd be good enough to tackle the beautiful Norwegian patterns that I'd seen in various books. This book is amazing! It is filled with beautiful Norwegian knitting patterns that will inspire any advanced intermediate and advanced knitter. There is even one pattern that an advanced beginner could tackle - the Cozy Sweater. The patterns that especially struck me are the following: 'The Polar Light Coat' is definitely for an advanced knitter and would be an accomplishment of a lifetime.

'Coffee Bean' woman's jacket with hood is also spectacular. It comes with matching mittens and leg warmers. 'Autumn' is probably the first pattern in the book that I'll try myself. It's a red pull-over sweater with a quintessentially Norwegian pattern that could be made for either a man or a woman. 'Wilderness' is another pull-over sweater pattern that is lovely. The 'Norwegian' is so colorful, that I had to look at it for a long time to let all the colors come together for me. It is a true knock-out. I love the 'Moose' sweater as well. It has a subtle background design of moose on it and is strikingly beautiful. It comes with a matching hat. Many of the patterns utilize traditional Norwegian buttons and clasps. The directions look clear and most are charted in typical intarsia fashion. I often get knitting books that I like but I don't often get ones that I love. This is one that I love. I plan to look at it over and over again.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Truly inspirational for the stranded knitter

By JANNE RADCLIFFE

With traditional motifs and patterns shown in updated, modern garments, the author shows us how to take a designer's approach to making knitwear that is truly fresh and contemporary. No need to wear these designs apres ski, the staging and colorways take you from home to work and the coat (cover photo) will become a treasured part of your winter wardrobe. Although stranded knitting is not for the faint of heart, the use of circular needles keep most of the stitches in stockinette and the charts are colored and easy to read. The author gently guides you through each step and even spends several pages on how to correct small problems and mistakes. Most patterns for stranded knitters give too few size ranges, Handberg gives us sizing from S to XL, heaven sent to those of us who need to adjust for petite frames and don't want to modify the look of the garment or do the math!

As creative as Starmore and well written as the British designers, you will find several of these patterns working their way into your queue. A wonderful book that will become a staple of your library, if only for reference of technique.

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. beautiful patterns but need to be familiar with this

By M. Poller

Both the reviewer who gave it one star and a reviewer on .uk made very valid criticisms. In addition, some of the charts go into the center fold of the book which also make it difficult to follow them. However, the book is worth buying if you are experienced in Norwegian knitting. Handberg is quite famous for her designs in Norway and here the projects are all explained in much greater detail than in the yarn company booklets. The book also has good general explanations at the beginning plus also in many of the patterns, I think most Norwegian knitters are so familiar with how to knit these sweaters that they just need the charts and colors. One of the yarns used is no longer available so substitutions may have to be made and each yarn is described well enough so that can be done. Also there is a store in America that carries the yarns and this is mentioned at the back of the book. I did try to find corrections from the publisher but didn't come up with anything, So therefore if you are buying this one proceed with caution unless you have enough experience with this type of sweater.

Refreshing and crisp, more than 20 knitting projects fill this volume, inspired by traditional Norwegian garments. Suited for an active lifestyle, these innovative patterns include a variety of options such as classy vests, beautiful jackets, warm mittens, and stylish hats. Included with each individual project are inspirational photographs, step-by-step instructions, design templates, and pattern charts.

About the Author Mette N. Handberg has been a prominent textile artist in Norway for more than 40 years. She is the author of "Strikk til Smafolk" and was a featured artist in "Norwegian Knitting Designers." She was also a designer for Dale of Norway and designed the official sweater for the 2006-2007 U.S. Ski and Snowboard Teams.