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Farmyard Knits



Synopsis

Hi-ho, the dairy-o meets knit one, purl one in the latest book of adorable toy knits from best-selling knitting author Fiona Goble. Fiona Goble's *Farmyard Knits* takes you through a day in the life of a farm as knitters of all skill levels create a farmer and his wife, their cat and sheep-herding dog, and a whole host of charming farmyard animals, from the rooster that crows to greet the day, to the cows slowly chewing their cud in the meadow, to the horse eating hay in its paddock, the pigs playing in their pen, the sheep who are herded into the barn as night falls, and a sly fox that prowls around the coop after dark while the hens are snug in their roosts. You can even knit an adorable tractor for the farmer to ride on, as well as a playmat with a variety of fields and a pond to set the scene. The little farmyard knits make perfect gifts or toys for children as you teach them about animals and life on the farm. Each pattern begins with a list of materials needed and includes step-by-step instructions, along with full-color photographs of the completed dolls. An illustrated overview explains all the stitches and techniques. More than just a knitting book, the gorgeously illustrated pages of *Farmyard Knits* also tell the story of the farmer and his wife as they go about their daily chores.

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This book includes clear instructions, including how to cast on, knit stitch, purl stitch, bind off, increase and decrease stitches, etc. This makes it good for beginners (like me). It does start using abbreviations a page or two before explaining what those abbreviations actually mean, but the ones

it uses early are mostly self explanatory. There is also a bit of crochet and embroidery to be done, that is also explained in the book (good luck with that french knot, I used to cross stitch and I have always hated those darn knots). Throughout the book we learn of Anna and Frank's life on the Farm. Small snippets of their lives lead us to patterns that accompany what we're learning about. Example - A picture of Frank surrounded by cows leads us to an accompanying story piece about how cows are vital to their farm which leads us to the cow and what you'll need to knit it and then finally the directions. In Eighty pages you'll actually get a full farm (minus the barn itself) from the pet cat to the fields and cabbage patch, the pig, the chicken and the eggs (which to knit first?). It's a cute way to present simple patterns. Good enough for a beginner but for advanced knitters it could still be a fun project since there is so much to it.* Disclaimer: I received this book at no cost in order to review it. I offered no guarantee of a positive review, though I only request books I think I'll like so as not to waste my time.

the very best knitting instructions I ever found for novelty items. such fun to knit. this is an excellent fun book.

The book is well written, the animals and people turn out great. Had a lot of fun knitting the projects

I just received this book this weekend, but am excited to begin to try it. Some of my happiest days were spent on a farm of my uncle's in southern Missouri, so this brought back happy memories. I love the story line that runs through the book, and the fact that the farm animals (and people) have such delightful personalities, expressed in their physical characteristics, but also brought out by the story line.

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