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Freeform Style: Blend Knit And Crochet To Create Fiber Art Wearables



Synopsis

Everything you need to get started, get hooked, and get your freedom groove on! Grab your needles and hooks, unleash your creativity, and join lifelong fiber artists Jonelle Raffino and Prudence Mapstone for some freedom fun! Using yummy yarns and a sensational assortment of stitches, Freeform Style transforms straightforward patterns into wearable works of art. Inside, color and texture collide in a collage of yarns as 30 projects demonstrate the joys of freeform knitting and crochet - from a simple scarf made magical with fancy fringe to a magnificent cape that becomes anything you want it to be. The results can be wild and jazzy or simple and elegant, but always guaranteed to stand out from the crowd. Choose from 10 patterns for garments and accessories, each presented in three skill-level variations - from simple stitches and eye-catching embellishments to 100% freeform garments. Follow along with step-by-step instructions for a fabulous variety of motifs and trims - patches, embroidery, starfish, leaves, flowers, domes, ruffles, corkscrews, zigzags and much more! Brush up on your knitting and crochet techniques with the comprehensive Basics section. Be inspired by impressive examples of the authors' freeform work. Whether you're a beginner looking to inject a little bit of whimsy and personality into your projects, or an expert itching to punch up patterns into original creations, this book will show you how to make Freeform Style YOUR style!

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Customer Reviews

Caveat first - I should have realised from the mini editorial up top that since one of the authors is

involved with SWTC, the yarns used are all from this company - lots of soy silk. nice to be aware of this in advance. They do say you can use yarns from your stash for the bits and bobs, but the knitted patterns are in SWTC bamboo, soy silk, etc etc etc. Otherwise it's quite a good book. There are various patterns which are each elaborated in three different levels of freeform decoration - from mild to overload. Patterns include a shell, a tshirt, a skirt, gloves, hats, a scarf, and a cape - which is knitted and then felted and slashed to make space for freeform deco. Anyhow, the table of contents in the reader is there for a purpose - check it out. There's a few pages of pics from artists who create freeform items - mostly scarves. good for inspiration. There are instruction pages for creating said bits and bobs in knit or crochet. I like it, more as a starting point for creating my own stuff and for inspiration than anything else. That's what freeform is really about anyway.

This book is great for all levels of skill in crochet and knit, especially since each "pattern" has 3 different versions. The styles are varied, and the ideas presented in each section can transfer to many applications. I have used some of the ideas in continuing my own free form creations, but I also plan to use a couple for creating the apparel in this book. Great book for all levels.

Pictures of garments offer great ideas for mixing colors and textures in design. These two gals are so talented with their ideas and ways of expressing the mixing of all types of textures, color, and flow of design. I could have used a little more detail in some of the types of stitches, thus only 3 stars.

The main complaint with this book was it appears to be a new book, but really is just a new cover. The different ISBN numbers confused me. However, the author has written easy to read directions for the patterns and included colorful photos of the finished items. There is a nice variety of items as well, and these patterns create very unique pieces.

This book has everything a person would want to start to progress in freeform. The exciting way it is written makes you want to jump right in and play all day!

Great pictures, great patterns, and great tips and techniques. Very happy I purchased this book. Hats off to Prudence and Jonelle, their work is lovely.

This book provides a lot of inspiration to try your hand at being imaginative when you crochet and/or

knit. I love that it provides some patterns for freestyle to get you started. I can't wait to make the "basic" tees on pages 68 through 70! The simple knit designs used as appliques to the basic knit tee (or sweater) could just as easily be converted to crochet and used for applique/trim. This book has gorgeous pictures and includes picture tutorials for making and attaching the extras to the basic garment. It also provides instructions on basic knitting and crocheting techniques for those with beginning or higher level skills, conversion charts for metric to USA knitting needles and crochet hooks, as well as suggested yarn weights for the various needle and hook sizes. If you want to branch out into some truly magnificent and unique creations, this book is a MUST. I love, love, LOVE it!

This is a truly wonderful book. Full of beautiful projects to make and a stunning inspiration for the creative person who likes to knit and crochet.

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