

Book reviews

This month's selection of knitting books to inspire you. **By Katy Evans**

Kirstie's Homemade Home

Kirstie Allsopp

£20

Published by Hodder and Stoughton

ISBN 978 1 44470 408 2

This book is as pretty to look at and jealousy-inducing as you would expect, the Nigella of craft books if you will. Luckily, it's not style over content and is actually practical and inspirational. Kirstie's enthusiasm, can-do attitude and readiness to admit she's never done some of this before, actually makes it a very accessible read and should allay any doubts about even the most novice 'maker' blacksmithing, glassblowing and candle making. There are 25 projects here for you to make yourself plus lots of helpful hints and tips about antique shopping, auctions and bagging a bargain.



WIN!
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Jil Eaton's Knitting School

By Jil Eaton

£16.99

Published by Potter Craft

ISBN 978 0 30758 647 6

Jil Eaton has developed a teaching plan that takes place over 19 lessons, which is great for both complete beginners or those who just need a quick reminder as the chapters are organised according to ability so you can either advance at your own pace or skip to the parts you need help on. Each chapter also features a project to try out the techniques learnt and you will find patterns for men, women, children. This is a nicely paced and informative book.



Readers can buy Jil Eaton's Knitting School for the special price of £12.75 plus p&p. To order please call GMC Publications on **01273 488005** or go to **www.thegmcgroup.com** and quote code R2483. Offer ends 30 April 2011.

Nordic Knits

By Martin Storey

£15.99

Published by Rowan

ISBN 978 1 90600 794 2

Martin Storey's on-trend book, Nordic Knits, has 25 patterns inspired by Scandinavian design. The patterns are all about stitch, texture and shape, and though there are some classic Fairisle and intarsia patterns, sometimes it's just the clever use of colour or motif that gives something a Nordic suggestion. There's a roughly even amount of home knits and women's garments, with the odd men's thrown in and lots of accessories.

We actually have Liv, a chunky cable roll-neck poncho, from the book in this issue. Check it out on page 26!



Create a Successful Website

By Paula Wynne

£15

Published by Lean Marketing Press

ISBN 978 1 90749 835 0

For those of you who have always dreamed of starting up your own business, profitable blog or online shop (and craft businesses in general are on the rise!) this is a great book, written for beginners by someone who once was a beginner and knows not to overload on the techie information but tell you what you really need to know, saving you time and money. Paula is straightforward in her information and advice, and with endorsements from respected stars of both The Apprentice and Dragon's Den to name a few, you know this is a must read if you are considering setting up your own successful website.

