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Weekend Hats: 25 Knitted Caps, Berets, Cloches, And More



Synopsis

Embrace the hottest head-turning fashion accessory: the knitted hat! The clever designs of Weekend Hats will have enthusiastic knitters everywhere rejoicing in year-round hat style. Cecily Glowik MacDonald and Melissa LaBarre have brought you the best in designer knit hat patterns from 21 amazing designers, all in one beautiful and fun-loving collection. Inside you'll find: Expert advice to spark the interests of a variety of skill levels with special attention paid to exploring cables, lace, color, and texture. Twenty-five contemporary designer hat patterns that range from the distinctly feminine to the sporty gentlemen, including cloches, berets, beanies, tams, snoods, and more! Tips and tricks on how to maximize the use of specialty yarns and accessories to add a little panache to your designs. All the designs in Weekend Hats are ideal projects for travel, gifts, or sneaking in between larger knit projects. Whether you're interested in comfort, style, or just knitting enjoyment, Weekend Hats is your all-in-one resource for creating want-to-wear knitted caps.

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Customer Reviews

Love this book! I finished the Brier Toque and it looks great! I am starting the Wanderer cap next. The directions are very clear and there are lots of good pictures so I can understand how it's supposed to turn out. The styles of caps are really cute and stylish. There are only a couple that I doubt I would make. I am a long-time "advanced beginner" and it's great to be able to complete a project quickly and have it look just like the pictures. Love it!! Highly recommend.

FINALLY! A great hat book with beautiful, functional AND well designed hats. This book has satisfied my quest for the perfect hat book. The designs in this book are varied and creative without

going way overboard and too heavy on design. I can literally say that I could see myself knitting all but maybe one or two of the 25 designs that are offered. The patterns are very well presented with clear instructions as the knitter progress from one element of construction to another. The pictures are beautiful to look at as well as providing clear concise pictures of all elements of each pattern. Each pattern also provides a 'tips & techniques' section related to knitting hats. There is a 12 page glossary of basic knitting instructions - just the right amount of information. There are 2 pages dedicated to highlighting the 19 or so contributing designers. Each has provided web information and a little information about themselves. I can't wait to jump in and start knitting!

This book of delightful hats to knit is just perfect for the winter months ahead. It includes 25 patterns that are 'variations on caps, berets, beanies, cloches, hats, toques, tams and snoods ranging from feminine to sporty'. There is a hat in here for everyone. The patterns are enticing, the instructions clear, and the book is a good resource for hat knitters everywhere. My favorites are Wanderer Cap with a bold zig-zag pattern knit in a gold color, Everdeen Beanie with allover scalloped lace knit in a lovely blue, Chroma Cap that reminds me of Peruvian and Norwegian patterns, Hued Toque with 'small bands of color in this slouchy hat' suitable for a man or a woman. The Annex Snood is adorable. It is knit with an open-lace pattern and lightweight yarn and can be worn year-round. The layered Cloche in a purplish hue has an unusual shape and covers the wearer's ears for warmth. All in all, the patterns are great, easy to read and the book is a wonderful resource for hat knitters.

My friend gifted me this book for my birthday. It's a nice little addition to my knitting library, and I'll likely knit several of the hats from it. I like the variety it has--much more than the usual beanie or ski cap hats. Many use a basic shape but add a special stitch pattern for texture, while others are quite unique forms. One element in the plus column for me is that the patterns list the specific yarn used for the sample in the photos, but also include the weight of the yarn and the yardage in the skeins. A pet peeve in knitting books is patterns that assume you'll be using the featured yarn (which I likely cannot afford). I appreciate books that don't force me to scour the Internet trying to find weights and yardage to determine an appropriate substitute. I'm subtracting a star because most of the hats with cables or other textures give only charts for the pattern repeats. I detest working from charts and wish that both the charts and written instructions had been included. Update of 8 May 2012: After having knitted several hats from this book, I'm sticking with my four stars. The projects are cute and the patterns are accurate. I haven't encountered any significant errors. However, I should note that the gauge for these patterns seems really off. On the advice of other knitters on Ravelry who have

knitted some of these hats, I've gone down one to two needle sizes to get the correct finished sizes. For the Ruche Beret, though, even at one needle size down the hat was ridiculously huge (as in so large that two people could have worn it at the same time). I ended up felting it just to shrink it to a wearable size. I'm not sure who the testers were for this book, but they must all be incredibly tight knitters. I seldom have to vary my needle sizes from those given in patterns, even in the round, so having a whole book of hats that turn out too large seems a tad unusual.

Loving this hat book. Looking through it, I think: "Why is knitting so slow?" The hats are too cute in this book. There are about 3 designs for men, if you're wondering. That's unfortunate, but I forgive because the hats for women are darling! You've got your choice of Berets, Beanies, hats with pom-poms ,a Snood hat, Tams and many more. One of my favorites is the Earflap hat. Yes, I am pleased. Weekend hats? Well, one must be very diligent with the needles, but I'd say, yes, you could get a hat within a week-end. I took week-end to mean huge cables and bulkiness, but that's not the case here. The designs are contemporary and stylish. Tips and techniques, included. This was a great choice for me.

I have made one hat from this book and carefully considered about 7 other patterns. I agree that it has a good variety of hats for adults and that they could be accomplished in a weekend by an experienced knitter. I consider myself to be an intermediate knitter and found these instructions to be very clear. With this book I learned how to read the pattern charts and the drawings in the back are well detailed. I did not see any instructions that I didn't understand, although I often do when I look at complicated patterns from other sources. I agree with another review that the gauge seems off and I took out my first attempt after knitting 1-1/2 inches because the size seemed wrong, but my second attempt with different sized needles worked well. Also I was not especially inspired by the hats completed in the book and it took me 6 months to actually start using it after I bought more luxurious yarns. I have thought that she chose her yarns by ones that make the patterns easy to see in the photographs, rather than hats that one would want to wear. I absolutely love the hat that I made using this book.

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