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For every lonely skein there is a perfect small pattern. In this compilation by Judith Durant, knitwear designers from across the United States offer their favorite little projects — each designed to use just one ball of yarn. Hats, scarves, bags, shawls, mittens, pillows, and other One-Skein Wonders® make fun and portable weekend projects. All 101 designs are pictured in a full-color project gallery, while clear instructions make it easy for knitters of every skill level to tie up some loose ends.

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Sybylla says

I don't like the format (Pictures at the front, hard to find what you're referring to) but the designs were varied and interesting, with very few super tacky 80's vibe things.

Stefanie says

The 3-star rating I've given this book is temporary. The reason why is I need to knit more from this book. I have tons of knitting pattern books and have yet to make a dent in them!

I've only knitted one pattern and that was a few years ago. I made the kid mohair, silk cowl/snood. The lace pattern is great. It was just difficult to work with that type of yarn for the first time, something highly frustrating where I wanted to burn it. But I trudged through and made a nice FO for my mortgage broker. She was delighted to receive it and had said she could think of various ways on how to use it.

Shannan says

Nice patterns ranging from simple to complex. Some details of how to do certain parts of the patterns aren't explained so even though many of the patterns aren't too difficult, I wouldn't recommend this book for novice knitters unless you're comfortable looking some techniques up as you go.

I like the pictures of the finished works at the front acting as the table of contents, but I wish there were pictures with the patterns as well. All in all though, some really nice patterns!

♥ Caitlin says

I bought this book because it featured great patterns that only used one skein of yarn each. The book gives me a lot of inspiration when designing my own patterns.

I like how the photos of the projects are featured in the front of the book, unlike those in the original One-Skein Wonders book, which are featured in the middle. They are more accessible this way. The design of the book (the integration of the colors and fonts) is very appealing.

Tonileg says

From the beginning this book was well planed because there is a photo of each project finished in a tiled format so that you can see what you're interested in making and then jump straight away to your project page because it is very clear.

Thank you editor and authors for making it easy to choose a project! The patterns are divided by yarn weight (once again, very well organized for when you have a left over ball of yarn from a big project and you can make up some matching socks or a hat!)

I do prefer having a chart instead of having the rows written out like in this book because I travel with my patterns into the city and while I travel so I find that it could have been made better if they had added the chart at the end of the pattern.

This is a great beginner book for a new knitter or someone with lots of leftover yarn.

255 pages and square squat format

3 stars

Bliss says

Let me preface my review by saying I have been crocheting for over 30 years and have crocheted everything from the easiest patterns to what are considered advanced or intermediate.

If you crochet but don't knit, you might want to skip this book. Unless you just want to look at pretty pictures.

Out of 95 patterns, I found 4 or 5 that were crochet only. One or two additional were knitted and crocheted.

The one pattern I attempted was a simple one. However it was written incorrectly and despite several attempts as well as reading the errata on the publisher's website, sadly the pattern never morphed into the intended project.

I could have modified it to "fix" it but for me, that defeated the purpose of reading the pattern.

Terri says

Nice projects using all yarn weights.

Jennifer says

I knit the garter stitch Loop-through scarf from this book and it went pretty well. The thing I don't like about this book is that all the patterns are from different designers - so you have to really read the pattern before you dig in so you know what is going on. I feel like when a book is all by one designer you get a feel for how they work a pattern and it is easier to do other patterns.

All that said I still love thumbing through the book and reading the patterns and I think they have clever designs to use up stray balls of yarn. The garter stitch Loop-through scarf worked up nice. I was glad I had to balls of the yarn I was working though as I needed more than one. That makes me inclined toward having more than one ball for each pattern I would work up in that book in the future.

jamie says

Not for me

I thought I'd enjoy this book - but it's not as well laid out as other knitting books I've read. Example: I like to see the image of the item before the pattern starts. The ebook version does not show the item before the pattern which I find annoying because the image is before the book writing starts. It's kind of weird.

Shirl says

This was a huge disappointment, especially since the "101 one skein wonders" was so well done. I was looking forward to making several of the patterns. Unfortunately I found multiple errors in every pattern that I attempted. I have been knitting for 30+ years and have never been so frustrated with a pattern book. I finally found errata on the following website. (search for errata)
http://www.storey.com/correct_book.ph...

There are corrections for 32 out of the 101 patterns and several of the patterns have multiple corrections listed. That is almost 1/3 of the patterns. Very poor

Do not spend any money on this book.

Michelle Browne says

This is great. Lots of gorgeous and varied patterns, plenty of unusual scarf patterns - which are hard to find, honestly! - and some really cute af shrugs. I wish they used more than one model for the photos, but eh, at least it's good photography. The patterns and lace stitches are excellent, and there's a huge variety, enough to please every knitter.

Phillias says

wordy, intermediate to advanced

Sandi says

Unfortunately this volume follows the same design as the first book and lists the patterns by yarn weight but with no sense or reason in each category. The only difference being that the project photos are at the start of the book and not the centre.

I was happy to see a few more fun and elegant designs and less of the standard baby and scarf items.

Although some of the scarves are more sophisticated looking. I once again found that I'd already done similar projects that I'd found at various knitting sites online.

Still in all it's pretty to look at and a good reference book. I can see at least two of the projects giving me ideas for my own designs.

Ahemx says

Like every knitting book in my library (I have many), this book has errors. My advice for anyone buying any knitting book, first thing you do is research the book's title and "errors" online. I have never met a book that didn't have at least one error.

With that said this book is a great stash buster. The patterns are different and easy enough that experienced knitters can change patterns but the simplicity of the patterns allow some easy knitting days.

I would not consider this a beginners knitting book. There are no detail explanations on how to create the stitches required. The expectation is that you have access to this information on your own.

I don't write a review on a book until I have knitted at least 5 items of that book, whether successfully or unsuccessfully. I have successfully knitted 5 items and happy with all of them.

I highly suggest knitting the magic loop mini sweater. Teaching myself magic loop with such a wonderfully cute pattern was allot of fun.

Abbey says

BOTTOM LINE: Nicely put together book filled with interesting, if a mite cute for my taste, patterns, well illustrated and explained.

I loved Ms. Durant's later book in this series (Sock Yarn One Skein Wonders) and looked forward to this one. While it wasn't as good - or useful for me - as this earlier book, it was still interesting to look at and likely to be a very good book to keep in your library if you tend to make a lot of things for your home (not my sort of thing) or baby clothes (nope.) or as little gifts for folks (yes, maybe, but unfortunately many of these were quite "cute!", which makes me grit my teeth...). Still, there are lots of things to make, the instructions are excellent, and Ms. Durant's informative paragraphs are very well-done.

Patterns are organized by yarn weight, and have a very thoughtful addition that would be quite useful in other books: prior to the written portion of the book there is a complete section of large color photographs of all the projects, all cross-referenced by pattern numbers and page numbers - lovely! There are scarves and hats and lots of baby stuff, and washcloths and tablecloths and many, many other things to make. Might be fun to use this book as basis for a group knitting project, wherein everyone picks an item and makes it, repeating until the group has completed the book... All the patterns work up quickly, might be colorful and interesting, and definitely useful come the winter holidays.
