

Nicky Epstein's Signature Scarves!



Nicky applies her signature touch to the simple scarf

patterns to delight & inspire

More than 30 styles, all with Nicky's special touch—everything from a lovely tweedy wrap with appliquéd leaves to scarves comprised of interlocking bright circles and interwoven cut felted strips. Ideal as gifts and short-term knitting projects, scarves never lose their appeal, when Nicky designs them, they become show-stoppers. No knitter, beginner or advanced, will want to be without Nicky Epstein's Signature Scarves.



Also new this season: Nicky Epstein's Crocheting on the Edge

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books



Vogue Knitting On the Go! Cables: Mittens, Hats & Scarves/Felted Crochet

Sixth & Spring Books, \$12.95 each

- **The concept:** VK's potent totables expand to include twisty winter warmers and a full roster of cushy crocheted must-haves.
- **Math check:** Twenty cozies, bags, toys, tot and decorative goodies in *Felted Crochet*; twenty-one items in *Cables*, not counting that second glove or mitt here and there.
- **Newbie-friendly?** *Felted Crochet* skews a tad simpler as a whole, but there are several patterns in both books that can be tackled by the greenest stitchers.
- **Wardrobe builders:** More so for *Cables*, which has a number of projects that can be tailored for either gender with a switch in fiber and color.
- **Don't stop for direction:** *Cables* gives your sense of direction a workout, with braids and spirals that snake up and down, on the bias, side to side and, in the case of Norah Gaughan's Traveling Cable mittens, across the palm, up and over to the flip side.
- **Tween beat:** *Felted Crochet*'s geometric pink journal cover with cut-fringe edges will appeal to Gen Nexters, as will *Cables*' elegantly sassy headband/mini-striped mitten set.
- **Rev it up:** Think boys can't get into crocheted toys? Take a gander at the Talladega Felts race-car combo, complete with a pit crew that services a speedster whose wheels snap on and off with Velcro.
- **Can you see it?** Chances are good that you already own one of the 550,000 *On the Go!* books sold, so you're familiar with the photo-facing-instructions format.
- **Technical tricks:** Patchwork assembly; chart reading; bobbles.



Kiki's Hats

By Warren Hanson
Tristan Publishing, \$16.95

- **The concept:** This bright pay-it-forward children's yarn, told in rhyme, carries a mighty moral—"Our gifts live on and on."
- **Kiki's kindness:** Kiki sits atop a growing mountain of hats, doling out one (or two, or four or more) to every child who visits her.
- **Kiki's visitors:** The kids bring their parents, who bring their colleagues, who all mete out hats worldwide, attracting media coverage for the woman at the center of it all.
- **Kiki's recipients:** The hatted eventually include children in hospitals, a homeless man who wears the toppers on his feet, "a blind boy in far-off Taiwan who giggled when he tried one on" and "a man in coldest Kazakhstan [who] could not stay warm. But now he can!"
- **Kiki's lesson:** Knitted hats can raise money, consciousness and spirit.
- **Kiki herself:** According to the website kikishats.com, there's a real Kiki spreading woolen love. Whether she's actually knitted the fourteen billion sixty-seven lids cited in the book just might be another story.

