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## ■ THE 12 KNITS OF CHRISTMAS: MIEL MITTS



What do you do when you're craving a pair of fingerless mitts, but you've got so much holiday knitting to do that you're too, ahem, rushed to knit a thumb? Insert...the knit cuff! Think of these as an extension of your sleeve: push them up when you need a bit of extra hand mobility, pull them down when you need more coverage for your digits. A simple-yet-attractive spiral pattern travels around the entire hand, and they're just slouchy enough to slide over a long-sleeved shirt to provide an extra barrier, indoors or out. The only thing that separates these mitts from a more traditional pair is that pesky gusset! (Which of course makes these a great project for the beginning-to-intermediate knitter.) The combination of this stitch pattern and the color reminded us of one of our favorite things--honey!--and thus they're aptly named.

Knit with one skein of **Brooklyn Tweed Arbor** (ours is knit with Klimt, but you can choose your own color from those shown below), these mitts make a wonderful gift for the conscious crafter on your list. Arbor is the newest yarn in the Brooklyn Tweed line, and everything from the sheep (Targhee, grown in Montana and South Dakota) to the eco-friendly dyeing (done in Maine) is sourced in the USA. With a world that is so dependent on fast fashion and a throwaway attitude that pervades so much of our culture, this yarn is something to feel very merry about indeed.



Order the [Miel Mitts Kit](#) **HERE**.

Interested in only the pattern? Find it [HERE](#).

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## ■ THE 12 KNITS OF CHRISTMAS: SUCCULENT SWEATERS



What is it that makes succulents so charming? Is it their pudgy, puffy stems? Their tiny, waxy leaves? Or might it be the simple fact that they're such easy keepers? Whatever the appeal, we love succulents—a lovely way to bring a bit of greenery indoors all year long. But what to do with the not-so-lovely plastic pots they come in? Why not knit a little covering for the pots, a sweater of sorts? This pattern is for a simple cozy-in three different sizes—that knits up quickly in a chunky yarn and is then felted in the washing machine for a thick, insulating fabric. Forget the ubiquitous bottle of wine—we think a little trio of these cozies would make a thoughtful (and lasting!) housewarming gift this holiday season.

Order the Succulent Sweater Kit [\*\*HERE.\*\*](#)

Interested in just the PDF pattern? Find it [\*\*HERE.\*\*](#)

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## ■ THE 12 KNITS OF CHRISTMAS: GRADIENT GARLAND



Deck the halls....with knitting, of course! Spread the cheer of the season with these whimsical, ombré letters. A wonderfully simple project, you start with a rectangle (all knit, we're happy to say!) and after felting it to create a unique texture, the letters are traced and cut from the fabric swatch. Add an extra decorative touch with a bit of blanket stitching around the edges. Hang from your mantle and voila: (almost) instant Christmas decor.

Order the Gradient Garland Kit [\*\*HERE.\*\*](#)

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One of the greatest gifts we have as knitters is to spend a little time every day with our tools, our minds, our hands, some quiet and make. Making a tiny sweater for the first grandchild that's growing inside your daughter's belly. Making a pair of mittens to keep your best friend's hands warm out on the

cross-country ski trail. Making a sweater for the guy who finally gave you that ring.

It doesn't have to be big. Or complicated. Or expensive. (We've found that a simple garter stitch dish cloth and a handmade soap tied with a ribbon makes a wonderful wedding/housewarming/thank-you-for-being-my-dogsitter gift, time after time after time.)

What a gift should be, however, is heart felt. Which is why we're starting now with our celebrated **12 Knits of Christmas** (in its ninth year, if you can believe it!) We've written 12 patterns for the hands, home and heart that, if you start now, will give you plenty of time to create meaningful gifts while rejoicing in the everyday.

The focus is on gifts that you'll be ecstatic to give, whether it's because they're knit with yarn you've never seen before (they are), they all require less than two weeks to complete (they do) or because they're fresh takes on classic knitted gifts (they will be).

There's more. (Of course.) We'll be giving away three outrageous prizes to three *very* lucky knitters.



**1.) For each ambitious knitter who purchases ALL 12 kits, you'll be entered into a drawing to win a Brooklyn Tweed Oshima Sweater kit, in the color of your choice. (A \$200 value!)**

*The sweater was designed by Jared Flood, who we'll be **welcoming into the shop in late***

October, as well as introducing the Brooklyn Tweed collection to the shop!

- 2.) For each kit ordered, you'll be entered into a separate drawing for two (2) \$50 gift certificates to Wool & Honey, either in-house or online.  
(Ordering 3 of the same kit? That counts as 3 entries!)

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### **Knit One: French Vanilla Shawl**



### **Knit Two: Sinterklaas Stocking**



### **Knit Three: Christmas Chevron Cowl**



Knit Four: Staple Stripes Hat



Knit Five: Sencha Coaster Set



Knit Six: Morning Star Hat



Knit Seven: Miel Mitts



## Knit Eight: Succulent Sweaters



## Knit Nine: Gradient Garland



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