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101 Knits (and Gifts!) of Christmas Week Three

Hello, friends!

So it's officially the 11th hour. But with only a few hours left until D-Day, we've still got gifts on our that would make a spectacular holiday! No time? (You're not alone. I may or may not have a sock and a half to finish before tomorrow morning. And some shopping. *Ahem.*) Any of these ideas would fill this long holiday week--and the entire New Year--with hours of knitting bliss.

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How's the knitting coming along? I'm just starting my list, and even though it seems like I'm cutting it close, there's still plenty of time for small, meaningful gifts this season.

Which is why we've come up with a new tradition-- -101 Knits (and Gifts!) of Christmas.

We've selected some of our very favorite knits, kits and gift ideas from Wool & Honey (and beyond) and we'll be sending an email every weekend between now and Christmas. Some are free patterns, some are yarns, some are kits and more still are ready-to-give gifts for knitters and non-knitters alike for those of you who, like me, might need an extra boost this holiday season. We hope you enjoy this list we've curated especially for you--you're bound to find something you'll love.

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Merriest of Christmases to you and yours. Hoping you're staying warm and bright.

Melissa

101 Knits (and Gifts!) of Christmas

Weeks Three & Four



51. Wine bottle hats.

When I'm down to the 11th hour without a personalized gift to give, I turn to a fabulous bottle of wine and these little hats. They're unbelievably quick to knit, perfect for stash-busting and best of all, they're hilarious. (Just watch the faces of your recipients--these are guaranteed to generate a few laughs!)

52. A bottle of sparkling wine from one of the area's best vintners.

We love the Blanc de Noirs.

53. Or a bottle from Mawby's newest little brother.



(photo courtesy of Ravelry)

54. How about a cozy wine sweater to carry it in?



(image via Knitty.com)

55. Fetching fingerless mitts.

I have easily made at least six pairs of these mitts over the years--with about 100 yards of yarn, they're the perfect small project. Blink and they're done. (And yes, you could definitely whip up a pair between now and New Year's Eve--they'd be a thoughtful hostess gift!)



56. Truffles, hot chocolate, marzipan logs....

I know what I hope to see in *my* stocking this year--a bit of local, fairly traded chocolate from my favorite local chocolatier.



57. BFF Cowl.

Like a friendship bracelet for you and your best friend....but it's *knitted!*



58. Brooklet cowl.

The Brooklet is a versatile long cowl in two colors that may be worn long and open, wrapped twice around the neck, or folded and looped through. It is worked in one piece in the round in stockinette stitch in one color for the inside then continued in the round in a simple lace pattern in a second color for the outside.



59. Holiday Scarflette.

Need that little extra something to jazz up your outfit? Not enough time (or yardage!) for a full-length scarf? Here comes a scarflette to your rescue! If you've got 100 yds, a few hours and a favorite decorative pin, you've got an instant accessory. When I knit this, I thought to myself, *"Really? Is that it? Am I cheating?"*

Happily, the answer is no. It's just easy--and why on earth feel guilty about that?!? The showstopper with this pattern isn't even the yarn--it's the funky vintage rhinestone pin. This one is knit in a broken rib pattern, but try it with garter stitch or seed stitch, too!

Yarn:

approximately 110 yds of dk weight yarn

Gauge:

5 sts/in on US 6 needle.

(While I'm usually a stickler for gauge, this is one case in which I'd forgo the swatch--it's a scarf, fer cryin' out loud!)

Cast on 21 sts.

Row 1: Knit all sts.

Row 2: *P1, K1; repeat from * to the last stitch, P1.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 until piece measures 20 inches in length, ending with Row 2.

Bind off all sts.

Weave in ends & enjoy!

(Adjust length if necessary--you've got plenty of yardage to make the scarflette longer, if desired.)



60. Three Felted Bowls.

Keeping clutter to a minimum (or at least storing clutter in an attractive way!) can be a full time job. These little felted vessels help enormously. They're about as simple as they come--a knitted tube, essentially (with few decreases thrown in for good measure), a bit of hand felting and you're done. Knit one for the entryway table to house keys and spare change, one for your knitting needles and one for a vase of flowers! (Inside the tall white version is a pint-sized Mason jar to stabilize the bowl.)



(photo courtesy of Interweave Press)

61. Felted Hearts.

Tie on a bit of string and use them as ornaments, fill them with lavender to make sachets for your linen drawer or hide a little jingle bell inside for a sweet baby shower gift.



62. Felted Christmas Tree.

Every year I say I'm going to make this...next year, I will!



63. Knitted Snowflakes.

Who says holiday decorating has to stop at Christmas? We've got a whole winter to display our knits!



64. An I-Cord Scarf.

Could there be anything easier? How about an I-cord knit from self-stripping yarn? Tie three of them together, and you've got a funky accessory to wear to your next holiday party.

Yarn: *250 yds yarn, any weight*

Cast on 5 sts. Working in I-Cord, knit for 90 inches. Make three cords. Tie in a knot, loosely braid and tie at the other end. Enjoy!



(photo from Knitty.com)

65. Whoa! Knitted jewelry.



66. Pearl Cuff.

This one's ours--and it's *crocheted*!

67. A pair of pearl and Petoskey stone earrings to match from our neighbor, Liz Saile.

(Heck, *any* piece of jewelry with Petoskey stones!)



68. Crocheted river rocks.
Why not?



69. A lacy snowflake ornament.
Or earrings. Or a necklace. You be the judge!



70. Lavender Eye Pillow.
Feeling like a spa treatment? Fill this cute pouch with lavender, rice or flax seed and you've got a gift meant to soothe and relax. Pop it in the microwave for a warming aromatherapy treatment for anyone on your list that needs a little extra pampering.



71. Evergreen Spa Cloth.

Who doesn't need a little pampering now and then, especially during the holidays? This Christmas tree adorned washcloth would be a nice gift for anyone on your list, or even for yourself to knit before your holiday guests arrive.



72. Spa Set.

We love knitted washcloths. There's just something about sudsing up with a luxurious lather and a handknit cloth that seems to make the daily routine a little less humdrum. Washcloths (and [soaps!](#)) make wonderful gifts for housewarmings, baby showers and really, for any occasion under the sun.



73. Wool & Honey Signature Bee Soap.
(Because this one bears repeating.)



(photo by Sweet Petula)

74. My other favorite soap.

Again, hoping Santa remembers me!



(photo by Villainess)

75. Villainess Whipped.

For those of you who've been naughty this year. (Whipped is a dreamy formula that will keep those hardworking knitting hands smooth this winter!)



76. Frostbite, The Christmas Elf Pattern

This is a whimsical holiday hat pattern. Sure, it's a little goofy. But if there's any time to pull off a crazy hat, it's Christmas. Pass the 'nog!

Yarn:

approximately 110 yds of bulky weight

Gauge:

3 ❖ sts per inch on US 10 ❖ needle.

(Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain gauge.)

Cast on 70 sts. Join to begin knitting in the round, being careful not to twist sts. Work in stockinette stitch (knitting every round) until piece measures 4 inches from cast on edge.

Row 1 (decrease row):

* K8, K2tog; repeat from * across row.

Row 2 and all even rows:

Knit all sts.

Row 3 (decrease row):

* K7, K2tog; repeat from * across row.

Row 5 (decrease row):

* K6, K2tog; repeat from * across row.

Row 7 (decrease row):

* K5, K2tog; repeat from * across row.

Row 9 (decrease row):

* K4, K2tog; repeat from * across row.

Row 11 (decrease row):

* K3, K2tog; repeat from * across row.

Continue working in stockinette stitch on these sts until piece measures 8 inches from cast on edge.

Next row (decrease row):

* K2, K2tog; repeat from * across row.

Knit one row.

Next row (decrease row):

* K1, K2tog; repeat from * across row.

Knit one row.

Next row (decrease row):

* K2tog; repeat from * across row.

Cut yarn, leaving a tail and pull through remaining sts. Make a large pompom and attach to the top of the hat. Weave in all ends and block lightly, if desired. Enjoy!

Abbreviations:

BO: bind off

CO: cast on

K: knit

K2tog: knit two stitches together

P: purl

sl: slip

st st: stockinette stitch

sts: stitches



(photo by Knitty.com)

77. Legwarmers.

Not just for dancers, these accessories are great for layering over tights during the cold days ahead.



78. Legwarmers for baby.

You can match! (And yes, I *have* already knit one pair of these in preparation for my little bee!)



79. A rug made of "rocks"!

I'd love this for my house....right next to my bed.



80. Home Sweet Home Pillow.

So you've knit hats, mittens, scarves, sweaters and socks....now what? Have you ever thought of knitting for your home? Sure, you've got baskets of yarn (and unfinished projects!) around the house to serve as "decor", but why not try knitting your own decorating accents?



81. A modern-day hexagon quilt.

Not up for the challenge of 400+ hexipuffs? Try knitting 20 and turning them into a chair pad.



(image courtesy of the Purl Bee)

82. A set of coasters.

Try them felted, quilted or just a set of knitted swatches.



83. An aran afghan.

Pretty much a perfect winter project, a few hours of stitching every week (or every night!) could yield some lovely results come spring.



84. The Lizard Ridge Afghan.

Every Noro nut I've ever known has contemplated knitting this afghan--and a few have even completed it. Perfect for all those onesie skeins of Noro you've been hanging on to.



(photo by Design Mom)

85. A pom-pom garland.

Yup. It's as easy as it sounds. No knitting required!



(photo by The Purl Bee)

86. A felt garland.

Again, no knitting!

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91. Or one for you and your granddaughter.

92. Or your grandson.



(photo courtesy of haramis knits)

93. A knitted sleeve for your phone, laptop or tablet. Maybe you couldn't make it out to the shop for last week's trunk show. That's okay--you can find them [here!](#)



95. An over-the-top, ridiculously cute rattle for baby.
Great for snippets of sock yarn!



(photo by the Purl Bee)

96. Felt baby shoes.

Not knitting exactly, but handmade with an entire rainbow of wool felt, these would make a knockout shower gift for your granddaughter's first baby.



97. Cherries Jubilee.

For the quintessential Leelanau baby!



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