

Country Knits    Debbie Bliss & Fiona McTague    \$30.50    950-598



Designed with flair and photographed with style, this is an excellent collection of handknits, mostly sweaters. My prejudices came to the fore as I went through it since it has a number of textured sweaters, which I like, as well as sweaters with very attractive collars, which I also like. Traditionalists will recognize the inspiration for many of the designs and Aran jackets through tartan and Fair Isle knitwear, including Fair Isle socks and a tam o'shanter - to lace patterns. The patterned jumpers, shawls and pullovers are suited to a lifestyle that is both elegant and practical. These are clothes you can wear. There are garments for all the family and the clear instructions, with charts where necessary, put the patterns within the reach of knitters of all levels of skill. It's a good book.

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