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Boho Baby Knits: Groovy Patterns For Cool Tots



Synopsis

Does the barista at your coffee bar serve your kid a steamed milk with a dash of cinnamon? Just the way he likes it? Is your baby already a regular at the neighborhood indie bookstore? If so, your budding bohemian deserves a wardrobe that suits his or her creative lifestyle. For children's knits with style and attitude, look no further. *Boho Baby Knits* contains more than 30 designs for clothes, toys, and accessories that are so cool, you'll wish they came in your size. Knitters will love the fun literary references, punk rock allusions, and beatnik musings that inspire these patterns for newborns to four-year-olds, and kids won't be able to get enough of these bold, colorful, and unique projects. With patterns designed for all levels of knitting experience, crafters can knit a simple present for a baby shower in a day or two or create a very special project over a couple of weekends. Clear, step-by-step instructions, easy-to-read charts and diagrams, and dozens of four-color photographs ensure happy results. From graphic leg warmers and a folk festival frock to a bohemian striped boat neck and a Western-style jacket, *Boho Baby Knits* keeps kids dressed like the free spirits they are.

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Customer Reviews

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(pictured above).

I was very excited to check out this book. Interesting and unusual knitting patterns, especially for babies, are definitely my thang. However, I didn't find these patterns to be all that creative and interesting. There were a few really cute items, like the hats and bloomers on the cover and a pair of wild black-and-white mod graphic leggings, but overall I didn't feel that enthusiasm I usually have to knit a new pattern. I ended up returning it and wish I could've seen more of the book before I ordered it.

Although this book wasn't quite as useful as I had hoped, I am still glad I bought it. My only discontent is with items such as the poet's jacket - clever and beautiful, yes, but would a hard-working mom really spend weeks knitting something that will only be worn to a Halloween party or for a photo op? I also have mixed feelings about the designer's color choices. I'm glad she got away from baby pastels, but...What I love are the basics designed with a twist, as the cover shows. I've already knitted the Sleep Sacque and love it.

We're going to make the fairy wings for a gift. Love this book

I wanted one particular pattern. The finishing directions were not helpful. I didn't find any of the other patterns work making.

I ordered this book as it was on sale - it has some great patterns for babies to pre-schoolers; several that I plan to make for my nieces and nephews. Worth the price.

I ran across this book and had to have it after I saw the super cute bobble set on the cover! Overall this book is great. Yes some of the items are a little too much for me (honky-tonk jacket and poet coat), but there are also many cute, unique patterns I haven't seen anywhere else. So far I have finished the bobbed bloomers and am about halfway done with the "Garage Band Tee". The pattern for the bloomers is off a bit. I read it over many times and had my friend who owns a knit shop look at it and she agreed. I was able to correct the mistake on my own without too much trouble and I had only been knitting a few months at the time. That's why I gave this book 4 stars instead of 5. Other than the pattern flaw this is a great book to add to a knitting library. If you are sick of the same old classic designs and want something more fun, this is the book for you! This book

includes:-Prankster's Poncho and Hat (cute for cold weather)-Salon Set (skirt w/lace edging and coordinating hat, very cute for a little girl)-Bloomsbury Nursing Shawl (LOVE this)-Bobbed Bloomers and Toppers (on cover, very cute!)-Boho Boatneck (just a simple sweater w-stripes)-Beatnik Dolls (very cute and different from other knits dolls I've seen)-Story-time socks and footies (flower pattern)-Woodland Fairy Wings (a little girl would love these!)-Poet Coat (not for me, but a neat design anyhow)-Baby Book-Big Idea Vest (simple v-neck)-Painter's Smock and Beret-Patchwork Dreamer (fun baby blanket)-Stripe Sleep Sacque (love this design-Mobile for crib-Beat Bonnets (lion, girl, monster, alien face on the back hats - super cute!)-Studio loungers (knits pants)-Festival Frock (simple dress)-Honky-Tonk Jacket (faux suede cow girl/boy sweater)-Moccasins-Glam Rock leggings (black/white checks)-Garage Band Tee (classic raglan tee w/ "01" on front, very cute!)-Legwarmers and caps (3 color variations)

I reviewed this book first by borrowing it from my local library. I always do this before purchasing a book. So far I've knitted 3 projects from the book and have two more on queue. As all knitting books go, there are patterns that catch your eye and patterns that scream "what are you thinking?!?!" There are both types of patterns in this book. The bobbed toppers and bloomers on the front of this book are in the category of catching my eye for they were the reason I first picked up the book. I knitted the bloomers up in a couple days and whipped up the matching cap. They were a breeze to knit (I'm a more experienced knitter) and made an awesome baby shower gift. I also continued into the book and knit the legwarmers that were easy (although, I did alter the pattern and knitted them in the round), and also made the Studio Loungers. Again, the patterns are well written. They are pretty basic and not difficult to master. More experienced knitters will wonder why she has you make them one way when you are thinking in your head, "It would be easier to do them this way..." So I just followed my instincts and made alterations where I saw fit. They would be fine knit as instructed but we all have our preferences (mine include NO seaming!) Some patterns are just silly. Who would make a crazy Western Jacket? Or make the Poet Coat which looks like a Halloween costume? Those patterns have their niche - for people looking for off-the-wall knits that aren't practical. Those patterns can be hard to find, so if you're looking for them, they're here. But if you're looking for a book that will give you 3-5 well written, basic patterns with a whimsical twist, this is it. At the price tag of \$20, I think \$4/pattern is a decent deal (that is if you like 5 of the 20 or so patterns). My favorites? 1. Bobbed Bloomers and Topper 2. Scenester Legwarmers 3. Modernist Sleep Sack 4. Studio Lounger 5. Mobile Menagerie 6. Woodland Fairy Wings (would be a cute Halloween or dress up costume for a young girl that would be quick to make)

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