

Knitting inspiration from Edinburgh




With Meryl Streep and Amanda Seyfried among the many who are mastering cable patterns, needles and wool are flying off the shelves.

So what better way to ignite a passion for knitting than with a 'woolly' celebration of Britain? With its rich history, vibrant culture and iconic people, the authors of this new book believe that Britain is one of the greatest places in the world and now, thanks to Knit Your Own Britain, you can create your own miniature woolly, version including miniature versions of Boris Johnson and David and Victoria Beckham.

Knit Your Own Britain is a unique and beautiful collection of knitting patterns for some of the finest British icons, from The Beatles and James Bond to Robin Hood and Henry VIII. For beginners and experts alike, this is a book aimed at inspiring you to get the knitting needles out.

It follows the publication of Knit your own Scotland with patterns for your very own Braveheart and Loch Ness Monster which has its own [Facebook page too.](#)

Jackie and Ruth have had great fun writing the book, and much laughter peppered the interview we carried out with them. So they hope that you will have fun with their patterns too! 



Jackie Holt works as a costume maker and a wardrobe supervisor in numerous theatres around Britain and has supervised large-scale musicals, such as 125th Street at the Shaftesbury Theatre in the West End, and the sell-out 20th Anniversary concert of Sondheim's Sweeney Todd at the Royal Festival Hall.

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