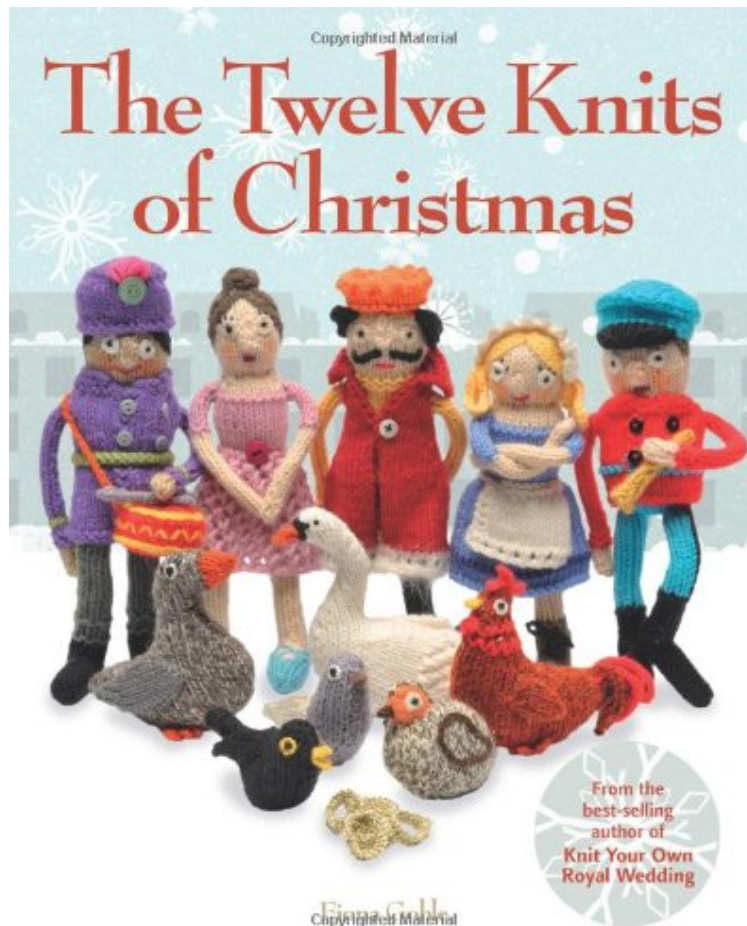


Twelve Knits of Christmas

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Fiona Goble : Twelve Knits of Christmas before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Twelve Knits of Christmas:

11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Favorite Christmas Carol Illustrated With Amusing Knitted "Characters" By Lynne E. How could I resist this book, when "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is one of my favorite Christmas carols, and Fiona Goble is my favorite designer of knitted toys? Usually I buy Fiona's books and simply enjoy looking at the pictures, but this is one set of toys that I fully intend to knit! I really like the designer's amusing "characters". The cover photo shows you what you'll get: patterns for a partridge, a turtledove, a French hen, a calling bird, five gold rings, a goose, a swan, a milkmaid, a lady, a lord, a piper, and a drummer. Sadly, there's no pattern for a knitted pear tree--but there is a nice cardboard pear tree (attached to the back cover) that you can cut out and assemble to form the centerpiece of your Christmas display. The pear tree is highly stylized in its design, with leaves suggested by pointy ovals and pears formed of circles with X's in the middle. The patterns are written for DK yarn (12 stitches and 16 rows to a 1-1/2" (4 cm) square--not your usual 4" square). The knitting is done on 2.25 mm (US 1) and 3 mm

(US 2/3) needles. However, as the designer says, "For these projects, [gauge] is not as important as it is when you're knitting garments. But it is important that your knitted pieces are quite dense, otherwise you may find that the stuffing shows through . . ." Directions for finishing include small amounts of sewing, embroidering, and chain stitching (crochet). The finished projects are stuffed with polyester fiberfill. The patterns have row-by-row instructions (no charts). Because these are relatively small projects, they shouldn't require a lot of knitting experience. However, there are a lot of pieces to knit and assemble for the human figures, and there is a lot of detail work required for the finishing. This set will definitely take some time to complete. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. came out super nice. By mongo3772Wife did this , this Xmas, came out super nice. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I thought this would be fun for the grandkids for Christmas but it looks like ... By Ruth LI thought this would be fun for the grandkids for Christmas but it looks like alot of fiddle work.

Now as well as singing the song, you can knit the characters. The Twelve Knits of Christmas brings together 12 charming knitting patterns for making all of the objects, birds, and people mentioned in the song and a beautifully illustrated book containing the words for each verse. Children will love to play with your knitted creations as you sing along together. And the projects can double up as Christmas decorations around your home, centering on the colourful and easy-to-assemble cardboard pear tree tucked into the back of the book - a ready made roosting spot fit for the finest partridge to enjoy.

About the Author Fiona Goble is a craft author and knitting blogger who for many years ran a small textile business making bags, cushions and throws. She regularly contributes to a number of craft magazines and teaches knitting, crochet and sewing classes locally. She is the author of several best-selling knitting books, including Knit Your Own Royal Wedding and Knitvity, plus the just-published Knitted Animal Hats.