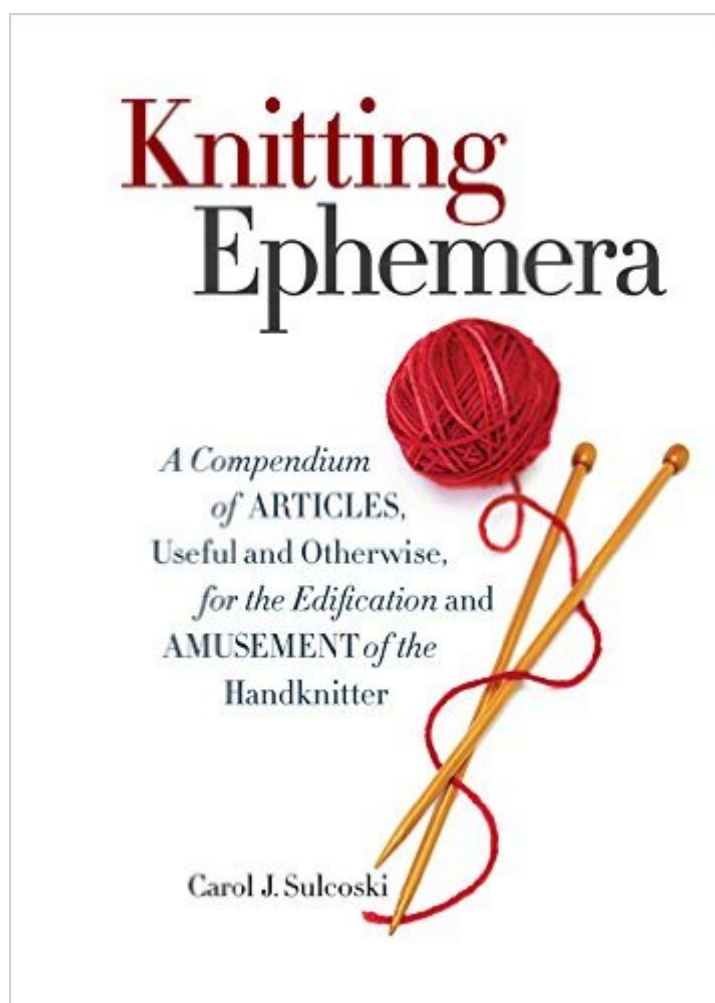


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# Knitting Ephemera: A Compendium Of Articles, Useful And Otherwise, For The Edification And Amusement Of The Handknitter



## Synopsis

Did you know that knitting burns 102 calories per hour? Or that November is national Knit a Sweater month? Or that there are more sheep than people in New Zealand, Australia, and Iceland? These fun facts and many more make up Knitting Ephemera, a treasury of trivia for knitting enthusiasts. Containing 300 entries, this informative collection covers everything from knitting's appearances in history, literature, folklore, and pop culture to little-known facts about wool, sheep, and fiber producers. Helpful tips and techniques are included, as well as tidbits on crochet, spinning, and weaving. With illuminating illustrations throughout, Knitting Ephemera will entertain knitters and needlecrafters everywhere.

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## Customer Reviews

Before there were cowls and wristers, there were Antimacassars, Matinee Coats, Semmits, Fascinators, Polkas, Berthes, Cephelines, Balaclavas, Paletots, and Muffetees! Indeed this is so, and each of these will be entertainingly explained early on in this amazing and informative book, opposite a line up of Sheep-y Factoids, one of which is: "Sheep have good memories. Some scientists estimate they can remember people or events for up to two years". I didn't know any of that, and I am very glad that I do, now. Knitting Ephemera is 130 pages of wonderful, if you are in the least interested in knitting. If you were not interested in knitting, you definitely will be, after reading this superfun, factual, and entertaining book. Are you intrigued by the history of knitting? As the author says on the back cover, "the first knitting needles were made from copper wire and were used in Arabian and Mediterranean countries", Are you curious about the Mythical lore of knitting?

Once again, from the back cover: "Residents of West Virginia have reported sightings of a giant white shaggy beast known as SHEEPSQUATCH. That is just way too close to where I live. The practical facts concerning knitting (the example of which...well, you just have to get the book and read this for yourself--it's eyepopping!), as well as the cultural aspects of knitting (did you know that Morticia Addams, Liz Lemon, and Holly GoLightly are all characters from television and film who knit?) are bits of info which shine, reflecting how much work and love the author has put into this book. The reader can't open this book without stopping immediately to read whatever information is offered on any given page. The layout makes it possible to do this without any frustration. It is very pretty, and there are a number of decorations and photos which add to the book's charm. You will be learning about "the real stuff" (for example, see Terms Used to Describe Yarn Color Effects, or the Knitting Needle Conversion Chart, which converts US to Metric), the odd and fascinating ("Author Hans Christian Anderson wrote a fairy tale called "The Darning Needle" about a, well, a darning needle who fancied herself a bit above her station and came to a bad end" and "What 1980's toy was immortalized in a Vogue Knitting Pattern Feature? --Cabbage Patch Kids. The Fall/Winter 1985 Vogue Knitting featured matching clothing patterns for both girl and doll: a stylish snowflake ski sweater, an Aran cardi with matching hat, and a cardigan/vest/skirt/tam combo"). The history is truly engrossing ("Prior to the 17th century, the Merino industry was so important in Spain that exporting a Merino Sheep was an offense punishable by death.") And what is going on in the present is very cool too, The author lists the top 10 knitting projects as measured by appearing the most times as an ongoing project in users' Ravelry queues. She even has solutions for some of us who come less naturally to knitting. I loved the presentation of tips to help in the following of knitting charts, meant for me and possibly for you as well. Perhaps you belong to a knitting group. Everyone is going to want a copy of this funny, informative, uniquely appealing, downright fabulous book. Makes a lovely gift for your crafty friends as well as for you. Be prepared to lend it out--you will all find something special about Knitting Ephemera. It's a marvelous book to read over and over!

Enjoyed every page! This is a must read for every knitter of every level. It was funny, interesting, and informative and learned details of the knitting industry and history that I never could have dreamed of!

This book is a beauty, both in content and in form. Open it to any page, and you will find at least three interesting facts or legends about knitting, contained in a gorgeous, clean, precise layout. It includes such gems as the discovery of the Coptic socks, a list of artworks depicting knitters, the

invention of self-stripping sock yarn, a list of painfully punny yarn store names, and even my own all-time favorite scene in 30 Rock, in which Victor Garber, as president of the Wool Council, describes a good thing as "very Wool." It is, simply put, a stone-cold groove for knitting trivia fans.

This book will transform you into the best knit nerd ever, much like Sheldon Cooper and Vincent Nigel-Murray, or even Cliff the mailman! The fun, vintage layout allows the reader to pick and choose the tantalizing morsel at random, if desired, without being so cutesy that you couldn't read it cover-to-cover. But it's not simply playful. As always, Sulcoski compiles a lot of good, useful information together in her extremely readable style. Even non-knitters will enjoy thumbing through this book. Need a gift for a knitter, but don't want to venture into that scary world of yarn? Try this instead - you'll both be happy you did.

I'm a "rabid knitter" and have always been interested in the "when, where and how of knitting...and this book is great! It's got all the answers to those "I wonder why.." questions. Like why babies are assigned pink or blue and where different terms came from. This would make a great gift for any serious knitter on your gift list!

I bought this book because Carol was coming to do a signing event at my favorite local yarn store. I read it almost cover to cover the night before, shouting out the funniest tidbits to my friends as I came across them. Lots of amusing bits, informative bits, and overall a really great little book to have in the knitting library. Plus, when I met her and she autographed it, she was supremely nice and funny, and she dyes some of the most gorgeous yarn to boot!

I saw one copy and ordered 6 more. am giving gifts to several knitting friends. One is reading portions of it weekly to her knitting Sunday school class. waiting patiently for Ephemera !!. Betty Henderson

I love this little gem!! I've been knitting for 45+ years, and I love to read about the history and little tidbits of knitting. It adds so much more pleasure to the yarn and needles in your hands, knowing that others through the ages have fell under the knitting spell as I have, and as this book demonstrates. I wonder if there will be another volume in the future, as I'm sure many, many bits and pieces had to be left out of this one. Otherwise, the tome would weight a good 25 pounds!!! am also thinking of gifting my knitting friends with a volume of this book, as many will love it as I do. It's a

wonderful size for a stocking stuffer, or to slip into your knitting bag when you just can't get to your knitting project, but need something to do to pass the time. Thank you, Carol, for this little wonder. Great job!!!

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