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Best-selling author Sarah Keen shows readers how to make 10 adorable topsy-turvy knitted dolls based on well-loved characters from fairy tales and nursery rhymes.

A revealing exploration of the origins and meanings of the mammy figure

Bring the magic of nursery rhymes alive with this lovely collection of popular nursery-rhyme characters. The book includes a wide variety of projects of different levels to knit from scratch. Choose from beloved human characters, such as Little Miss Muffett or Jack and Jill, or de-

lightful animals. Why not knit up five little ducks or five little monkeys? All the nursery rhymes are featured alongside the knitting patterns, so you can enjoy the book with young children or simply indulge in a nostalgic trip down memory lane.

Susan B. Anderson's fifth book--her most enchanting yet--turns the spotlight on "reversibles": knitted projects that are two toys in one. This collection of a dozen delightful toys features a dog in a doghouse, a chrysalis with a fluttery surprise inside, a tiny hidden fairy, a vintage toy with a fabled theme to boot, pigs in a blanket, and much more. The adorable photographic se-

quences and the playful and energetic line drawings show how each finished reversible can be turned inside out to reveal its companion toy. Projects are arranged in order from simplest (fine for a beginner) to the most challenging. Finally, the book features tutorials from the author (a great knitting teacher), explaining special techniques: how to apply any applique, how to do the stem stitch, how to embroider "eyes" on the Bunny and Lamb, and 14 more. It all adds up to the best knitting book of the season.

Contains easy-to-follow instructions for

making over 50 knitted toys in a selection of colours, ranging from tiny toys that take no time to knit to a large pair of dolls with sets of removable clothing. Only basic knitting skills are required.

This fabulous introduction to making modern dolls and creatures features a varied selection of original projects by contemporary designers and makers. Whether you are looking for an advanced project using traditional techniques, or a 'one-hour--make' doll to put together on a rainy day from bits and pieces found around your home, you will find inspiration here. Techniques for the construction of the dolls is explained in simple illustrated steps, and surface application such as hand sewing, appliqué, fabric painting and machine embroidery are used to create beautiful dolls that you won't want to give away...

Suspected of having caused her retarded aunt to walk away from their home in a small southern town in 1973, thirteen-year-old Memphis must deal with her past and her future.

2013 Book Award Winner from the International Research Society in Children's Literature 2012 Outstanding Book Award Winner from the Association for Theatre in Higher

Education 2012 Winner of the Lois P. Rudnick Book Prize presented by the New England American Studies Association 2012 Runner-Up, John Hope Franklin Publication Prize presented by the American Studies Association 2012 Honorable Mention, Distinguished Book Award presented by the Society for the Study of American Women Writers Part of the American Literatures Initiative Series Beginning in the mid nineteenth century in America, childhood became synonymous with innocence—a reversal of the previously-dominant Calvinist belief that children were depraved, sinful creatures. As the idea of childhood innocence took hold, it became racialized: popular culture constructed white children as innocent and vulnerable while excluding black youth from these qualities. Actors, writers, and visual artists then began pairing white children with African American adults and children, thus transferring the quality of innocence to a variety of racial-political projects—a dynamic that Robin Bernstein calls “racial innocence.” This phenomenon informed racial formation from the mid nineteenth century through the early twentieth. Racial Innocence takes up a rich archive including

books, toys, theatrical props, and domestic knickknacks which Bernstein analyzes as “scriptive things” that invite or prompt historically-located practices while allowing for resistance and social improvisation. Integrating performance studies with literary and visual analysis, Bernstein offers singular readings of theatrical productions from blackface minstrelsy to Uncle Tom’s Cabin to The Wonderful Wizard of Oz; literary works by Joel Chandler Harris, Harriet Wilson, and Frances Hodgson Burnett; material culture including Topsy pincushions, Uncle Tom and Little Eva handkerchiefs, and Raggedy Ann dolls; and visual texts ranging from fine portraiture to advertisements for lard substitute. Throughout, Bernstein shows how “innocence” gradually became the exclusive province of white children—until the Civil Rights Movement succeeded not only in legally desegregating public spaces, but in culturally desegregating the concept of childhood itself. Check out the author's blog for the book here.

Simple steps to sew and knit adorable dolls, with Jane Bull Create your own beautiful rag doll collection at home with Crafty

Dolls, the latest in award-winning author Jane Bull's successful activity series. Crafty Dolls provides you with over 30 variations of adorable rag dolls to make, including a beautiful ballerina, a party princess, a bed time doll and even tiny pocket dolls. Each classic doll pattern has a modern twist and every single one has a lovely outfit to create to match their hobby, such as fashion, music, crafting, pets and sport. You can dress your dolls up even further with accessories such as bags, shoes and jewellery, Crafty Dolls has suggestions for them all! Whether you prefer to knit your dolls or tackle sewing projects all the templates and patterns are included so you will be able to create gorgeous dolls with ease. Jane's clear instructions and step-by-step photographs will walk you through everything you need to know, from how to make a doll, to the equipment you'll need, and how to perfect your sewing and knitting techniques. Perfect for rag doll lovers everywhere, Crafty Dolls will have you making cute creations in no time.

Design your own dolls with this amazing book of mix-and-match crochet patterns. Building up from the basic body, add hairstyles, hats, outfits and accessories to

capture your family, friends and favourite people in crochet form. The flippable pages make it easy to follow the patterns in any combination. You could make a countless number of different dolls, or you could make one doll with an extraordinary wardrobe. The book has two flip sections: First choose who you want to make with the top 'head' flip - you could make your mum, grandad, sister, best friend, favourite actor or pop star - or even yourself! Next choose what they are going to be with the bottom 'outfit' flip - with costumes for an astronaut and a princess, a ballerina and a footballer, a mermaid and a pirate, a surgeon, a punk and more. With step-by-step instructions for all the basic crochet techniques that are needed, this is perfect for beginners. In addition to the flip pattern pages, there are 12 pages of colour photography showing how easy it is to combine the different flip costumes with the additional hats, clothing and hairstyles to make impressive modifications such as a wizard or a bride and groom. With tips on choosing the right skin tones, styling hair and adding facial features, the only limit is your imagination!

Explaining the basics of lace-knitting, this

series features directions for creating 10 small angels and two large angels. Because the construction and lace patterns are simple variations on a theme, lace-knitting skills are progressively honed and developed. The sequence of work allows the knitter to observe how the lace pattern develops and then to explore its options for further fabrication. Clearly illustrated techniques and step-by-step blocking and finishing directions ensure first-time success.

Knitting & Crochet.

Get ready to blast off on an intergalactic knitting mission to boldly create an array of cosmos-themed projects ready for any interplanetary adventure! Knitted Space is the latest title from Sarah Keen and incorporates 20 projects including an astronaut, space rocket, flying saucer and shooting star. As well as the projects, Knitted Space also includes a comprehensive techniques section which makes the book accessible to those new to knitting. The projects make ideal gifts for any space-loving child, providing hours of fun.

Create twelve dolls and over fifty garments and accessories to dress them in

with this wonderful collection, featuring easy-to-follow instructions. Make an adorable, knitted doll for the little person in your life. Children will love all twelve dolls in this knitting pattern collection which has been designed to provide the perfect playmate. Each doll has their own personality and style—whether it's Faye with her cute bunny ear hat and cozy boots, or Jane with her chic beret and Breton top. There is a doll here to suit everyone. The step-by-step instructions show you how to make the twelve individual dolls, but you could also mix and match the outfits, hairstyles, and colors to create the perfect doll for you. My Knitted Doll is not for the absolute beginner knitter but will appeal to knitters who do have a basic understanding of the craft. Having said that, the instructions are presented succinctly with easy-to-follow diagrams, with charts for intarsia and other designs. Provides instructions for making a sewing box, quilts, dolls, samplers, hand towels, footstools, rugs, cut-and-pierced lampshades, scherenschnitt, bandboxes, and gameboards

Immerse yourself in the magical, fantastical land of fairy tales, with giants, witches,

princes and princesses. Be spellbound by this beautiful book full of fun and fabulous characters to knit and recreate 15 of the well-loved fairy tales, including Cinderella, Hansel and Gretel, Puss in Boots, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs and Little Red Riding Hood.

“At last! A complete book on doll design and soft sculpture has been written.” —Virginia Robertson, designer and publisher

Master dollmaker Susanna Oroyan gives you the definitive book on fabric sculpting. Anatomy of a Doll is packed with an abundance of exquisite photographs that capture the best work from dollmakers today. Detailed step-by-step illustrations for an incredible variety of cloth dolls are included for you to create any type of cloth doll imaginable. Many methods of doll construction are covered so that beginning and professional dollmakers have a handy answer book. Beginners will find the book a practical guide that examines techniques for making all kinds of dolls. The more experienced dollmaker will discover an abundance of new ideas and techniques never before found in one book. Anatomy of a Doll shows you everything from bending

wire to cutting cloth, which will allow you to create your own original dolls! “[Enjoy] this book as a peerless museum guide, as a user’s manual of the inventive hand and mind, and as a parable of science.” —Scientific American “It’s finally happened—the cloth doll book that says it all! Thank you Susanna—the table is set, the banquet is prepared!” —Elinor Peace Bailey, author of *Storytelling with Dolls* “Here is all the information you need—written in Susie’s friendly, casual style.” —Cary Raesner, editor of *Doll World*

Part of the popular Famous series, *Famous Dolls* celebrates dolls in film, TV, cartoons, books, comics and comic strips, as well as toys such as Hamble in *Playschool*. It also explores the world of celebrity dolls including stars such as Shirley Temple and Mae West, pop star dolls including Michael Jackson and Cher, and dolls representing royalty. Written by leading doll expert, Susan Brewer, the author of *British Dolls in the 1950s* and *British Dolls in the 1960s*, the book starts with a series of essays setting dolls in context and exploring their role in popular culture. The main part of the book is an impressive A-Z of famous dolls, with symbols to show in which field they be-

came famous (e.g. cartoons, toys or comic strips). The stories behind each of the dolls are told, including the tragic tale of Raggedy Ann and how a little girl inspired one of the most iconic character dolls of all time. A must-buy book for everyone who has ever own or collected dolls or is interested in popular culture. Did you know? - The author of Raggedy Ann, Johnny Gruelle, was a vehement anti-vaccination campaigner after his young daughter died when she was vaccinated at school without his consent - Angela Rippon created the Victoria Plum doll series based on a plum tree in her garden - Holly Hobbie is an author and illustrator who named the famous patchwork-wearing little girl after her. It became a popular doll in the 1970s

A knit-and-read book: 13 farm-centric projects for the perfect homespun toys, with a bonus story. A mother hen and her chicks (and their adorable knitted eggshells), three little piglets, and a black lamb full of good intentions are just some of the appealing projects in Spud and Chloë at the Farm, the latest innovative work from author and world-class knitter Susan B. Anderson. The projects in this book follow Spud, a feisty pet sheep, and Chloë, his perky

owner, as they travel to a farm and meet the inhabitants of the barnyard, including a brown cow, some mice, a dog, and a barn cat. To continue the theme, and set the stage for loads of interactive play, the book also offers instructions for making an assortment of farm props, such as a picket fence, bales of hay, dainty baskets, and even a three-sided foldable barn. Meanwhile, witty full-color cartoons (presented one per spread throughout the text of the book) tell the story of Spud and Chloë's visit to the farm, which starts with an invitation from Spud's cousin Little Lamb. Featuring charming full-color photographs of the knitted toys, this book is a must-have for knitters and their loved ones.

Cloth Dollmaking is more than a collection of patterns and instructions, it is a complete course in the craft of creating cloth dolls. Author Antonette Cely, a world-renowned cloth doll artist, takes the aspiring dollmaker all the way from making a simple felt Christmas tree angel to a detailed and realistic 20th Century adult female figure. Conveniently packaged in a ring binder, the reader can add notes, magazine clippings and additional materials as their work progresses. Cloth Dollmaking is

perfect for beginners and experienced doll-makers alike.

This wonderful collection of handmade toys will delight children both young and old. The 25 projects, designed by expert craftsman Rob Merrett, take their inspiration from traditional playthings, including dolls, animals, and more. Begin with Baby's First Soft Toy—delightful gifts for newborns designed in soft colors and gentle prints. Nursery Novelties is next, with easy patchwork and appliqué embellishments, followed by Activity Toys, where clever designs will stimulate young children's minds. Creature Comforts has adorable animals that are perfect for little ones in a range of pretty fabrics. Finally, Divine Dollies is packed with trendy, vintage-looking rag dolls that you will love to make. Rob also develops the concept of "Kids Forever," where designs should appeal not just to children, but also to adults who will appreciate his stylish, retro approach. Each toy comes with clear, step-by-step text and beautiful photography and artworks that will guide even a novice stitcher, helping them to produce gorgeous gifts with a charming, handcrafted

feel.

This technique-filled workshop for creating soft toys, with 16 projects and 52 lessons, covers everything from the basics to advanced construction elements.

Sew super-cute rag dolls and their gorgeous clothes—perfect for personalized presents! Start with one basic doll sewing pattern—which you can then alter to personalize your doll’s coloring and hairstyle. Then choose from a range of fabulous themed outfits and accessories to complete your uniquely charming doll—including a ballerina doll, a bride doll, a bedtime doll, and a fairy doll. All instructions are suitable for intermediate to experienced sewers and include full-sized templates for the doll, clothes, and accessories.

Delight children and adults alike by creating a whole host of fun and fabulous knitted characters from this latest book by best-selling author, Sarah Keen. Inside you'll find 50 knitted dolls in costume and work attire, including graduates, a doctor, fire-fighter, painter and decorator, ballerina, bride and groom, spaceman, snowman, fitness enthusiast and hiker, to name just a few. All the projects are made from DK yarn, which is easy to wash, durable

and child-friendly. They are perfect gifts for loved ones or as a treat to yourself.

Live life in the knitted fast lane with these super-cool, super-sized knitted cars and trucks for children to enjoy. Wave goodbye to little metal vehicles being driven into furniture and painful feet from treading on small metal parts, and say hello to these wonderfully soft, squishy four wheelers. Complete with a knitted road playmat to drive them on and accessories such as traffic lights, cones and barriers to add to the fun, children will get hours and hours of playtime from these fabulous projects. Vehicles include a 4 x 4, London bus, fire engine, police car, bulldozer, racing car, London black cab, articulated truck, tractor, tanker, crane, ambulance, recycling truck, limousine, camper van, a car with a caravan and a car breakdown rescue vehicle.

Illustrated, step-by-step instructions for 24 soft dolls, for beginner to advanced sewers.

Some 2,500 detailed supplier listings in two broad categories--general arts, crafts and hobbies; and needlecrafts, sewing and fiber arts--are followed by a comprehen-

sive resources section with listings of information, supply, and publication resources for those in or about to enter a crafts business. Published by Betterway Books, 1507 Dana Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45207. Annotation copyright by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

Internationally recognized cloth doll designer Brenda Brightmore offers a collection of fabulous patterns for ten different dolls, ranging from flapper dolls with attitude to modest ladies to cute babies and children. Step-by-step instructions accompany vivid color photos.

Scandinavian knitting sensations Arne and Carlos (authors of the international best-seller *55 Christmas Balls to Knit*) aspire to bring a little fun to your inner child with a fantastic collection of knitted dolls, as well as instruction for creating a charming knitted wardrobe for them. Based on the dolls Arne and Carlos used during their career in the fashion design industry (they would design clothing in miniature before transforming it into “human” sizes), you’ll find easy-to-knit instructions for five doll bodies and tips for giving them features. Then, dress them up: From underwear to overcoats,

you'll find miniature knits to suit all seasons. Whether knitting dolls for your own enjoyment, or to collect and give to a child or grandchild, the playful universe created by Arne and Carlos is one you'll enjoy exploring!

The possibilities for three-dimensional manipulation of fabric - gathering, pleating, tucking, shirring, and quilting woven materials - are seemingly endless. To describe them all would be to describe the entire history of sewing. In *The Art of manipulating Fabric*, Colette Wolff has set herself just this task, and she succeeds brilliantly. Working from the simplest possible form - a flat piece of cloth and a threaded needle - she categorizes all major dimensional techniques, show how they are related, and give examples of variations both traditional and modern. The result is an encyclopedia of techniques that resurface, reshape, restructure and reconstruct fabric.

- More than 350 diagrams support the extensive how-tos, organized into broad general categories, then specific sub-tech-

- niques • Handsome photos galleries showcase the breathtaking possibilities in each technique and aid visual understanding by emphasizing the sculptured fabric surface with light and shadow • Textile artists and quilters, as well as garment and home decor sewers, will expand their design horizons with the almost limitless effects that can be achieved.

Collectors will delight in acquiring the first and only Black dolls book that is completely published in Full Color! Author Debbie Garrett has written an extensive book of reference on vintage, modern, fashion and artist Black dolls. Featured in this book are Black dolls made from cloth, bisque, celluloid, composition, rubber, wood, and hard plastic. Fashion dolls, modern artist dolls and other doll categories are covered. This long overdue, insightful book includes a price guide and tips.

Kindle the imagination with these loveable handmade fabric toys! Inspired by vintage 1940s patterns, projects include dolls, softies, pillows, puppets, and little girl's handbag. Learn toy-making tips to give

your creation personal style and a sweet disposition. Author Jill Hamor gives ideas for involving children in the process to teach them basic sewing skills. Customize any project to fit your skill level and time commitment, and have fun making outfits for your dolly from your favorite fabrics, scraps, or even upcycled bits from old clothes. Share the love of handmade with your whole family...the young and the young at heart!

Grab your yarn and knitting needles and delve into this wonderful book from best-selling author, Sarah Keen. Sarah shows readers how to make adorable topsy-turvy knitted dolls based on well-known and loved characters from fairy tales and nursery rhymes. Each project in *Topsy-Turvy Knitted Dolls* has accessories or extra characters to knit, providing plenty of play potential for children choosing to recreate scenes from famous tales. There are 10 projects to make, providing hours of fun for you creating them and many more for children playing with them.