



PURLS OF WISDOM

IF KNITTING is the new nightclubbing (yes it is, people, stop arguing) then get into the groove courtesy of Scottish designer Jo Storie. Her catwalk knitwear is now available for needle-lovers everywhere. Based in the Borders, Storie has worked for Ballantyne cashmere, J. Crew and Ann Taylor, and now you too can be a proud owner of one of her exclusive designs. Her patterns cost from £3 and include cardigans, hats, snoods, scarves and bags as well as cushions and throws. A guide to the level of difficulty, ranging from beginner to intermediate, means you won't take on anything too ambitious, and there are even instructions on the best wool to use.

Storie says, "Throughout my career, creating designs for the world's catwalks, I have come across many knitters who were looking for something different to get their needles in to. So inspired by this eager knitting fraternity, I decided to make my designs accessible to as wide an audience as possible.

"This is the first time I have made a range of my patterns publicly available. Stimulated by Scottish heritage and design, the patterns provide any level of knitter with the ability to create their own luxury garment in their own home. I hope it will encourage everyone from knitwear enthusiasts to the intrigued amateur to pick up their knitting needles and create their own catwalk couture."

From £3, www.jostorie.com

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