

Fox and Geese and Fences: A Collection of Traditional Maine Mittens

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Only a handful of knitters in Maine and Maritime Canada still remember how to make the traditional mitten patterns used by their great-grandmothers, for the designs were simply taught by example and recorded only in memory. Fortunately for today's handcrafters, Robin Hansen has searched out the few knitters who still make the old designs or who have reconstructed lost patterns from surviving examples. She tested the patterns, wrote out detailed instructions, and gathered them all in this illustrated book. Fox Geese Fences features complete knitting instructions for eleven

designs in sizes ranging from infant to adult. In addition to the mittens you'll find directions for fishermen's wrists and nippers, caps, and shooting gloves. These are handsome, sturdy wool garments with special qualities that make them unbelievably warm. Some are double-knit so they insulate twice as well as a plain mitten or cap. Others are fleece-stuffed to make a soft, insulating lining. Fisherman's mittens are knit extra large, then shrunk to size, which makes them extremely dense and warm especially when wet! Striped, Checkerboard, Sawtooth, Spruce, and Fox Geese are just some of the time-tested designs in this handy pattern book. All modern knitters are sure to appreciate these warm, durable, and beautiful heirloom mittens.