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Inspired by lush garden flowers here are 25 gorgeous knitted garments and accessories from top Rowan designer Martin Storey. The projects offer a mix of designs, some with applied flowers and others with floral designs knitted into them, others with the designs embroidered on top. The wearables range from sweaters, boleros and shrugs to scarves, bags, and berets. There is also a small bouquet of delightful home accessory projects, like cushions and throws so you can also festoon your home with spring blooms. Photographed on location, the stunning full-color pictures are fresh and pretty, and the styles are right in tune with current fashion trends. All the projects are made with yarns from Rowan, some of the bestselling yarns in the country.

## **Floral Knits: 25 Contemporary Flower-Inspired Designs Details**

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# **From Reader Review Floral Knits: 25 Contemporary Flower-Inspired Designs for online ebook**

## **Elizabeth says**

I won this book through a giveaway on Goodreads. Lots of great ideas for using flowers as part of a knitting project as well as pieces that can be made separately and then attached to something.

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## **Carol says**

Floral Knits: 25 Contemporary Flower-Inspired Designs by Martin Story is filled with beautiful color photos of a variety of knitting projects. I have bought knitting project books before so I am very familiar with them. Usually, I use them more for inspiration than for duplicating what is in the book.

The projects range in difficulty from floral designs on sweaters and pretty blossoms on socks to the much easier to coasters and table runners. The instructions are clear and easy to understand. The only thing that would improve this knitting project book is an indication of the level, like beginner, intermediate and expert. That could be easily be done by adding the level to the top of the pattern. Most knitters learn which type of garment or accessory are the most difficult for them as time goes on but I think it would be a good help for beginners to know.

There are some clever ideas for projects. I have made knitted squares with designs before but I never thought of knitting them vertically for a pretty table runner. I have knitted flowers before to attach as a decoration but the author has instructions for a type that I haven't tried before.

I highly recommend this book to all who love to knit.

I received this book as a win from FirstReads but that in no way influenced my thoughts or ideas in this review.

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## **Laura says**

Thank you to Goodreads for my first Reads win. Fun book. Love the photos. Instructions are great! If you like doing projects to give as gifts or for yourself this is the book for you.

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## **Sara says**

I like flowers, I really do - but these, not so much. Don't see a thing that I'd knot here.

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## **Ronnie says**

First, I should disclose that I received the book for free through Goodreads First Reads.

Secondly, I should tell you that this book is a WOW! I have been a big fan of Martin Storey on Ravelry for quite a while, and have admired many of his patterns listed there. In fact, reading Martin's biography on Ravelry is what made me want to win this book!

The first thing you note about this book is the cleverness and originality of the designs themselves. They are contemporary (without being over-the-top strange) and the instructions are clear and concise. I am very particular about how I select projects for knitting (both because there are so many patterns out on the internet, and because I have had the frustration of starting a project to find that the math didn't add up or that the end result was a disappointment.) I have marked NINE projects from this book of 25 that are MUST makes for my home- and SEVEN that I will make for relatives as presents for Christmas. I do not own another knitting book where I have so many projects marked as I have in this book! Every page brought a "gasp" and "oohs and aahs" from my daughter- who had her own list of requests from this book.

The second thing you note is the beautiful photography- much more beautiful than any other knitting book in my library. I read in Martin's Introduction that the young lady who models the apparel is his niece Harriet! Seeing a project on a model is very important to me, it gives me the opportunity to see how a garment would hang on someone. I also appreciate that there are many different "types" of projects in this book. So many books are "all sweaters" or "all socks" or "all jackets"- this book has such a beautiful assortment of projects to do; from socks, to sweaters, pillows, throws, cardigans- even purses! There literally is something for everyone here.

I noted that some of the graphs and charts in the book are color coded- a big plus for me!

I will follow-up this review with comments about how the projects I have bookmarked come out. In the interim, many thanks to Martin Storey and St. Martin's Griffin for allowing me the privilege of owning such a beautiful book which I will treasure!

I would highly recommend this book for all knitters of all levels experience.

UPDATE: I have just completed a project from the book - came out FABULOUS!!!! So fabulous in fact, that I may not give it away, but might keep it for myself :>) Thanks Martin!!!!!!

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## **Mercedes says**

I like all things I see to do in this book but I really wanted it for my daughter who knits and crochets and she gives it a "thumbs up".

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## **Racheal says**

Floral Knits includes beautiful pictures and easy to follow instructions. I would love to make a floral throw

blanket like the one pictured in the book.

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**Kris says**

This book would make a great gift. The ideas are fun, the instructions are clear, and the photos are vibrant.

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**Catherine says**

This book is lovely to look at. There are plenty of ideas for those looking to make floral knits.

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**Tracy says**

Awesome book for the experienced knitter. Pictures are beautiful, instructions are clear, and most important the instructions are in the SAME FONT and spacing as the rest of the book. No squinting or magnifying glass needed. So happy I entered the Goodreads contest.

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