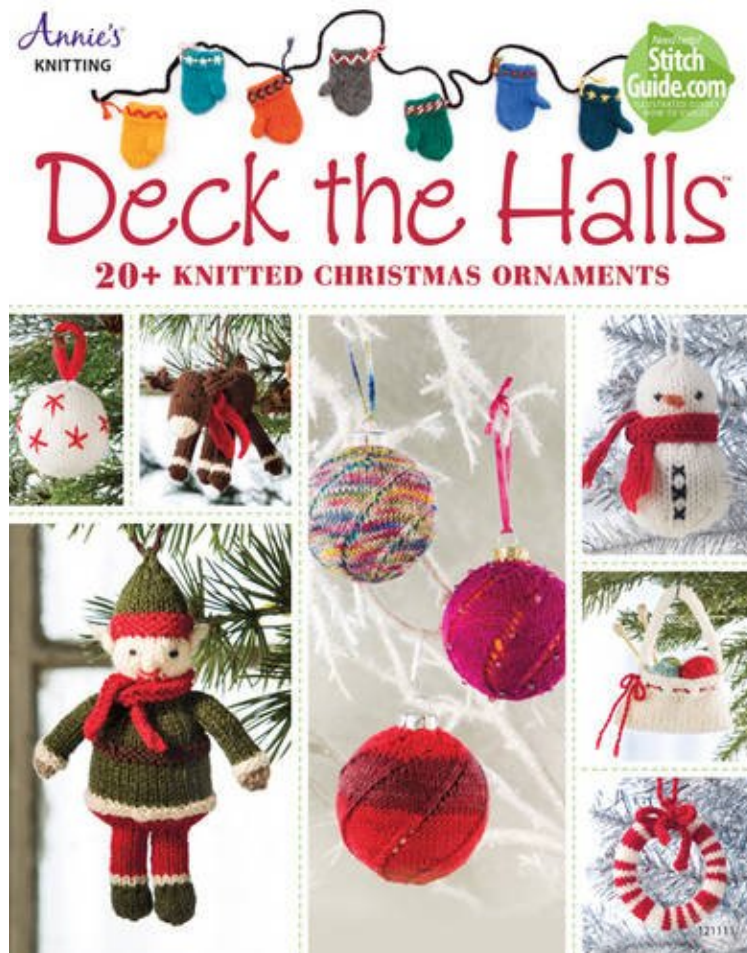


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Deck the Halls and Raid the Stash! In this exciting pattern book, weve got 20+ ornaments to keep those idle hands busy all season long as you happily knit the hours away creating handmade ornaments for your very own tree, and as treasured gifts for friends and family. Making these ornaments is easy on the wallet too. Luckily, Christmas ornaments are small, which means you dont need to invest vast amounts of time or money on making them. Also, these charming

patterns are made using a variety of yarn weights so you can easily find your gauge and conveniently use whatever yarns you have on hand. If you're up for learning some new techniques, then you are in luck too. In *Deck the Halls*, you'll discover openwork techniques, knitting with beads, knitting in the round, stranded colorwork, felting, and drop stitch. You'll also be delighted by the range of familiar friends we've got: Jolly Saint Nick of course, Donner the Reindeer, Elfie and Agnes the Lamb to name just a few. Let's pick up our needles, and make some Christmas magic!

For those of us that enjoy knitting Christmas decorations (our knitting group has a knitted decoration, Secret Santa every year) this book is a real treat. The projects are made using a variety of different weight yarns. The amount of yarn used is minimal, which means they're a great way to use up your ends. The book contains a brief 'Knitting Basics' section at the back of the book, which includes diagrams, standard knitting abbreviations and a chart of standard yarn weights. Further help can be found in the form of Illustrated Guides and How To Videos on the accompanying website. The book contains a brief 'Knitting Basics' section at the back of the book, which includes diagrams, standard knitting abbreviations and a chart of standard yarn weights. Further help can be found in the form of Illustrated Guides and How To Videos on the accompanying website. Each pattern has a skill level indicated at the top of it, from beginner to experienced. The instructions are written clearly, with any 'Special Abbreviations' explained on the pattern, so you won't find yourself having to refer to a different page in the book. Narrowing down our choice to just a few favourites is quite difficult, as all of the patterns are cute in their own right. If you favour that 'clean, stripped back' almost 'rustic' Jona Lewie, 'Stop the Cavalry' Christmas feel, then the Wish Upon a Star decorations are beautiful. If you're more of a Noddy Holder from *Slade - 'IT'S CHRISTMAS'*, type of person, then you're going to love the Santa Ornament and Elfie. If you're more of a Mariah Carey, 'All I want For Christmas Is You' person, then the Opulent Openwork Ornaments are a match made in Christmas heaven. Meanwhile, those of us that love Tom Jones and Carys Matthews 'Baby it's Cold Outside' will be most happy with the Bright Stockings or Little Mitten Garland. We're also smitten by the Littlest Matryoshka Dolls that would make a lovely gift any time of the year. Christmas is fast approaching and I don't know about you but I'm now making everything for Christmas. It doesn't get better than the "*Deck the Halls*" book. It's jam packed with Christmas Ornaments that you'll love to make. Most of the patterns are for an intermediate level of crocheter so I wouldn't really recommend it for a new knitter. The book uses a variety of yarns to create the amazing designs. All of the designs are perfect for adorning your Christmas tree. My favourite is the "It's in the Bag" decoration. It's a super cute little bag with small yarn balls and two knitting needles. As a knitter and crocheter I'm going to make myself one for on my tree. All the patterns are in written format but charts are supplied for patterns using repeating designs. Annie's also gives you access to a stitch guide, which includes illustrated guides how to videos. With 20+ patterns in the book it offers fantastic value for money. The patterns are varied and most people would like most or all of the patterns. Fantastic way to decorate a Christmas tree! For the full review and images please visit: www.crochetaddictuk.com Crochet Addict UK All your Xmas favourites ready to knit - Santa, trees, polar bears, snowflakes, baubles and mitts. Add Xmas jumpers, Babushkas and angels, pixie, reindeer and snowman or two and you are on your way to your jolliest Xmas ever. There are over 20 tree ornaments to knit. You can use up your odd bits of knitting yarns. Each project is graded for skill level. Instructions are clear and are accompanied by good photos. Karen Platt Yarnsandfabrics.co.uk/crafts Knit a houseful of Christmas decorations with this fun pattern book. Both the front and back covers are filled with small photographs of some of the projects so you can see right away what is in store, a good touch. This also stresses the fact that this is a book of patterns rather than a book that teaches knitting, and some experience is required to tackle any of the pieces. Each project in the Annie's series has a rating of between one and four and these are all either three (intermediate) or in a couple of cases four (experienced) so this is not a book for the knitting novice. To jog your memory there is a double page spread at the back showing the basics, abbreviations, table of yarns weights and explanation of the skill levels. The projects themselves manage to be both traditional and contemporary in one go, a neat feat. Choose from figures like a snowman, reindeer, elf, Santa etc to hang up or go for mitten bunting, baubles, fun sweater shaped decorations or Nordic styled pieces to name a few. The emphasis here is on things to hang up whether on the walls or the tree and most are ideal for using up scraps of yarn. Each pattern has a large photograph of the finished piece in situ together with written instructions (apart from one cable chart), finished size, skill level, notes and list of what you need. This is a book that flops open easily magazine style and the instructions are very well laid out for easy reading. I can imagine this book coming out every year as cherished handmade heirlooms are created. Rachel Hyde - Myshef.com About the Author Annie's is part of the third-generation Muselman family business, founded in 1925 and long known for original craft designs including crochet, knitting, card making, paper crafts, beading, sewing, quilting, and needlework. Annie's books are sold through independent retailers and major chain stores worldwide. They are headquartered in Berne, Indiana.