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Textiles

The Textile Directory

Are you looking for supplies for your textile projects? Do you know where to find workshops to expand your skills? The Textile Directory contains information on everything from suppliers, workshops and magazines to top designers to commission for that special treat. It is the most comprehensive information site about textiles available on the internet and is the best place to visit to be kept up to date with all the latest news, reviews and events.

The website contains more than 2000 listings so you are guaranteed find everything you need. As well as this we have all the latest books reviewed by fellow professionals and available to buy in our secure online bookstore. All the latest news and stories are also covered by our team of eager reporters.

We are currently running our fantastic Spellbinding Textiles competition, which has a first prize of £1000 to spend on Pfaff products, plus the best thirty entries will be exhibited early next year.

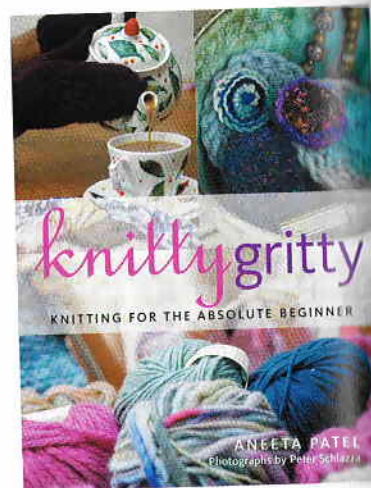
We are re-launching the website on 8 September 2008, when it will also include a blogging area for you to share your tips and advice and meet other textile lovers. With so many great features to explore why not relax and have a browse through The Textile Directory at www.thetextiledirectory.com (See advertisement on page 59)

A&C Black

Knitty Gritty is the essential guide to knitting for beginners. Publishing by A&C Black, this tried and tested handbook is filled with workshops and patterns, all of which have been fully tested by new knitters. Written by Aneeta Patel, a professional knitting teacher who claims never to have failed in teaching anyone to knit in 5 minutes, this how-to guide is ideal for the absolute beginner. Written in plain English, with translations from 'knit' to English, workshops include decreasing and increasing, sewing, dropped stitches and stitch patterns.

Filled with 'action shot' photographs, and packed with gorgeous projects, ranging from mittens and baby booties to bags and wraps, this comprehensive resource is a must-have for the new generation of knitters.

Visit www.acblack.com/textiles for full details of A&C Black's textile titles. For further information on Aneeta Patel's knitting classes, please visit www.knittingsos.co.uk/. (See advertisement on page 55)

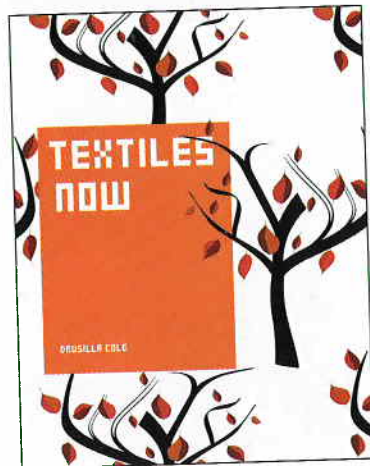


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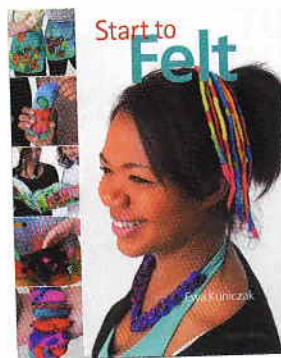
Textiles Now by Drusilla Cole and published by Laurence King celebrates international contemporary textile design, focussing on fabric and fibre designs from the past five years that have been created for use in decorative art, fashion and interior design. The book contains a wide selection of mainly three dimensional contemporary textile designs and is set out in three sections; 'Constructed', 'Dyed, Painted and Printed' and Mixed Media and Stitched Textiles'.

With growing concern over sustainability and the environment many artists in the book use natural dyes, recycled fibres or eco-friendly methods in their production.

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Start to Felt



In her lively new book Ewa Kuniczak brings the colourful world of textiles to young people, teaching them the ancient craft of feltmaking. Here she presents a great collection of fun projects including some fabulous jewellery and brilliant bags, plus ideas for developing the techniques shown into even more creative projects. Aimed at 10-14 year olds, would-be felt makers of any age

would find the step-by-step instructions and colour illustrations both helpful and inspiring!

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