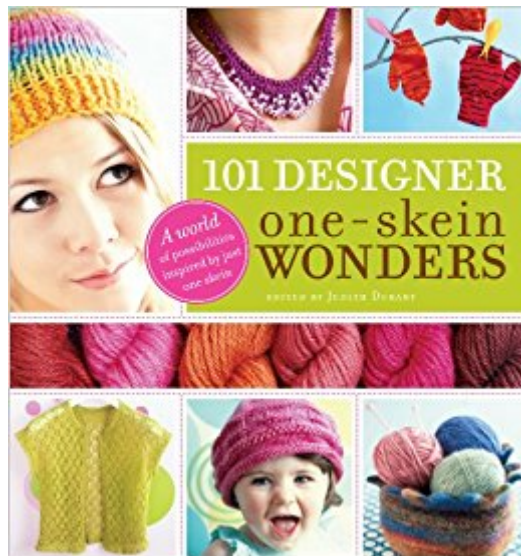


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# 101 Designer One-Skein Wonders®: A World Of Possibilities Inspired By Just One Skein



## Synopsis

For every lonely skein there is a perfect small pattern. In this compilation by Judith Durant, knitwear designers from across the United States offer their favorite little projects – each designed to use just one ball of yarn. Hats, scarves, bags, shawls, mittens, pillows, and other One-Skein Wonders® make fun and portable weekend projects. All 101 designs are pictured in a full-color project gallery, while clear instructions make it easy for knitters of every skill level to tie up some loose ends. •

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## Customer Reviews

• If she loves to knit, but she's too busy, then "101 Designer One-Skein Wonders" is the book for her. Scarves, hats, necklaces, belts, purses, even wristlets -- this design book edited by Judith Durant has them all. And all designs can be knit with a single skein of yarn. • "The Star Ledger, Newark NJ" • With knitters clamoring for more of the imaginative patterns Durant introduced in One-Skein Wonders: 101 Yarn Shop Favorites, the author has tapped into a wide circle of knitwear designers to compile a totally fresh, fabulous, fun collection of more one-skein projects. •

â “ Cambridge (NY) Eagle Â Â â œThe author of One-Skein Wonders taps into the expertise of knitting designers across the country to present an all-new compendium of 101 enchanting projects, organized according to yarn weight, for knitters of all skill levels, featuring an array of hats, scarves, bags, shawls, and many other fashion and home accessories.â • â “ Paper Clips Magazine

Designer Possibilities for Your Single SkeinsBrought to you by your favorite knitwear designers, here are 101 playful patterns, each requiring only a single ball of yarn. So choose an orphan skein from your secret stash and start stitching lively scarves, bags, hats, shawls, and dozens of other fun little projects. Bet you can't knit just one!

I can't wait to begin making all of these ! I must caution though...I haven't yet tried her instructions yet! I'll update my review after I complete a couple, to let you know how well her instructions are written. But that aside, I'm VERY pleased with the projects she presents. Out of 101 projects, there's only one I don't particularly care for! That in itself is amazing! While several of the projects are hats and scarfs, there are a nice variety of projects, including, but not limited to, some sweaters for toddlers as well as shrugs and socks for adults. While using only one skein of yarn seems limiting in the number and types of products you can make, Judith does a wonderful job of showing there is a larger variety of projects than you would think possible!

I have great difficulty finding various patterns on the kindle version as it seems to be that no page numbers are listed and the photos are not well coordinated with the instructions. I also have the paperback version of this book and have knit many of the various projects with great results. I hope I will be able to better utilize the Kindle version

This is the second book in the "One Skein Wonders" group, and it is a useful addition to a knit and crochet library. There are, as promised, 101 designs to choose from, and I bought both books hoping to find creative short duration projects that would make use of any number of orphan skeins left over from completed projects or skeins that I purchased on sale.Of course the term "skein" is rather meaningless, since the lengths included in one skein vary not only with the weight of the yarn but also with the way a company chooses to package it. Fortunately both One Skein Wonder books list the yardage required. Still, it is a bit disheartening to find a project pictured that you know would be great in one of the yarns from your stash, only to discover that even though it is the correct weight, your skein contains only 93 yards and the project calls for a skein of 256 yards.All of the

projects included in the "Designer" version are pictured in color at the beginning of the book (grouped by yarn weights), with the page number and pattern name superimposed on the picture. This is a nice organizational improvement over the first book, which lists pattern names and page numbers in the center of a group of photos identified by letters of the alphabet. Missing from the second book is the small photo next to the actual pattern. Instead, the "Designer" book is littered with various sizes of the same distracting filler graphic. Each pattern does include a page reference to a picture of the project. A glossary at the end also includes some clear illustrations. Several of the lace weight patterns include charts, but the vast majority of the pattern instructions are written out. This is a handy, useful book that is definitely worth buying.

There are a lot of things I like about this book: lots of cute patterns, great pictures, and instructions are (usually) clear. I've made several of the patterns and they turned out great. There is a wide range of difficulty and styles. Great if you're running out of time for a gift, you want to use up some of your stash, or you bought some yarn you love but don't know what to do with it. The only criticisms I have are that there are a lot of errors and some of the techniques are not explained very well. For the errors, you can go to the publisher's website and get the corrections. To save paper, I just printed out what I needed for the pattern I was working on. That was fine until I finished it and wanted to start a new one while I was traveling. I'm not an advanced enough knitter to be able to figure out many of the errors on my own. As far as the techniques, many of them are explained well, but some of the more complicated ones (ex. short rows) are not explained very well at all. Again, you can resolve this on your own by looking up the techniques on the internet. Overall, I recommend the book if you don't mind doing a little extra research on the internet.

I checked this book out from the library, renewed it as many times as possible. If I use a craft book over and over again I feel I owe it to the author to buy the book in appreciation for their generosity in sharing their knowledge. I love this book. I made the headband for my little cousin, made a scarf and wanted to do more. There is a scarf in here that I tried over and over again. When I finally got the hang of it I ran out of yarn. One day I'll try again. With more yarn. Unlike many other knitting books I have perused from the library, there are many projects in this book that I wanted to try. Many are beautiful or unusual. This is a great source for gift projects.

I have the original One Skein book and love the projects that are in it, so I was excited when the new one came out. I was not disappointed. There are many cute projects here, many that even a

beginner(I would consider myself an advanced beginner) could do. I have never made a sweater yet, but I know I could knit 3 of the 4 baby sweaters. There are many cute socks, hats and scarves too. I've already picked out 23 patterns that I would like to make some time. That's not bad when most knitting books seem to have 2-3 patterns that I would really want to make. While there are patterns for many different weights of yarn, the largest chapter is the worsted weight chapter. Some of my favorite patterns (and to give you an idea of what's in the book) are: magic loop minis(mini mittens, sweater, and hat), wave jumper, sock-it-to-me scarf, garter stitch loop-through scarf, pink tweed for baby(sweater), baby squash hat, child's hat with pompom, boy-oh-boy(sweater), not-your-average washcloths, new directions hat, baby basket hat, fishbowl baby hat, elizabeth's perfect hat, spiral hat, kat's hat, taos slippers, blanket buddy, waterfall scarf, cross-stitch scarf, infant's roll neck pullover, and zane's coming home sweater. I think most knitters will find many patterns in this book that they would like to knit. A great addition to your knitting library.

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