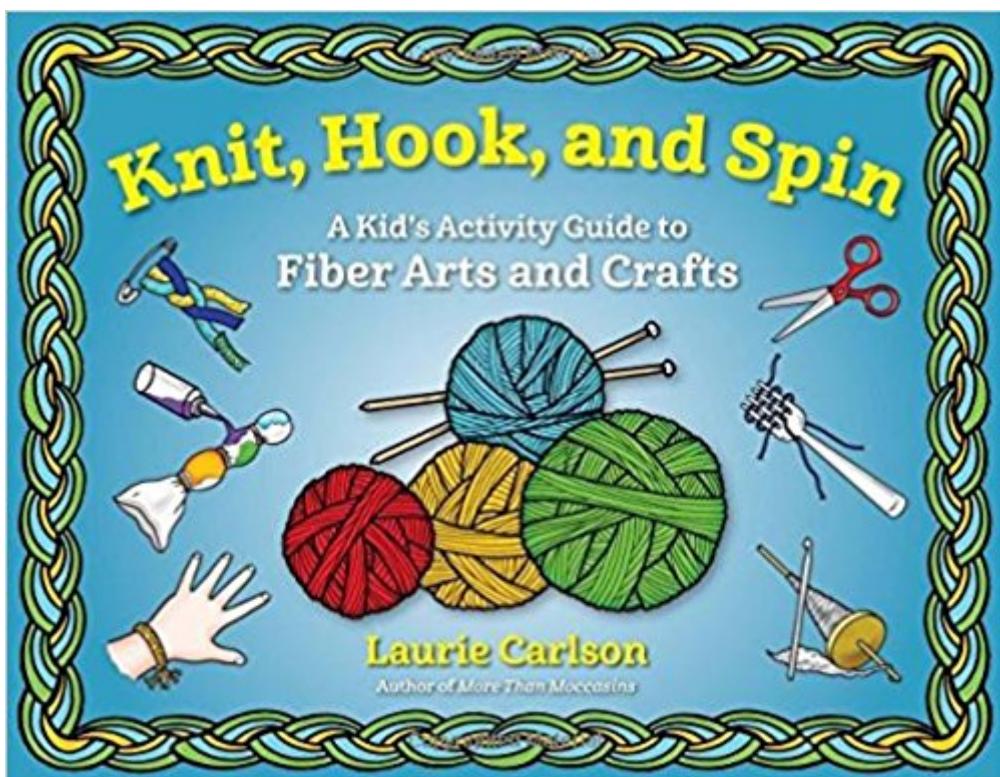


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# Knit, Hook, And Spin: A Kid's Activity Guide To Fiber Arts And Crafts



## Synopsis

Dive into the wonderful and creative world of fiber arts and crafts with this easy-to-follow activity book packed with over 70 projects across a variety of fiber arts including knitting, felting, knotting and braiding, spinning, weaving, crocheting, and dyeing. Clear instructions and illustrations guide you in creating these cute, useful crafts. Learn to: felt a handy bag, braid a small rug, weave a colorful tapestry, knit comfy slippers, crochet an eye-catching belt, make and use natural dyes, repurpose old clothing, and much more! Along the way you'll learn fascinating fiber facts and history, such as how Viking ships' woolen sails were made, the history of rope bridges, how artists in Japan craft giant straw sculptures, and much more. Fun for younger kids to explore with a caregiver or older kids to work through alone, Knit, Hook, and Spin belongs in any craft-loving kid's home or classroom.Â

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 4-7 "In this joyous exploration of fiber arts, students will learn how to felt, knot, spin, weave, knit, crochet, and dye a variety of textiles. Before the activities begin, different fibers (natural and synthetic) are defined and given a brief history-a valuable resource for even the most seasoned of crafters. Each section provides a comprehensive overview of practical skill-building projects and fun decorative ones. For instance, in the "Weaving" chapter, string art coasters introduce kids to crossing yarn strands so that they can later make tiny fork flowers. The highlight of this title is in the

copious amounts of historical, technical, and pop culture information that appears in sidebarsâ "ranging from the boycott of English cloth by Indian independence seekers to George Washington Carver's expertise on and love of textile arts. Social issues are also briefly covered with the mention of the use of crochet mats by charity and church organizations for the homeless (to keep bedding dry) and comfort dolls for abused or traumatized children. VERDICT The fiber projects in this book make for a perfect occasion for library "crafternoons" or at-home child and caregiver bonding.â "Kathryn Diman, Bass Harbor Memorial Library, Bernard, ME

â œReaders interested in exploring fiber crafts should find this to be an accessible entry point, with a broad range of methods to try.â • â "Publishers Weekly"From slippers to tote bags and from friendship bracelets to comfort dolls, there is something for almost anyone wanting to learn how to create from these very tactile sources. Tear up your T-shirts, unravel old sweaters, warm up your fingers, and create some handcrafted fun for yourself, for friends, and for those in need of small comforts." â "Kirkus Reviews"The whole design, with its clean layout and good-sized print invites children to pick it up..." â "Booklist, starred review"In this joyous exploration of fiber arts, students will learn how to felt, knot, spin, weave, knit, crochet, and dye a variety of textiles." â "School Library Journal"This is a great book for kids and adults, who want to learn to craft but aren't sure where to go." â "Mom Read Itâ œWant to draw the kids in your life into fiber arts plus keep them busy all summer? Take a look at this book.â • â "Knittyâ œCreative kids will love the crafts and art projects in this book.â • â "Batch of Books

This is a fabulous book on KNitting, Hooking and Spinning. It is also an activity book for children with pretty simple rafts for them to do.I found the book very user friendly and easy to follow. I plan holding some classes and using this book in my classes.I would highlyRecommend this book to anyone beginning to Knit, Hook and or Spin!

Some projects are definitely for the younger set, but several of the projects produce some pretty useful items, mostly out of stuff you have around already. Definitely worth a look if you need crafts to keep kids (or yourself) creatively busy.

Wonderful book with great activities..even for adults!

grandaughter loved it

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the book was very creative my granddaughter is home schooled and this book had lots of craft items to try. She is 11 and with the help of her mother we feel this will be an educational book

Ideas you can find better instructions for on the internet for free. Absolutely nothing new or helpful here. Unless you don't know how to do Google searches or browse Pinterest, this book is of no interest.

I received free, for review, a copy of "Knit, Hook, and Spin: A Kid's Activity Guide to Fiber Arts and Crafts", by Laurie Carlson. It's full of great little fibre arts projects to create and explore with kids age 9 and up. My initial response was very favourable. There are fun sections on spinning, dyeing, weaving, knitting, crochet, braiding, and more. It wasn't long and I had chosen a project to do with my 9 year old granddaughter. She had great fun creating what was meant to be a woven cup basket. I don't think she ever fully finished it though. The instructions for finishing it off were rather vague. And with this we come to one of the difficulties with this publication. There has been an attempt in this book to cover numerous different crafts. Even though it is a substantial book of 148 pages that is not nearly enough to adequately teach that many crafts! For instance there are only 6 pages dedicated to learning the rather intricate craft of knitting. Of those six pages one is a description of how to make your own knitting needles. Additional publication space is taken up by a paragraph or two of knitting history. I'm a very experienced knitter and I can tell you that I never could have learned to knit with the vague, brief instructions written here. I don't think any adult could, let alone a child. The same brief coverage is seen for all of the other projects, and yet ---- 6 pages of text were used to describe various fibres. The other problem I see is the lack of child appeal in the way the projects are presented. The only colour is seen on the cover. All of the projects within the pages are represented only by simple, black and white line drawings. There is no wow factor to draw a child in! Let's face it, books and crafts have some pretty tough competition these days! Kids have the world of the internet, television, and video games at their fingertips. A wall of text and simple, colourless line drawings just cannot compete. Even the 2 pages dedicated to the colour wheel are done in very boring to the eye black and white line drawings. Does this mean I think the book is a total loss? No. There are plenty of simple projects to keep a child busy during those long summer months --- if you can pull them away from the technological distractions long enough to engage them in using their

hands to create something. Don't expect to hand an enthusiastic child the book and have them learn a craft on their own though. There will definitely have to be lots of additional instruction given by an adult already experienced with each craft, and for most of the crafts, access to supplemental material, such as YouTube's instructional videos. I don't recommend this book for the target group, which is supposed to be children ages 9 and up. I would, however, give a guarded approval of the publication as a resource for adults interested in teaching children fibre arts. As a source for small project ideas to create with children it has merit. I could see camp councilors and youth group leaders keeping it as an inspiration and reference book.

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