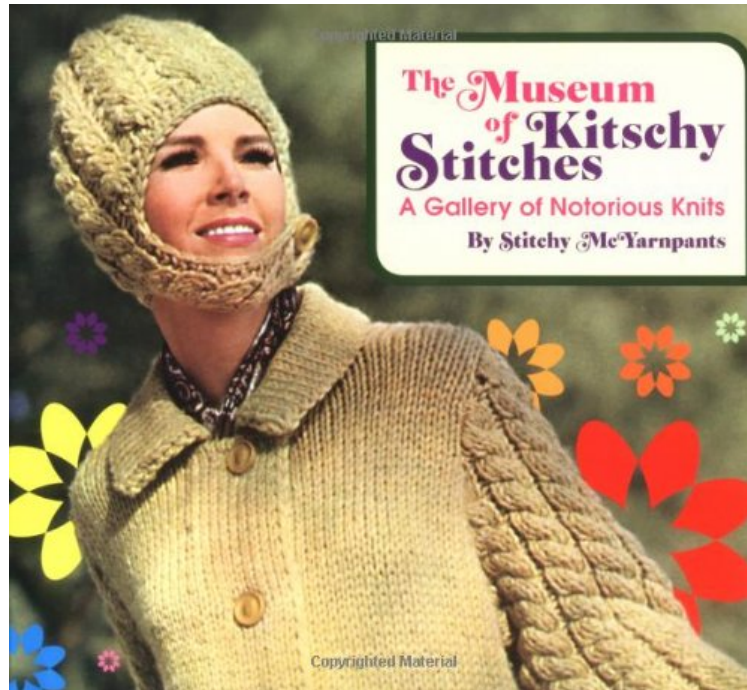


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Polypus Mike-Nesmithicus: Hat Or Growth?By Robert I. HedgesThis is the only book about crochet that I have ever purchased, and it's almost certainly the only one you'll ever need. Stitchy McYarnpants (alter-ego of computer programmer and conniving crafter Debbie Brisson) has written a book that is mind-boggling in its scope. I am not old enough to remember when some of these horrors were popular, but I am old enough to ask "what were they thinking?"The book is loosely organized by type of mutant polyester creation, from hats (my favorite is the Polypus Mike-Nesmithicus on p. 11) to a section on "Bad Girls, Worse Outfits". That would be chapter two, and the actual title is "You Knit For Your Mama With Those Needles?"; by far my favorite item in chapter two is the cycling outfit on p.22 which answers the question "Ever wish you could have a wedgie consisting of an entire skein of your favorite yarn?" with an otherworldly outfit that "combines all the breathability of a sandwich bag with the comfort of a bear trap".I was also particularly drawn to chapter eleven, "Handmade Toys". I hadn't had a really good nightmare in a long time. This chapter changed all that. While there are numerous atrocities to be seen, the most amusing was on p.108 in a peculiar and traumatizing display that is introduced "A monk, an elephant, an African tribesman, and an Italian waiter walk into a bar...." I can't bring myself to discuss the matter any further. If you need to know more about this particular display, you'll have to see it for yourself. Other attractions in chapter eleven are some weird psychedelic snakes (with feet?), not one but two extremely disturbing Humpty Dumpty-themed abominations, and an excellent display of "Yarn Noir" ("Dial C For

Crochet"). "The Museum of Kitschy Stitches" is a masterwork of yarn-related oddities, and I recommend it highly (in spite of the nightmares) to lovers of kitsch, groovy 1960's and 1970's fashions, and anyone who loves the works of James Lileks. My hat is off to Stitchy McYarnpants, and I wish her a speedy recovery from her yarn obsession. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This book isn't quite what I had expected. I ...By AmberKnits This book isn't quite what I had expected. I thought there would be a few more vintage patterns, and I expected a bit of historical knowledge about vintage patterns. I did not expect a book with tacky, somewhat offensive jokes. This isn't my style of humor - mocking everything. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A One-Joke Book By E. E. Kennedy This is a series of genuine, but really tacky knitting projects from the past. I bought this for my daughter who is an avid knitter. There are no patterns here, which may or may not be a good thing. It might be funny to re-create some of these atrocities as gag gifts. But It wears a big thin and isn't all that much book for the price.

A Fashion Tour-de-Farce! Welcome to The Museum of Kitschy Stitches, the astonishingly awful collection of the finest knitting and crocheting horrors the twentieth century has to offer. From hideous hats and gender-bending sweater sets to a set of bonus patterns that will bring the kitsch home, this gallery of notorious knits delivers it all. Remember, one person's inspiration can become another's desperation quicker than you can drop a stitch!

About the Author Stitchy McYarnpants is the nom de plume of mild-mannered computer programmer Debbie Brisso, who is making a huge splash on the Web with her "confessions of a husband-neglecting, cat-shooing, yarn-hoarding knitaholic" blog and Web site (www.museumofkitschystitches.com). She lives in Boston and often needs to knit for warmth. Excerpt. © Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. TABLE OF CONTENTS Introduction Hoodwinked: Never Trust a Homemade Hat You Knot for Your Mama with Those Needles? Bad Girls, Worse Outfits Your Worst Knitmare: A Horror Show of Faux Fur Monstrosities Welcome to Polyester year: An Age of Unforgivable Synthetics Dress for Suck-cess: Frocks that Shock Glemma! Acrylic Couture for Klassy Knitters Emasculation Nation: Menswear That Makes Men Swear Granny Squares Everywhere: Grandma's Sweet Revenge It's A Clown's World: A Creepy Peak at the Clownterculture of Crafts Kid-Knits: You're Wearing It Because I Said So! Handmade Toys: How to Put the F-U in Fun! House of Yarn: Home is Where the Homely Is Special Bonus Patterns About the Author