

KNITS

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Dig into your stash and come up with your best ideas for knits that layer, combine, and transcend a season - the Winter issue of Interweave Knits is all about combining influences, fibers, and techniques.

THE STOCKING

Give us your wild, your woolly, your over-the-knee, your heritage-inspired hose, stockings, socks, tights, legwarmers, what have you.

Think: fun socks, stockings, and hose - over the knee or footlets or anywhere in between, for men, women, and children.

Look: Rich texture or color with a nod to tradition (Fair Isle, cables, twisted stitches, lace, modern argyle). Urban rustic, grown up rather than funky - heathered yarns, subdued palettes, great details.



A GOOD STRIPE

Play with the knitted stripe - stripes of what? Color? Texture? Lace? Different yarns? How does stripe sequence affect a garment? What do bias stripes do? How could you show off self-stripping yarns? Think directional, think layered texture, think color.

Think: Sweaters and jackets for men and women, bold kid's garments, home accessories

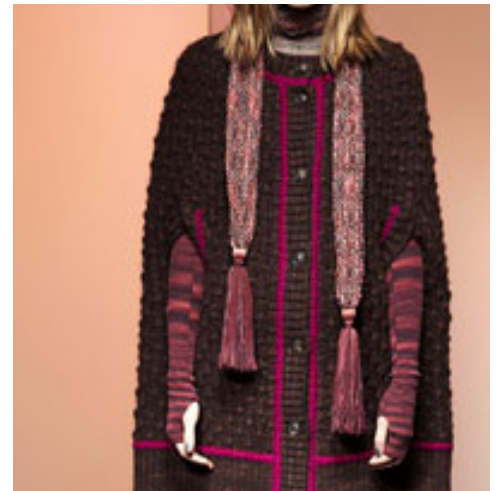
Look: Rustic, tweedy, chunky, outdoorsy. Weekendy and causal; not too preppy. Richly textured; ready for curling up in.

OUTERWEAR

We're searching for wraps, capes, jackets, and coats - felted wool, big chunky knits, unusual fabric treatments (what would stranded colorwork look like felted? A big intarsia motif?) and clever details (think 50's circle capes with arm openings, self-belts, encased strings and serious, realistic structure. Ethnic-inspired trimmings and colors. Excellent collars, beautiful drape, perfect fastenings.

Think: Outerwear for women, men, and children.

Look: Grown up and polished with rustic, organic flair - let fabric and stitches become the ornament in clean silhouettes with lofty roving style wools, slubby handspuns, and dramatic tweeds.



COME TOGETHER

Juxtapose two weights or dramatically different techniques in one garment - heavy cables with a delicate lace undercuff? Rugged texture and facings of silk? Use varied textures and techniques to their best effect.

Think: Sweaters and jackets for men and women, home accessories.

Look: Bohemian, organic, artsy with layered textures, colors, and techniques.

