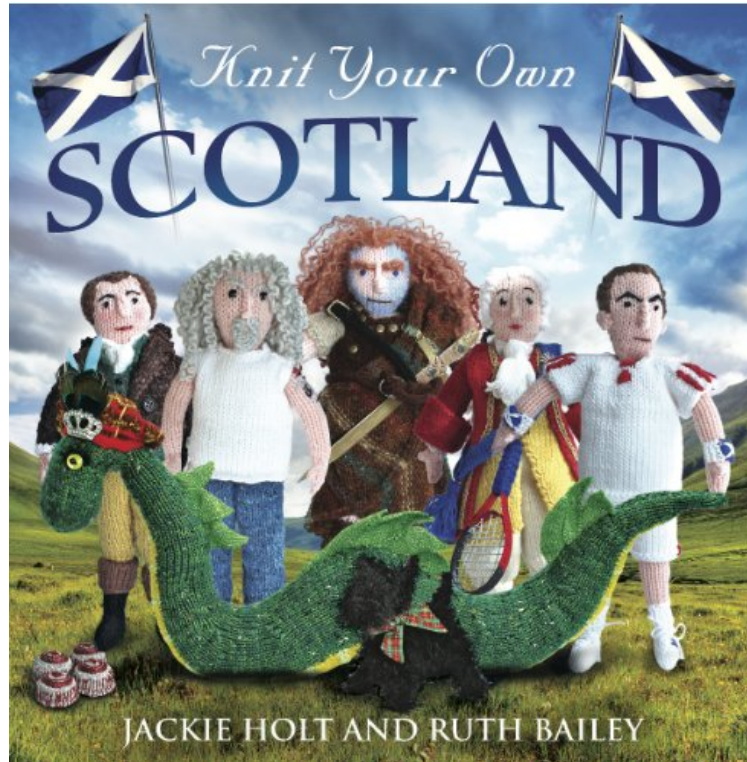


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Jackie Holt, Ruth Bailey : Knit Your Own Scotland before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Knit Your Own Scotland:

14 of 14 people found the following review helpful. Whimsical Scotland-Themed Collection of Dolls, Animals, Food, Icons By Lynne E. KNIT YOUR OWN SCOTLAND, by Jackie Holt and Ruth Bailey, is an inspired collection of Scotland-themed patterns for knitted toys. The human figures--for example, Robert Burns (on the far left in the cover photo)--are quite recognizable; and the extras--for example, Nessie (in front in the cover photo, with tartan tam)--are delightful. Accompanying each whimsical pattern is a short text that tells you why the pattern is included in a Scotland-themed book. If you're Scottish by heritage, you won't need the text, but it's helpful to those (like me) who aren't Scottish. The included patterns are as follows:*** William Wallace/Braveheart (led the fight for Scottish independence)*** Robert Burns (Scotland's finest poet)*** Bonnie Prince Charlie (leader of the Jacobites' lost cause)*** Billy Connolly, with his banana boots (comedian)*** Andy Murray (tennis player)*** Nessie (the Loch Ness Monster)*** Scottish Terrier (iconic canine)*** Highland Cattle (shaggy-haired, horned bovines)*** Sheep (blackface sheep)*** The Saltire (Scotland's national flag, blue and white; plus a thistle)*** Bagpipes (knitted pipes are supported by dowels)*** Chocolate Teacake (Tunnock's finest)*** Scotch Whiskey (a fine bottle of Black White, plus a white tumbler)*** Scotch Pie (double-crust, minced mutton pie) Most of the patterns require knitting many small pieces on U.S. Size 3 (3.25mm) needles, and call for DK weight or finer yarn. There are so many different yarns specified (various different lines of Rowan, Sirdar, Debbie Bliss, Sublime, Anchor) that it may be something of a

challenge (and expensive) to collect all of the exact yarns and colors called for in the patterns. However, this is a fun book to simply look through and enjoy. It left me smiling. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Not for the faint hearted or serious USA knitter. By Fully As a critter and doll knitter from way back, I make it a practice never to review a knitting book before trying some of the patterns. I do not believe many of the rave reviewers here did that. It is clever, original, with interesting Scottish lore and great pictures. Fun to read.. But the patterns leave much to be desired. No place are dimensions given, no place is amount of yarn needed estimated, no gauge is given. Most knitters know how to convert European needle sizes into USA sizes, but courtesy might have made doing so convenient. Directions are unusual and minimal. Do not attempt if you have limited experience knitting dolls. If you have experience, you may find adapting the human figures to knitting in the round. Some of the accessory non-knitted supplies needed are hard to come by. I probably would have lost patience and chucked the book if I did not have Scottish ties. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Nessie, here I come! By Kindle Customer Love these patterns! Did find a couple of things in the Nessie pattern that I altered, but then that makes it more MY project, right? Nessie is so easy to do that I am working on it while traveling. Can't wait to do Bonnie Prince Charles and some of the others.

Scotland is one of the greatest small countries in the world. Now you can have your very own miniature woolly version to celebrate Scotland in all its glory. With Robert Burns as a knitted National Bard, Braveheart William Wallace, a Highland coo, Scotty dogs, and a knitted Saltire flag, Knit Your Own Scotland is a unique and beautiful collection of iconic symbols from Scotland. There's even a knitted Forth Bridge and the Scott Monument, and if you're feeling hungry, try a Scotch pie or some shortbread. All knitted, of course.

About the Author Jackie Holthas worked as a costume maker and a wardrobe supervisor in numerous theatres around Britain. She has worked in a freelance capacity on anything from small scale touring shows to supervising large scale musicals, such as 125th Street at the Shaftesbury Theatre in the West End and the sell-out 20th Anniversary concert of Sondheim's Sweeney Todd at the Royal Festival Hall. Jackie and Ruth's previous book, Knit Your Own Scotland, was a bestseller. Ruth Bailey was born and brought up in Thurso, Caithness. After gaining a postgraduate degree in painting from Edinburgh College of Art she went on to self train as a milliner. She currently works freelance as an artist, costume designer and prop maker for theatre and business.