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**Christina Stork, Leslie Barbazette : Viva Poncho: Twenty Ponchos and Capelets to Knit** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Viva Poncho: Twenty Ponchos and Capelets to Knit:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Progressive Knitting Instruction in These Projects By Phantasmagoria I have only been knitting for a couple of years and my 14 year old is knitting now, too. We both LOVE this book because it teaches new stitches and techniques as you progress through the book. Even if you skip to the last project, you can look at the stitch instructions in previous projects to figure out how to proceed. Also, I'm generally not a fan of the poncho --too plain for me, however, there are so many creative variations in this book that even I found a few to make and wear. The instructions are very clear and there are a couple of photos to clarify each new stitch technique. There is even a knit gauge guide in the front which saves lots of time! The only thing you really have to know is how to do a basic knit and purl stitch. This book shows a couple of different cast-on methods, increase and decrease stitches, stockinette stitch, seed stitch, knitting in the round, and more. This would make an excellent gift for new and seasoned knitters alike. We especially like it for plane trips. From your conservative grandma to the goth teen in your family, this book has a pattern for everyone. The friend who introduced me to this book has even made some simple brown and blue ponchos for her sons. I highly recommend this book for all knitters and will be buying more copies as gifts. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The book for the free thinking knitters! By Janell I had to get a 2nd book. I wore the other way out. The pattern are easy read but have a knitter dictionary handy just in case. I love the pattern name Elenore. Scared me silly and loved every stitch! 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Something for everyone By Dave Amy I love this little book. The projects are diverse from simple and quick to complex. It is written so that it would be easy to convert to any yarn of similar weight. After the first review I earmarked 6 projects I would love to try. I had the great fortune of learning to knit shawls under the tutelage of Joanne Schroeder who is one of the foremost knitters of shawls. As an accomplished shawl knitter, I found this book exciting for the variety of projects from easy and quick to complex and with a great variety of yarn weights. Fifteen years ago when I began knitting there were very few yarns appropriate for the warm weather of Oregon. This book shows

ponchos and capelets appropriate for all environments. The directions are straightforward and easy to understand. Excellent photography. This would make a great book for shawl enthusiasts, beginners, and anyone looking for projects that tend to be free from sizing and careful shaping.

Whether worn as a beach cover-up or donned as an elegant evening wrap, ponchos are everywhere. Now, with *Viva Poncho*, knitters can make the newest sartorial sensation their own. This fun, fresh book offers 20 poncho designs for every season and in every style--serapes, raglans, wraparounds, semicircles, rectangles, pullovers, capelets, and even a dog poncho. Patterns suitable for both beginners and experienced knitters are included, all accompanied by clear, easy-to-follow explanations. Simple to make and give as gifts (since sizing is easy), practical and stylish to wear, and suitable for all sorts of creative adaptations, ponchos are an ideal project for every knitter. In fact, the authors encourage customization, showing how to add a hood or a collar, or devise personalized color schemes. Like the fashionable garments themselves, *Viva Poncho* will be the perfect impulse buy.

From Publishers Weekly Easier than a sweater, harder than a scarf, ponchos are the perfect in-between knitting project--they're also incredibly fashionable. That must be the reason why so many of Stork and Barbazette's designs look like they could fit right into the pages of *Vogue*, *Nylon* and *Lucky*. Take the two-piece rectangular poncho "Sonya," for example; cast loosely with superfine wool in cheery summer colors, it's the perfect accessory for a day at the beach. Need something warmer for winter? Try the one-piece raglan poncho "Eleanor," knit in a bulky alpaca-and-wool blend with a turtleneck and a pretty cable running down the front and back. For fancy nights, there's the one-piece caplet "Eloise" knit in a satiny black "faux fur" wool and tied with a pink ribbon. Stork, the owner of Article Pract, a "yarn shop for modern knitters" in Oakland, Calif., and Barbazette, founder of the accessories line Citizen Bags, provide plenty of advice for beginners, including tips for knitting with circular needles, dropping stitches on purpose and weaving in the ends as you go. A helpful chart at the beginning also lists the skills needed and taught within each of their 20 designs. With its fashionista photos, hip designs, clear instructions and reasonable price point, this volume is sure to have widespread appeal. Copyright © 2007; Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. About the Author Christina Stork is the owner of Article Pract, an award-winning San Francisco yarn shop. Before making knitting her full-time profession, she was a culinary writer. Leslie Barbazette is the founder of Citizen Bags, a commercial line of hand-knitted totes and accessories. This is her first book. David Verba is a fine-art photographer best known for his black-and-white studies of the American western landscape.