



## **SPRING-SUMMER 2024** YARN BOOK

We're celebrating the Spring-Summer Season with Cool Cotton and Blissful Blends! As the vibrant colors of spring burst forth and the warm embrace of summer beckons, it's time to refresh your knitting and crochet projects with the season's most delightful yarns. In this special edition of Performance Yarns Magazine, we explore the world of cotton and its blends, bringing you a collection of yarn that perfectly embodies the essence of spring and summer.



# Trend Spring-Summer 2024



In this special edition of Performance Yarns Magazine, we explore the world of cotton and its blends, bringing you a collection of threads that perfectly embody the essence of spring and summer.

We're thrilled to showcase our newest selection of cotton and cotton blend yarns perfect for creating light and airy garments for the warmer months ahead.

Our team has carefully curated this collection with a focus on quality, versatility, and sustainability. From bold and bright hues to subtle pastels, each yarn in this collection has been thoughtfully crafted to inspire your creativity and bring your projects to life. So, grab your knitting needles or crochet hooks, and let's dive into our latest range of spring-summer yarns!





# Squishy - colors raised to Vogue

Squishy in Vogue is a 50% cotton 50% acrylic yarn. It is available in 6 modern colors. They will inspire you to knit whatever you want from fashionable summer scarfs to colorful vests. Squishy in Vogue will help you to indulge in the luxurious softness of its threads as it slightly glides through your fingers, creating gorgeous, modern, and professional-looking projects.

It has an Oeko-Tex Standard certificate, guaranteeing toxic-free production of the item. The 600 meters of each 200 g cake ball are enough to make your stylish projects come true. Enjoy the unparalleled softness and knitting experience with Squishy yarn and transform your crafting projects into works of art.



BALL 200 g

50% COTTON 50% ACRYLIC

YARN WEIGHT **FINE**BALL LENGHT **600 m**HOOK/ NEEDLE **3.5-4.00** mm

6 MULTI COLORS

# Naturalica

Naturalica is 50% cotton 50 % Lyocel (Tencel) yarn. Unlike the conventional production of viscose, the Lyocell is made of wood pulp and of course, the process is environmentally friendly.

The production saves both water and energy – and this is the best for everyone who loves nature.

The product is OEKO-TEX® certified.



### What's New?

Naturalica is a yarn where the natural fibers are in pure harmony. The silky touch and the pampering softness will fulfill every knitter or crocheter's high expectations. Naturalica is perfect for summer projects because of the temperature and moisture-regulating properties of the blend. Its 8 modern colors will help you to create the perfect summer projects.



BALL 50 g

50% COTTON 50% TENCEL

YARN WEIGHT **SPORT**BALL LENGHT **110 m**HOOK/ NEEDLE **3.00-4.00** mm

8 COLORS



# Bamboo Queen

The Bamboo Queen is very soft and breathable 50% bamboo and 50% cotton blended yarn which is OEKO-Tex certified. Its exceptional quality and softness make it very suitable for an impressive range of crafting endeavors. Your accessories, garments, and home decor items will have a unique look. Soft, sleek, drapey, and airy, it is a perfect choice for breathable and cool lightweight knitted and crochet garments, blankets, baby clothes, and many other projects. The yarn is very smooth on the skin, thanks to its blend. It is perfect and robust enough for baby clothes that need to be in and out of the wash.

Bamboo Queen's blend has hypoallergic properties. It comes in a gorgeous range of pastel palettes, masterly muted in modern shades. Crafting with our yarn is like the feel of a summer breeze. Its threads don't snag, split easily while knitting, or fray. Each 50g skein offers up to 125 meters of length.

Perfectly easy to use and durable, the yarn is a must for either beginner or well-experienced crafters alike. Unleash your creativity to the next level and create your truly remarkable, one-of-a-kind projects that are sure to impress everyone.



BALL 50 g

50% COTTON 50% BAMBOO

YARN WEIGHT FINE BALL LENGHT 125 m

HOOK/ NEEDLE 2.5-3.5 mm

10 COLORS

## Linen Blend

Introducing Linen Blend, the ultimate yarn for all your summertime creations. With its harmonious blend of 50% cotton and 50% linen fibers, this yarn offers a unique combination of breathability, durability, and style. Whether you're crafting lightweight garments, accessories, or home decor, Linen Blend is the perfect companion to keep you cool and stylish during the warmest months of the year.

Linen Blend yarn is meticulously crafted with an exquisite balance of 50% cotton and 50% linen fibers. The cotton component provides a soft and comfortable feel against the skin, ensuring breathability and moisture-wicking properties for those hot summer days. At the same time, the linen fibers contribute to the yarn's strength and drape, making it a durable choice for your projects.





When the temperatures rise, it's essential to stay cool and comfortable. Linen Blend yarn is the ideal choice for summer projects as it naturally regulates body temperature, allowing you to feel refreshed and at ease. The cotton and linen fibers work together to provide excellent moisture absorption, preventing the yarn from feeling heavy or clingy, even in humid conditions.

Linen Blend yarn is the perfect companion for your summertime crafting adventures. With its 50% cotton and 50% linen blend, this yarn combines comfort, durability, and style, allowing you to create lightweight and breezy projects that capture the essence of the season. Embrace the cool breeze of summer and let your creativity shine with Linen Blend, the yarn that will keep you looking and feeling fabulous all season long.



BALL 50 g

50% COTTON 50% LINEN

YARN WEIGHT **SPORT**BALL LENGHT **80 m**HOOK/ NEEDLE **2.5-3.5** mm
11 COLORS

## Genesis

The 100% cotton hand-knitting yarn is a versatile and beloved choice for crafters around the globe. Created with utmost care and precision, this yarn brings together the finest natural fibers to deliver an unparalleled knitting experience.

Soft, breathable, and hypoallergenic, Genesis is a favorite among knitters who value both comfort and quality. Its natural composition makes it an excellent choice for those with sensitive skin or allergies, ensuring a cozy and itch-free knitting journey. As you work with this yarn, you'll relish in its gentle touch against your fingers, making each stitch a joy to create.





Genesis is delicate and soft 100% cotton yarn. It is made with great love and care. You will create with it the most exquisite projects. Genesis presents a beautiful pastel palette that consists of 25 well-matched modern colors.

The yarn is beginner-friendly and extremely pleasant to work with. It is suitable for knitting children's and baby garments, clothes, blankets, scarves, bags, women's clothing, and amigurumi.

Genesis yarn boasts a splendid range of vibrant colors. Whether you seek a vivid palette for a summer shawl, a subtle blend for a baby blanket, or a bold statement for a cozy sweater, our yarn offers an array of options to suit your creative vision. From pastels to jewel tones, earthy hues to contemporary shades, there's a color waiting to bring your project to life.



BALL 50 g

50% COTTON

YARN WEIGHT **SPORT**BALL LENGHT **110** m

HOOK/ NEEDLE 3.5-4.5 mm

25 COLORS



Cotton Dazzle is a luxurious yarn that combines the best of both worlds-60% cotton and 40% viscose. The cotton component provides natural breathability and softness, while the viscose contributes to the yarn's exceptional shine and drape. This blend strikes the perfect balance between comfort and elegance, ensuring that your garments not only look stunning but also feel incredibly soft against the skin.

Cotton Dazzle yarn opens up a world of possibilities for creating contemporary and fashionable garments. From chic blouses with intricate lace details to flowy summer dresses with a hint of sheen, this yarn will add a touch of sophistication to your wardrobe. Its exceptional shine beautifully enhances stitch patterns, making your creations stand out with a modern, trendy flair.

# Cotton Dazzle

When it comes to summer fashion, comfort is key. Cotton Dazzle yarn provides the perfect solution, offering lightweight and breathable properties that are ideal for warm weather.

Stay cool, stylish, and comfortable all summer long with the contemporary elegance of Cotton Dazzle.

Cotton Dazzle yarn is not limited to clothing alone. Its exceptional shine and softness make it a fantastic choice for a variety of projects. Create fashionable accessories such as headbands, lightweight scarves, or even trendy home decor items like cushion covers or table runners. The versatility of Cotton Dazzle ensures that your creativity knows no bounds.

Cotton Dazzle yarn offers an exceptional combination of shine, softness, and versatility. Whether you're designing contemporary summer blouses, dresses, or other stylish garments, this yarn will elevate your creations with elegance and sophistication. Embrace the allure of Cotton Dazzle and unleash your creativity to craft stunning pieces that reflect your unique sense of style and embrace the essence of summertime elegance.



BALL 50 g

60% COTTON 40% VISCOSE

YARN WEIGHT SPORT
BALL LENGHT 120 m
HOOK/ NEEDLE 2.5-3.0 mm
14 COLORS



# Cotton Bay

Welcome to Cotton Bay, a yarn created to offer an exclusive softness and delightful sensation to the touch. Made from 100% combed cotton, this yarn is carefully produced to provide unparalleled comfort and luxury. With its gentle fibers and exceptional quality, Cotton Bay is the perfect choice for crafting baby and children's garments and accessories that are as cozy as they are stylish.

Cotton Bay yarn is made from 100% combed cotton, ensuring the utmost softness and tenderness against the skin. Combing the cotton fibers removes impurities and short fibers, resulting in a yarn that is smooth, lustrous, and free from any irritants.

BALL 50g

100% COTTON

YARN WEIGHT **SPORT** BALL LENGHT **120** m

HOOK/ NEEDLE 3.00-4.00 mm

12 COLORS

This pure bliss of combed cotton guarantees a pleasant sensation every time you work with or wear garments made from Cotton Bay.

Our yarn offers luxurious comfort all year round. Its breathable nature allows for excellent air circulation, keeping babies and children comfortable in both warm and cool weather. From lightweight summer dresses and rompers to cozy winter cardigans and hats, Cotton Bay is versatile enough to accompany your little ones through every season in utmost comfort.

With Cotton Bay yarn, your creative possibilities are limitless. The softness and smoothness of this yarn make it a joy to work with, allowing you to bring your imagination to life with ease. Whether you're designing delicate booties, charming stuffed animals, or intricate blankets, Cotton Bay's exquisite quality ensures that every stitch reflects your love and care.

Cotton Bay yarn, crafted from 100% combed cotton, offers an exclusive softness and pleasant sensation to the touch. With its luxurious comfort and gentle fibers, this yarn is the perfect choice for creating baby and children's garments and accessories that prioritize both style and coziness. Embrace the tender softness of Cotton Bay and let your creativity soar as you craft precious items that will bring comfort and joy to your little ones.



# **Cotton Eight**

Introducing Cotton Eight, a yarn that celebrates pure comfort and playfulness with its 100% nongassed and nonmercerized cotton composition. This yarn is crafted for those who appreciate the natural beauty and softness of cotton in its unprocessed form. With Cotton Eight, we have knitted a charming Tooth Fairy that embodies the whimsical nature of this yarn, making it a delightful choice for a range of creative projects.

Cotton Eight varn is created with nonand non-mercerized cotton. preserving the natural essence of this fiber. Without additional versatile treatments, this yarn showcases authentic texture and character of cotton, allowing you to experience the purest form of comfort in your projects. The yarn offers pure comfort, making it an excellent choice for a variety of projects. Whether you're crafting cozy blankets, soft scarves, or cuddly toys like our Tooth Fairy, this yarn will provide a gentle touch and a sense of comfort in everyday use. Our knitted sweet doll captures the essence of childhood wonder.

This enchanting character brings a touch of magic and playfulness to children as they embark on the journey of losing their baby teeth. Crafted with love and care, the sweet doll serves as a reminder of the joy and excitement of childhood milestones.

Cotton Eight yarn, with its non-gassed and non-mercerized cotton composition, embraces the natural essence of comfort and playfulness. Whether you're creating cozy blankets, charming accessories, or knitted characters like our Tooth Fairy, this yarn allows you to experience the authentic softness and beauty of unprocessed cotton. Let Cotton Eight inspire your creativity and bring joy to your projects as you immerse yourself in the magic of childhood wonder and the delight of pure comfort.



BALL 50 g 100% COTTON

YARN WEIGHT SPORT
BALL LENGHT 175 m
HOOK/ NEEDLE 3.0 -3.5 mm
30 COLORS



# Cotton Glamorous

Introducing our Carry Doll, a charming creation made with the utmost care using our 100% cotton mercerized yarn Called Cotton Glamorous. This yarn is specially crafted to offer a delicate shine and exceptional softness, making it ideal for garment and accessory knitting. With its gentle fibers and luxurious quality, our Carry Doll showcases the versatility and beauty of this yarn, particularly suitable for crafting adorable baby toys.

Our mercerized cotton yarn is designed to enhance both the appearance and feel of your knitted creations. Through a specialized process called mercerization, the cotton fibers are treated to achieve a delicate shine and increased strength. The result is a yarn that not only looks exquisite but also boasts enhanced durability and longevity.

When it comes to baby toys, softness is of the utmost importance. Our 100% mercerized cotton yarn delivers exceptional softness, providing a gentle and comforting touch for your little ones. With the Carry Doll, you can be confident that it's made with a yarn that offers the perfect combination of softness and durability.

Crafted with care, Cotton Glamorous is ideal for garment and accessory knitting, particularly suitable for creating amigurumi. Embrace the versatile beauty of this yarn as you explore your creativity, knowing that your projects will exude elegance and softness. Choose our yarn and create cherished pieces that will bring joy and comfort to both children and adults alike.



BALL 50 g

100% COTTON

YARN WEIGHT **SPORT** BALL LENGHT **125** m

HOOK/ NEEDLE 2.5-3.5 mm

17 COLORS

# Cotton Harmony

Cotton Harmony is a yarn created with perfection using 100% gassed and mercerized cotton. It is designed for those seeking serenity and elegance in their creations. Ideal for covers, laces, and fine summer clothes, Cotton Harmony offers a harmonious blend of luxury and versatility. With its bright tones, this yarn seamlessly blends with your surroundings, adding a touch of beauty to every stitch.

Cotton Harmony yarn is created using the finest quality cotton that undergoes two special treatments: gassing and mercerization. The gassing process eliminates any loose fibers, resulting in a smooth and even yarn. Mercerization enhances the yarn's strength, luster, and ability to absorb the dye, making it an exceptional choice for exquisite projects. The result is a yarn that exudes elegance and refinement. Cotton Harmony is perfect for creating covers and delicate lacework. It's softness and gentle touch bring a sense of serenity to your projects.

Whether you're designing cozy blankets, decorative pillow covers, or intricate lace doilies, this yarn will add an air of elegance and sophistication to your home decor.



BALL 100 g

100% COTTON

YARN WEIGHT LACE BALL LENGHT **560** m

HOOK/ NEEDLE 1.5 mm

21 COLORS



Cotton Harmony yarn is a perfect choice. Its 100% cotton composition ensures breathability and comfort keeping you cool and stylish during the warmer months. Design lightweight tops, airy dresses, or delicate shawls that drape gracefully, allowing you to embrace the beauty of summer with every stitch.

Our yarn offers a harmonious blend of luxury, softness, and versatility. Whether you're creating covers, delicate lacework, or fine summer clothes, this yarn brings serenity and elegance to your projects. With its bright pastel tones seamlessly blending with your surroundings, Cotton Harmony allows you to create stunning pieces that reflect your personal style and bring tranquility to your space. Embrace the beauty and serenity of Cotton Harmony as you immerse yourself in the art of crafting and let your creations inspire a sense of harmony in your life.



# Lollipop

Lollipop yarn is a feast for the eyes with its sensational range of colors. From bold and vibrant hues to soft pastels, this yarn brings a burst of vibrancy to your projects. Whether you're knitting or crocheting baby blankets, garments, accessories, or toys, Lollipop's colorful palette adds a playful touch and enhances the visual appeal of your creations. Lollipop yarn is made from 100% organic GOTS cotton and is grown without the use of harmful chemicals, making it gentle on delicate skin. It's softness and gentle touch make it ideal for items that come in direct contact with sensitive skin.

With Lollipop, you can create with confidence, knowing that supporting sustainable practices. choosing Lollipop yarn, you contribute to a more sustainable future. The use of organic cotton promotes healthier practices, reduces chemical pollution, and protects the environment. GOTS Additionally, the certification ensures that the workers involved in the production process are treated fairly and work in safe conditions. Your choice of

Lollipop yarn reflects a commitment to caring for the Earth and the global community. Embrace the joy of working with this eco-friendly and child-friendly yarn, knowing that you are making a positive impact on the planet and supporting sustainable practices. Let Lollipop add a burst of color and happiness to your creations while bringing comfort and delight to babies and children.



BALL 100 g

100% ORGANIC COTTON

YARN WEIGHT SPORT
BALL LENGHT 250 m
HOOK/ NEEDLE 2.5-3.5 mm
14 COLORS



## **Season's Highlight:**

## Exceptional Knit Creation with Naturalica Yarn

Welcome to the enchanting world of yarn artistry, where creativity intertwines with craftsmanship to bring forth stunning creations. In this edition of our yarn magazine, we shine a spotlight on the yarn artist Ana Semerdzhieva and her latest masterpiece – a captivating V-neck vest crafted using the star of our spring-summer collection, the Naturalica yarn.

#### **Meet the Artist**

Ana Semerdzhieva, a true maestro of yarn, is renowned for her ability to transform strands of fiber into wearable works of art. With a keen eye for design and a passion for quality yarn, Ana brings her unique vision to life through every stitch.

#### The Star Yarn - Naturalica:

Naturalica takes center stage in Anna's latest creation. This exquisite yarn, carefully curated for our spring-summer collection, boasts a harmonious blend of fibers that lend themselves beautifully to knitting projects. With its softness, drape, and subtle sheen, Naturalica provides the perfect canvas for Ana's artistic expression.

The V-neck vest design is a testament to her skillful combination of classic elegance and modern flair. The V-neck silhouette adds a touch of sophistication, making it a versatile piece suitable for various occasions. The meticulous detailing and stitchwork showcase Anna's dedication to her craft, resulting in a garment that seamlessly marries style and comfort.

Semerdzhieva's creation. Join us on this artistic journey, celebrating a joint of talent and yarn that brings beauty and warmth to the world of knitwear. As you explore the pages ahead, immerse yourself in the artistry, technique, and passion that define this exquisite creation—a true star in our spring-summer collection.

#### Naturalica V-neck vest by Ana Semerdzhieva

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Unleash your full imagination!"

**Yarn:** Naturalica Performance Yarns – 7 balls **Needles:** 3,25 mm and 3,5 mm

**Back:** Cast on 112 sts on 3.25 mm needles and make 2x2 ribbing for 14 rows while the first two sts on each side of the rows form I-cord. Change needles at row 15 and knit straight. Continue forming the I-cord edge for another 6 rows.

Put markers at both sides of row 94 for the armhole reference. Continue knitting for another 58 rows.





At row 153 cast off the central 20 sts and work both shoulders separately. To for the drop shoulder cast off at the beginning of each end: 13, 13, 14 sts.

The neck forming: after casting off the 20 sts, form the following at each end of the neck: cast off 3, 1, 1 sts

**Front:** Cast on 112 sts on needles 3.25 mm and work 2x2 ribbing and simultaneously forming the I-cord edges. At row 14 (WS) add evenly 11 sts and purl the whole row = 123 sts.

At row 15 change needles to 3.5 mm and distribute the charts as follows:

1 salvage st, p1, Chart 1, p2, Chart 2, p7, Chart 3, p7, Chart 4, p7, Chart 3, p7, Chart 2, p2, Chart 1, p1, 1 salvage st

Following the charts continue knitting straight for 90 rows. At row 91 we separate the front in two in order to form the V-neck as follows:



**Left Front:** work 58 sts, k2tog, k1 and turn on the WS. Thus, we decrease at each RS for 10 times and then at every other RS for another 10 times. Don't forget to put markers at the edges of row 94.

The last decrease is at row 149 = 41 sts left. Work straight till row 158 incl. At row 159 we start forming the drop shoulders in three steps: casting off at the beginning of each row respectively: 13 sts, 14 sts, 14 sts.

**RIGHT FRONT:** Put the central sts on a marker or a thread.

**RS:** k1, ssk, work till the end. And thus decreasing the same pace as the left front.

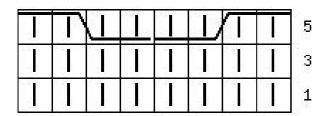


CHART 1

## Naturalica V-neck vest by Ana Semerdzhieva

**FINISHING:** Join shoulders and sew the panels up to the sleeve markers. Take 3.25 mm needles and staring from the left shoulder – (RS) – cast on 132 sts. Don't forget to add the central st that we left on a marker. Work 2x2 ribbing and at the central part of the V – make the following decrease: k2tog, ssk. Continue with the ribbing and make the decrease every other row. Total rows – 9. Row 10 – casting off

**ARMHOLES:** With needles 3.25 mm and staring at the armpits cast on 92 sts. Put a marker at the beginning of the row. Row 1-make 2x2 ribbing. Row 2: Work until 3 sts left, wrap and turn the work. Make the wrong side again until 3 sts left. Wrap and turn. Repeat these two short rows one more time. Resume work in the round at RS and make total of 9 rows. At row 10 - cast off.

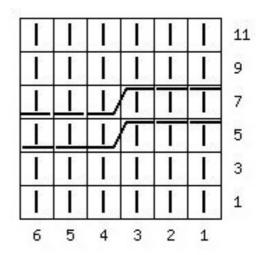
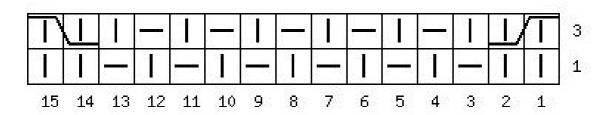


CHART 2



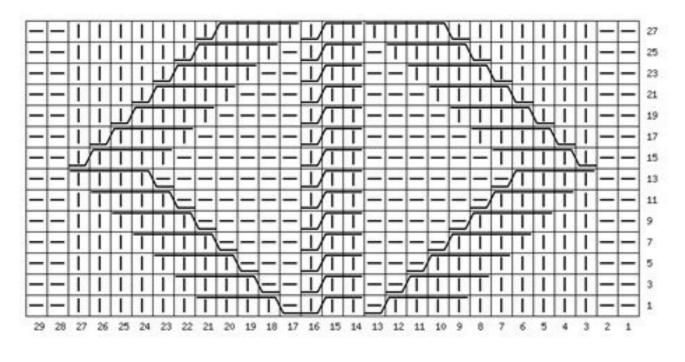


CHART 4

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Place 1 st on a cable needle behind the piece, k1, knit the st from the cable needle

Place 1 st on a cable needle in front of the piece, k1, knit the sts from the cable needle

Place 1 st on a cable needle behind the piece, k2, knit the st from the cable needle

Place 2 sts on a cable needle behind the piece, knit 2, knit the two sts from the cable needle

Place 2 sts on a cable needle in front of the piece, knit 2, knit the two sts from the cable needle

Place 3 sts on a cable needle behind the piece, knit 3, knit the three sts from the cable needle

Place 1 st on a cable needle behind the piece, k4, purl the st from the cable needle

Place 4 sts on a cable needle in front of the piece, p1, and knit the 4 sts from the cable needle.

## In the Spotlight:

## Conversations with Yarn Artists Ana Semerdzhieva, Lena Person and Zornitsa Dzhokova

Welcome to a captivating journey into the world of yarn artistry, where creativity knows no bounds. In this special feature, we bring you exclusive interviews with three remarkable yarn artists—Ana Semerdzhieva, Lena Person, and Zornitsa Dzhokova. Each artist brings a unique perspective and passion to their craft, showcasing the diverse possibilities that yarn can offer.

#### **Ana Semerdzhieva: A Symphony in Stitches**

Renowned for her ability to transform yarn into wearable masterpieces, Ana Semerdzhieva shares insights into her creative process. With an exceptional eye for design and a profound love for quality yarn, Anna takes us on a journey through her artistic inspirations and the making of her latest V-neck vest using the spotlight yarn of our spring-summer collection, Naturalica.

#### **Lena Person: Weaving Tales with Threads**

Step into the enchanting world of Lena Person, a yarn artist who weaves tales with threads. Lena shares her thoughts on the interplay of colors, textures, and patterns in her work. Discover the stories behind her most beloved creations and gain a deeper understanding of the artistic choices that make Lena's pieces truly one-of-a-kind.

#### **Zornitsa Dzhokova: Crafting Brilliance with Performance Yarns**

Meet Zornitsa Dzhokova, a trailblazer in the world of yarn artistry, known for her exceptional work with Performance yarns. In this interview, Zornitsa discusses the unique qualities of Performance yarns and how they elevate her craft. Learn about the challenges and triumphs of working with these specialized yarns as Zornitsa unveils the secrets behind her stunning creations.

#### **Shared Passions, Diverse Perspectives:**

As we delve into the interviews with Anna, Lena, and Zornitsa, a common thread emerges—the passion for yarn and the desire to push the boundaries of artistic expression. Whether it's through classic designs, intricate storytelling, or innovative use of specialized yarns, each artist brings a fresh perspective to the vibrant world of yarn craftsmanship. Join us in celebrating the artistry of Anna Semerdzhieva, Lena Person, and Zornitsa Dzhokova. Their interviews offer a glimpse into the intricate and inspiring world of yarn creation, showcasing the limitless possibilities that unfold when talent, passion, and premium yarns come together. As you turn the pages, immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of creativity woven by these extraordinary yarn artists.



#### **Ana Semerdzhieva**

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#### P.M.: Could you please introduce yourself?

My name is Ana Semerdzhieva. I am 45 years old and I live in the town of Smolyan, Bulgaria. I am an Entrepreneur, married with two kids.

## P.M.: How long have you been knitting, I would love to hear your personal insights and experiences with this craft?

My mother taught me to knit and crochet when I was a small girl. I clearly remember how patient she was when explaining how to fix a dropped stitch or to remake an ugly big loose stitch. She taught me to knit evenly and with right tension so that the result is satisfactory.

Knitting has always been a part of me during the years but more intensely I knit since I gave birth to my kids.

#### P.M.: What got you interested in this craft?

The very process of knitting attracted me – this simple magic – to take fiber and convert it into a piece of clothing. And when this fiber is so colorful or soft to the touch – then I get impatient to see how these colors will align, or that cable will stand, or that lace will appear. The thrill in knitting is in every 2–3 rows that I make, to stretch the work and gaze with expectations. This is the "fuel" that keeps me continuing and looking for the final result.

## P.M.: Do you have a cherished knitting place that brings you inspiration and tranquility?

It is not a place but a time of the day. I can knit anywhere but what I really adore is the silence of the early morning when accompanied by a cup of coffee I indulge fully in my knitting process. That calmness when everyone still sleeps and the day's bustle has not started yet is so charging and energizing. If I have to start a new project – this is the best time for me.

## P.M.: How would you describe the emotional impact of knitting on you?

Over the years I have tried to meditate, to make my mind calm down for a short period of time. The only thing I learned for myself from this was that I get hastier and dumped that idea. Knitting is my kind of meditation – it calms me completely and brings me full spiritual satisfaction.

## P.M.: Can you tell us about your experience using our Performance yarn in your projects? What attracted you to this particular yarn?

Thirteen years ago I came across the 100% mercerized cotton "Harmony" - red color. I made myself a crochet dress and that pattern got so popular that I made and sold three such dresses. I still wear that first dress - the yarn quality is very good and the dress has not changed at all. Impressed by the perfection of the yarn I got interested in the other articles of the brand Performance.

## P.M.: Could you describe a project you've completed using our Performance yarn? What was the outcome, and how did the yarn contribute to the final product?

Sock knitting has become my new passion for the last two years. I adore the sock yarn palettes of "Warn&Cozy" and "Sockwool Prime Multi" – I make colorful socks that I sell or give away to friends. I am not aware of another Bulgarian yarn factory that makes such colorful sock yarns and thus Performance sock yarns are top-notch for me.



## P.M.: What qualities do you look for in a yarn when selecting materials for your knitting projects? How does Performance Yarn meet those criteria?

My main criterion is the content of fibers in the yarn – I prefer that the naturals prevail, that is it soft and comfy to the skin; to be well twisted, not to break up in separate threads, and not get torn easily.

## P.M.: How does our Performance yarn compare to other yarns you've used in terms of quality and efficacy?

High-quality yarns with long-lasting efficiency

## P.M.: Are there any specific characteristics or unique features of Performance yarn that you appreciate or find useful?

Autumn-winter knitted projects from Performance yarns keep their form and stability. They are soft and not itchy to the skin.

## P.M.: Have you received any feedback or comments from others about your projects made with Performance Yarn? If so, what have they said?

It is an indisputable fact that all my clients for whom I made custom orders are completely satisfied with their clothes – they stay stable in form and with fixed fibre.

# P.M.: Can you share any tips or advice for fellow knitters who may be interested in using Performance yarn for their own spring-summer projects?

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Also, try the different cotton yarns that are designed for crochet projects. The threads are very well worked - mercerized, gassed. The final result will impress you.

## P.M.: Is there anything else you would like to share about your experience with our Performance yarn or your passion for knitting?

I always have Performance yarns in my knitting cupboard – winter, summer, and sock articles. Thus, not only have I a quick solution to get a desired type of yarn for my new projects, but also I can pack a small present for a fellow knitter.

#### **Zornitsa Dzhokova**

#### P.M.: Could you please introduce yourself?

My name is Zornitsa Dzhokova and I am a member of the Regional Chamber of Crafts- Plovdiv with Artistic Knitting. I have specialized in making knitted toys using the Amigurumi technique.

## P.M.: How long have you been knitting, I would love to hear your personal insights and experiences with this craft?

When I was a small child, I spent time with my grandmother who used to knit incredibly beautiful things in our cottage. I've always admired the magic she created with a ball of yarn and a crochet hook. Unfortunately, I couldn't take the knowledge straight from the horse's mouth. For long years, I wanted to learn and create miracles with yarn, but I didn't find time to devote myself. 8 years ago I got pregnant with my daughter and that gave me a strong push to create something special for her. Everything started with one blanket and much desire for knowledge.

### P.M.: Do you have a cherished knitting place that brings you inspiration and tranquility?

I don't have a favorite place for knitting, but I always carry a ball of yarn and a knitting hook with me, and when the inspiration comes, I can knit with it anywhere.

### P.M.: How would you describe the emotional impact of knitting on you?

For me, knitting is a fine art, which I can compare with sculpture. For me, knitting is similar to making a voluminous figure out of plastic materials. It is satisfying to see the finished product in your hands.

## P.M.: If you were to embody the essence of yarn, which type would best capture your personality and knitting style?

Maybe cotton, because it's multifunctional.

## P.M.: Can you tell us about your experience using our Performance yarn in your projects? What attracted you to this particular yarn?

I had a project for knitting decorative eggs for Easter. That's when I came across Cotton Queen Multi for the first time. The flowers were bright and saturated, and the threads were very good-looking and pleasant to work with. I'm always happy to return to that yarn.



## P.M.: What qualities do you look for in yarn when selecting materials for your knitting projects? How does Performance Yarn meet those criteria?

I'm always inspired by the color of some yarn type, but I also care very much about the durability, as well as the composition. For me, it is important that the thread is with the predominant natural composition. With Performance yarns, I can find the ideal balance.

## P.M.: Are there any specific characteristics or unique features of Performance yarn that you appreciate or find useful?

It is really useful that the yarns are certified according to OEKO-Tex2 Standard 100 and GOTS (Global Textile Standard). The company is responsible for nature and ecology.





#### P.M.: Have you noticed any specific benefits or advantages when using Performance yarn for spring and summer projects? How does it handle warmer weather?

My new passion in my spring-summer projects is Candy Cane. Soft and gentle cotton blend, it's extremely pleasant to knit. The yarn "breathes" and absorbs moisture immediately. Comfortable and pleasant to wear, and really easy to care for.

## P.M.: Have you received any feedback or comments from others about your projects made with Performance Yarn? If so, what have they said?

My tulips made of Performance's Lollipop, are my bestseller. The thread gives the ready product a very nice "juicy" look and pleasant softness.

#### P.M.: Can you share any tips or advice for fellow knitters who may be interested in using Performance yarn for their own spring-summer projects?

I want to advise them to choose wisely the yarn for their projects because good and quality yarn turns any product into a masterpiece.

#### **Lena Person**

#### P.M.: Could you please introduce yourself?

My name is Lena Person

## P.M.: How long have you been knitting, I would love to hear your personal insights and experiences with this craft?

I started my business, Nedergardensgarn, 46 years ago. The store including the workshop area is situated in a small village called Bollebygd between Boras and Gothenburg on the west coast in the southern part of Sweden.

I started the business after completing my education in textile design.

#### P.M.: What got you interested in this craft?

My big interest and passion for yarn and textiles started already when I was around 5 years by playing with my mother's yarn. My passion was kept throughout school and my best subjects were the practical hours when learning how to sew, crochet and knit.

### P.M.:Do you have a cherished knitting place that brings you inspiration and tranquility?

I spend all days and time when not working in the store with yarn e.g., by knitting, crocheting or weaving. For me it is more than a business. It is a life style and a big passion!

### P.M.:How would you describe the emotional impact of knitting on you?

The best start of a day is a cup of coffee and some rows on a model.

## P.M.: If you were to embody the essence of yarn, which type would best capture your personality and knitting style?

When getting the opportunity to use high-quality yarns, for example, Woollinen or MerinoPassion it really makes me happy and feeling blest. They are fantastic yarns, possibly the best wollen yarn I have ever used (and I have used a few....). Naturalica must not be forgotten when listing really nice yarns. It is a nice feeling when the yarn just flows into even and smooth designs on the knits.



## P.M.: Can you tell us about your experience using our Performance yarn in your projects? What attracted you to this particular yarn?

One of the first models that I designed in Wollinen, was a poncho. My customers loved it and both the yarn and the design have sold very well. It keeps the shape and feeling also after wash.

## P.M.: What qualities do you look for in a yarn when selecting materials for your knitting projects? How does Performance Yarn meet those criteria?

My favorite yarn quality is natural yarns such as wool, cotton, linen, etc. I think in general that is what most of the knitters in Sweden prefer.

# P.M.: Could you describe a project you've completed using our Performance yarn? What was the outcome, and how did the yarn contribute to the final product?

I have created several designs in Color Fluid. The feedback from customers is that the yarn is easy to work with both for adults and children.

#### P.M.:Are there any specific characteristics or unique features of Performance yarn that you appreciate or find useful?

Great quality, nice packaging with good looking covers.





P.M.:Have you noticed any specific benefits or advantages when using Performance yarn for spring and summer projects? How does it handle warmer weather?

The Poncho in Woolinen is perfect also for warm summer days and evenings.

## P.M.: Have you received any feedback or comments from others about your projects made with Performance yarn? If so, what have they said?

Very positive feedback from customers. However, would be great with more colors to choose from for some of the brands.

P.M.: Can you share any tips or advice for fellow knitters who may be interested in using Performance yarn for their own spring-summer projects?

Knit nice linen in a Linen blend

P.M.: Is there anything else you would like to share about your experience with our Performance yarn or your passion for knitting?

Use good quality yarn and the result will be good

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