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Customer Reviews

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The knitting patterns are sometimes interesting, sometimes not. There are too many "cutesy" patterns and not enough serious challenges for proficient knitters.

It's just what it says...a new knitting pattern a day! Most of the projects look very up to date and easy to knit.

But it still has a long way to go. I purchased the 2007 calendar and was greatly disappointed, and was not going to get the 2008 calendar. However, since it was on sale for 50% off, I gave it another chance. While I personally think that there are many more desirable patterns than 2007 (I only liked two patterns the entire year in 2007.) there are many, many repetitive dishcloth patterns, with only slight variations from each pattern. As another reviewer mentioned, there are also numerous knitted animals, people, phone and iPod decorations, one of those patterns would have been sufficient, rather than dragging them out incessantly through the entire year. It did seem that they had more patterns that carried on for consecutive days than 2007 did. Their photography improved from 2007

and I did find a scarf pattern that I liked and I plan on making a few of the socks. Worthwhile if you can get it 50% off.

So, I received last year's and like many people thought that a lot of the patterns were weird or just variations of the same thing. BUT, there were a few that I used and loved. Had I bought these patterns separately, it would probably have cost me the same. I kept those I thought I would use someday and am offering the rest up on Freecycle. I bought the 2008. LOTS of kids stuff. Good for those with kids (me). It would be nice if there was some way to see most of what patterns are inside before buying, kwim? Overall, I think if you get just a few patterns you love, it's worth the price. And, there are pages dedicated to different stitch patterns/techniques, which was a bonus for me.

I had the SnB page a day calendar last year, and I was disappointed that it only had patterns on Fridays, and the rest of the week was dedicated to knitting trivia and such, so this year I asked for the Knitting pattern a day calendar, in the hopes that I could really beef up my pattern collection. Ugh, is just about all I have to say. There are days that I am embarrassed to have this calendar sitting on my desk at work, the patterns are so hideous. I just threw away a scarf pattern-knit entirely in garter stitch, with weird white "finger knit" dangly things hanging off it. Really the ugliest scarf I've ever seen. Save your money, click on ravelry.com once a day for a new pattern. These are tired!!

This is my first year with this type of calendar and I couldn't be more pleased. So far, I have found quite a few patterns that I would like to make and it is only January. Also, I really enjoy seeing what each new day will bring. There is a nice index with all the patterns sorted by many different categories such as afghans/blankets, socks, baby, hats, kids, etc. etc. There are multiple types of every possible knitted item so I don't really see how you can lose. In terms of the flimsy paper, well what do you expect for such a large number of colored pages (all patterns are in color) at such a reasonable price? You would have to pay a lot more for thicker pages. For me, I will either copy or put into plastic sleeves the patterns I want to keep.

I received this as a Christmas gift. I actually like it a lot. I like most of the patterns and the box it comes in will make it easy to store after the year is over. BUT I'm disappointed in the fact that the paper it's printed on appears to be the same paper that is used for a magazine (which means the patterns are easily damaged and since I like to take my knitting with me this could be a problem if I

can't think of a way of protecting them.) and instead of actually giving you a pattern for every day, there were several patterns that were stretched out over a couple of days.

A Calendar that markets itself as a "pattern-a-day" should be just that. In the past years, I've lived with having Saturday and Sunday combined - but this year's calendar often (more often than not?) spans several days. Last year I probably saved about 5 patterns a month for another look-through at the end of the year. So far this year (and it is now mid-March) I've only saved 4 patterns total. Next year, can we please have one pattern each day (and yes, I'll give you a Sat/Sun combo)????

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