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Denise Layman : Afghans Bed Runners for Knitting Looms: A Step-by-Step Guide for Creating 12 Stunning Projects on a Knitting Loom (Annie's Quilting) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Afghans Bed Runners for Knitting Looms: A Step-by-Step Guide for Creating 12 Stunning Projects on a Knitting Loom (Annie's Quilting):

112 of 113 people found the following review helpful. glad I took a chance By Sneaky Burrito I've been loom knitting for maybe 10 months now and I have an endless supply of hats and scarves. I'm currently working on my first pair of socks. But I've been eager to try a bigger project so I ordered this book. I've been having some trouble finding

information about this book elsewhere online, and there's currently no "Look Inside" on , so first I'll list the projects.(1) Sampler bed runner using worsted weight (4) yarn (need 4 colors); you work this in two strips and piece together later, or you can make more strips and expand to a full throw(2) A chevron stripes (2 colors) afghan using worsted weight (4) yarn; is worked in your choice of 6 or 8 strips that are sewn together to make the finished item(3) A mitered squares afghan using a variegated worsted weight (4) yarn; you make 49 squares and sew them together(4) God's eye throw (2 different shades of the same color in the sample) using worsted weight (4) yarn; made from 8 triangles that are worked separately and sewn together(5) Mock cable bed runner using a single color of worsted weight (4) yarn; this one appears to be worked in all one piece(6 7) Log cabin throw and floor pillow (7 colors) worked in worsted weight (4) yarn (this is the one from the cover); you make 9 afghan blocks and sew together (and 4 pillow blocks and sew together)(8) Snuggle blanket (1 color) worked in worsted weight (4) yarn (basically a homemade Snuggie); made in 4 separate panels(9) Waterfall lace bed runner (1 color) using worsted weight (4) yarn; worked all in one piece(10) Shining star play mat using a self-striping worsted weight (4) yarn; make 5 separate diamonds and sew together(11) Diamond baby blanket using a single color of super fine (1) yarn; worked in one piece(12) Nine-patch throw using light (3) weight yarn (4 colors); worked in 3 strips and pieced togetherI am actually interested in making quite a few of these patterns. So even though I bought the book without knowing a lot about it, I'm glad I made the purchase since it has projects I'll definitely use. (I'll probably make different color choices to suit my own personal taste.) The single-color projects all include interesting textural work to increase visual appeal. Each project includes a rating ("beginner," etc.). Without having tried all the projects, I can't say how accurate the ratings are. The book is rather short (about 45 pages) with nice, heavy, glossy paper and full color printing throughout. As noted in the above list, many of the projects are worked in sections and pieced together later. I am not sure whether this is a limitation of the loom used by the author (the KB "All-in-One" loom) or whether it's because a full-sized afghan project on a loom would be heavy and unwieldy. However, the dividing into sections makes the projects easily portable, for the most part. Example yarns are given for each project but of course feel free to choose your own colors and styles. I expect I'll be using a lot of Red Heart Super Saver for practice! Instructions are given for several different sizes (i.e., Twin, Queen, etc., for bed runners), along with yarn shopping lists for each size. Tools needed for every project: *Loom* Loom hook (knitting tool) *Tapestry needle* Yarn (of course!) Tools needed for some projects: *Pillow form (24 inch square)* Crochet hook or cable needle (optional) Some notes on the loom: the same loom (KB "All-in-One") was used for all of the projects. However, do not think you have to go out and buy this exact loom to do these projects. I did some research online and found that the KB "All-in-One" loom has a 3/8-inch peg spacing. So, if you have the Martha Stewart loom like I do, you can use the small pegs placed in every hole to achieve this gauge. (These projects probably wouldn't work with Knifty Knitters, though.) The nice thing about most of these projects is that gauge isn't 100% critical since they're large flat pieces. I wouldn't deviate too far from 3/8 of an inch or you'll end up with a net. But there are a few options for looms other than the one used in the models. There's not a lot of time spent on technique, although there are some basic instructions for a few cast-ons and stitches (knit, purl, e-wrap knit). When a project requires a new or special stitch, there's a short tutorial on that page. The directions and accompanying photos are clear and quite helpful throughout the book. This book might not be for absolute beginners (might want to get started with something simpler and quicker to finish like a hat or scarf rather than embarking on a huge project right away), but I don't have a ton of experience and I'm completely self taught (from Isela Phelps's "Loom Knitting Primer") and I can understand the directions pretty well. The book doesn't contain extraneous text but what writing is there, is well-edited and clear. I'm happy with this purchase and if I wasn't right in the middle of another project (i.e., loom is currently occupied), I'd go out and buy yarn right this minute! Will definitely look for other books from the same author. 7 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Useless for beginner By C Parker the book clearly states it's for beginners as well as experienced loomers. On the contrary, it is FULL of terms and abbreviations that are never explained or defined in the book, making it useless to me. Example, "Set up row 1: P3, *SPB, k3, p3; rep from * to end of section". Huh???? 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very disappointed! Directions unclear at times and very limited projects By Mrav0928 Very disappointed! Directions unclear at times and very limited projects.

Perfect for beginners who have never so much as used a knitting board or those who have only made small accessories and want to move on to larger items, this guide offers a dozen projects, from afghans and bed runners to a pillow and even a wearable afghan. Step-by-step instructions and photographs show readers how to use a variety of yarns, from fingering weight to worsted weight. The designs that can be created using the inspirational ideas in this book are perfect for personal use or for gift giving.

About the Author Denise Layman is the author of *Learn to Knit on Circle Looms* and the creator of the blog *Knitting Without Needles*. Her work has been featured in *Craft Corps: Celebrating the Creative Community One Story at a Time* and *Loom Knitting Pattern Book*. She lives in Uniontown, Ohio.