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Barbara Walker's *Knitting from the Top*, originally published in 1972, is a treasure trove of inspiration about the technique of knitting garments from the top down (for example, knitting a sweater from the neck down to the hem or a hat from the crown down to the brim). In 2010, STC Craft published Kristina McGowan's successful *Modern Top-Down Knitting*, a collection of fashion-conscious top-down designs inspired by Walker's book. Knitters not only loved the technique, which allows for easy, try-on-as-you-go custom fitting, but also applauded McGowan's modern sense of style. For *More Modern Top-Down Knitting*, McGowan has dug even deeper into Walker's iconic work—this time challenging herself to design two garments based on each of Walker's 12 basic top-down templates. The results come together to form a fresh, stylish wardrobe that includes everything from sweaters and dresses to capes, skirts, hats, and even pants and shorts.

Praise for *More Modern Top-Down Knitting*:

"*More Modern Top-Down Knitting* is a beautiful book, featuring exciting and eminently wearable designs for knitters who enjoy self-expression in their craft. The directions are precise but flexible; the garments are highly fashionable; and the pictures are glorious. I am especially delighted to be honored as an 'inspiration' for Ms. McGowan; but indeed her own creativity is very much on display here. The book is a great gift for any knitter." —Barbara G. Walker, author of *Knitting from the Top*, the *Knitting Treasuries*, et al.

"Lovers of top-down knitting—and those who have yet to learn!—will find a wide range of lovely stylish projects in Kristina McGowan's second homage collection, inspired by Barbara Walker's classic book *Knitting from the Top*. The designs in *More Modern Top-Down Knitting* are wearable and intriguing, with delightful pattern stitches and simple, yet couture-like touches. A warm and beckoning book, suffused with McGowan's enthusiasm and her elegant approach to knitwear." —Deborah Newton, author of *Designing Knitwear* and *Finishing School: A Master Class for Knitters*

"Take one look at the gorgeous skirt on the cover of Kristina McGowan's *More Modern Top-Down Knitting* and you'll have insta-knitting book crush." —Craftsy.com

"This book takes its time and I encourage you to do the same with it. I spent a morning reading it from cover to cover. This book is full of beautiful writing, photography and patterns." —Knitty.com

"Kristy is an amazingly talented woman . . . a really nice book." —KnitCircus.com

"The stunning result is 24 modern designs that are feminine with classic embellishments and minimal finishing. Knit gorgeous cardigans, stylish skirts, and more." —*Knit 'n Style*

"Experienced knitters will drool over it." —DallasNews.com

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