

# Teen Knitter Magazine Issue 3

Issue 3: Roses and Makeup

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# Roses and Make Up

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**Roses are red...**

**Violets are Blue...**

**Makeup is cool...**

**And so are you.**

Contributors:

Jessica:

*"My name's Jessica but I go by Jess; I'm 12 years old but am very soon to be 13 on April 27. I'm in seventh grade and from Ohio. My favorite hobbies are reading, writing, playing softball, and music. I like country, alternative, indie, and classic rock!"*

Sekaya:

*"What's up?! My name is Sekaya, and I am fourteen years old! I'm from NY, and I like to knit, read, write, daydream, sleep, and talk! I am also the owner of Teen Knitter! I would LOVE to make friends with ANY girls on Teen Knitter!"*

Zainab:

*"Hi! My name is Zainab and I am 10 years old. I like playing with Knex and blocks. I would love to make friends with any girls on Teen Knitter!"*



#### 4. Unknown (Author refuses to have name mentioned)

Newsflasher

*"Hey, I'm Teen Knitters Editor. I only edit stuff."*

Anne Marie

*"Hey guys, I'm Annemarie. I'm a new writer here to Teen Knitter. Sadly, I do not knit or crochet, but I want to start very soon! I enjoy reading, writing, acting, singing, and dancing. Sekaya and I met on a site called writing.com, where we read and reviewed each other's stories. After chatting for a bit, she offered me this wonderful job at Teen Knitter! Of course I accepted, so now I'm making new friends online and helping this website grow. This is going to turn out to be a wonderful site, and I can't wait to help it prosper even more. :)"*

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## Letter from the Editors

Hey Girls! Welcome back to Teen Knitter Magazine. This issue is based on Makeup and Roses, but it's not *just* on that subject. Also, you can see, we have a totally hot new look for the magazine itself!

Secondly, we also have a new Knitting Pattern Mistress! We'll be seeing some of her awesome patterns in the issues. Swing over to the **Knitting Pattern** section if you're interested in knitting. We will also include a few helpful resources for knitting lovers! (Sorry! No crochet patterns this time!)

Third, Anne Marie and Jessica have their new column **Writers Thoughts**. Check out the essay *Roses and Stereotypes* Jessica wrote. Anne Marie also designed a cute new banner, check it out in the **Art** section.

Fourth, we interview a girl from the US named Zainab. Check it out in the Girl2Girl section. You'll see what a bright girl she is. She also wrote a new poem called; *Knitted Doll*. It's in the **poem** section if you're interested in reading. A mystery writer also submitted a poem for that section too. It's a funny poem.

Fifth, Sekaya hasn't been tapping away at her computer. She's got a really bad case of writers block. So, she decided to submit an excerpt from her new novel *Behind Blue Eyes*.

We hope you all enjoy this issue! Thanks for reading!



P.S Due to the max work that we have to do to actually get the magazine published, we will submit a new magazine once a month. ☹ - 03/19/07

## Knitting Patterns



### **The Nikki Hat**

Skill required: Beginner

Size: Newborn baby.

Requirements:

Any sized needles.

Red Heart dirty white yarn or any other colors from Red Heart. (Any other types of yarns will make the hat thicker or thinner.)

Time required: For me, the hat took me 1 1/2 hours because I was a beginner.  
But now it takes me a half hour - forty-five minutes



Required techniques: Purling, Basic Knitting, and understanding of ST ST (stocking stitch).

1. Cast on 40 stitches.
2. Knit 8 rows.
3. Change pattern to ST ST.
4. Continue until desired length.
5. Cast off.
6. Make another one EXACTLY like the first piece of cloth you made. (Make sure you do not skip any steps or numbers. Also, make sure there aren't any holes)
7. When you are done making the second cloth, sew them together on wrong side. (The one that has all of the "V" looking stitches on it.) Turn inside out, and fold the brim of the hat UP. And wa-la! A cute hat! (Make sure you leave a HOLE for the baby's head!)

### **Trip's Tri-Colored Blankie**

3 colors of your choice in a bulky weight yarn

Size 8 needles

Darning needle

Fleece material

Scissors

Thread

Sewing needle (or sewing machine)

This blanket is worked using mitered squares. There are 4 mitered squares to make up a baby block then they are sewn together so that "Color C" makes up a small square in the center. Make 13 with Color A as outer block, and 12 with Color B as outer block

#### **HOW TO MAKE THE MITERED SQUARE:**

With Color A (B) cast on 31 sts

**Row 1 & every other row:** Knit.

**Row 2:** K 14, k3 tog, k14.

**Row 4:** K13, k3 tog, k13.

**Row 6:** K12, K3 tog, K12.

**Row 7:** Knit across, at the end of row change to Color B (A).



**Row 8:** With Color A, K 11, k3 tog, k11.

**Row 10:** K10, k3 tog, k10.

**Row 12:** K9, k3 tog, k9.

**Row 14:** K8, k3 tog, k8.

**Row 15:** K across, change to Color C at the end of row.

**Row 16:** K7, k3 tog, k7.

**Row 18:** K6, k3 tog, k6.

**Row 20:** K5, k3 tog, k5.

**Row 22:** K4, k3 tog, k4.

**Row 24:** K3, k3 tog, k3.

**Row 26:** K2, k3 tog, k2.

**Row 28:** K1, k3 tog, k1.

**Row 29:** K3tog. Break off, draw end of yarn through the remaining stitch, pull tightly, and set aside for later.

To join the blocks together, whip stitch with Color C with the following color scheme  
(NOTE: If the outer block is Color A it will be listed as so, same as B):

A B A B A  
B A B A B  
A B A B A  
B A B A B  
A B A B A

For extra comfort for baby (and better appearances for the back piece) sew some fleece material to the back. Optional: Leave a two inch allowance on each side, at the corners cut out a 2"x2" square and then cut slits on each side to give a cute little fringe.

**DESIGNER'S INFO:** This is my first pattern that I designed using a new technique. This was designed for my Sociology teacher and the school security guard, Trip is their first baby so I decided to make something for him (and he is precious!!) I have been knitting for about eight years and I have started my own knitting blog:

<http://www.totalkyknitwit2007.blogspot.com>



## Top 3 Yarn Shops



1. Wal-Mart - This is a great place to buy yarn. Most of it cost \$2.00-3.00 for a big ball!

Site: [www.walmart.com](http://www.walmart.com)

2. Kaleidoscope Yarns – Sells BEAUTIFUL yarn. Some are a little pricey, but it's worth it.

Site: <http://www.kyarns.com/>

3. EBay – Just search up 'Yarn' and eBay will do the finding for you!

Site: [www.ebay.com](http://www.ebay.com)

## Top Knitting Sites

1. Knitty.com
2. Midnightknitter.com
3. Knittingpatterncentral.com



# Learn To Knit

*Article by: Sekaya*

Some people don't even know what knitting *is*. So, what is knitting? Knitting is a fabric making technique that uses two hands, some yarn, two sticks, and one person. You can knit anywhere, anytime! In the car, at home, in the subway, at the movies, while waiting at a restaurant; almost anywhere! Some people confuse crocheting with knitting. Crocheting is with one stick and the stick has a hook at one end of it. Both techniques still make you beautiful objects, and sometimes even money if you're really good.

Long ago, knitting was used to actually make clothes because people HAD to. Today, we do it as a hobby. Sure, we still make hats, scarves, sweaters, and socks. But today we make SO much more. Like purses, skirts, nose warmers, mouse covers, and so on. Below, is a helpful link to a site that will help you learn to knit better, even if you already know how to.

1. [www.KnittingHelp.com](http://www.KnittingHelp.com)

2. [www.learntoknit.com](http://www.learntoknit.com)



# Short Stories

In this issue, we only have one story. Actually, it's an excerpt to a story that the member, Sekaya wrote. Hope you enjoy it!

## Chapter 2

*Arthur*

Stepping out of the cab that pulled in front of her apartment building, Jessie waved goodbye to the friendly cabdriver. Approaching the apartment doors, she yawned tiredly, covering her mouth. She was still very sore from the talk with William, and puzzled from her mother's mystery man. Approaching the stucco stairs that belonged to her apartment building, she ran blindly up them, and almost collided violently with someone coming out at the same speed.

"Whoops!" a cheerful voice cried out. Looking up Jessie stared into a pair of twinkling green eyes.

"Oh!" she said her eyes wide. She recognized him as the same man who helped her get a cab earlier. The man smiled brightly at her.

"It's you!" they both cried in unison. Jessie blinked, and shifted her feet.

"I never thanked you properly for helping me." She spoke, managing a tiny smile. The man waved his hand grinning, which held a cluster of silver keys, which jingled wildly and made loud, clanking sounds when they moved and slapped against each other.

"No problem." He laughed goodheartedly, nodding his head. The brown, sandy hair on his head bobbed slightly in the cooling breeze that blew suddenly through the city. They stood staring at one another in silence for a few moments.

"Ahem." The man looked at the sky, and then rested his eyes on her. Extending his hand, he smiled brightly again, "I'm Arthur." He winked, raising his sandy brown eyebrows.

"Oh," Jessie grinned, taking his large hand and giving it a prompt shake. "I'm Jessie. I live on floor three. I—" She stopped talking suddenly. A picture of Cheryl flashed before her. Cheryl always greeted strangers this way. The sudden thought brought tears to her eyes.

"You alright?" Arthur asked, seeing her eyes tear up. Jessie rubbed her eyes briskly.

"Yeah," she answered, "just some allergies." Arthur searched her face with his animated eyes. Then, he nodded.



“Alright, see you around.” Arthur continued his way down the stairs without any further interruptions. Jessie hurried up the stairs and into the building. Waving woefully at the jolly doorman, she quickened her pace up the three flights of stairs leading to her apartment. Thrusting the key into its hole, she turned it, and shoved the door open. Quickly walking to the dim apartment, she slammed the door shut, leaning against it for a moment. For a minute, she stared around her apartment. Her fuzzy slippers were sitting patiently by the closet door to the coat closet; the green couch was dusted and smothered in gigantic brown pillows; which she designed herself. The small television was on, with a video game of Mortal Kombat still on pause, the kitchen was sparkling clean; as no one really cooked in it, and her knitting basket was sitting quietly on top of the wooden coffee table. Jessie made her way slowly towards the kitchen, and set her purse onto the counter. Opening the giant, silver refrigerator, she sighed at the contents. There was never anything good in it. Her eyes slowly moved from one item to another; a carton of sour cream, an old onion, a leftover burger, a salad, a pot of brown rice, a pint of milk, an ancient jelly roll, two boiled eggs in a bowl, some very old mashed potatoes, some honey, vanilla pudding, and a celery stick.

Jessie groaned, and reached for the vanilla pudding, pushing aside the jelly roll, and the pot of brown rice. She set the tiny carton of pudding onto the counter with a slam, and grabbed a silver spoon from a plastic container. Jessie took the pudding in her hands once more, and pulled back the covering. Dipping her spoon inside, she gathered a large amount, and put the pudding-filled spoon into her mouth. Savoring the sweet flavor, she swallowed it slowly, and took the spoon from her mouth. *That man I met today...what was his name again? Arthur- yes, he was very nice.* She thought, smiling for a moment, and licking the back of the spoon. Jumping onto the counter, she sat down, and ate the rest of the pudding slowly. When she finished, she jumped from the counter again, and landed with a loud ‘thud’. A knocking was heard from the floor.

“Stop that jumping!” a shrill voice screamed. Smothering a loud laugh, Jessie chucked the empty container of pudding into the open-lidded garbage can. A sudden feeling overcame Jessie, something she could not explain. If she would have described her feelings to a friend, her friend would have answered promptly,

“You’re lonely.” Only, Jessie didn’t have any close friends. The only friend she had was Cheryl, and she was gone.

“Why do I feel so weird?” Jessie asked herself aloud, as she leaned against the wall to her apartment. The conversation with William haunted her mind, and she complained weakly; “How could they give up on finding my sister? I had to go through so much for them to help me. This is awful.”

A lone tear slid down her face. So much had happened in one day that she was worn out. Brief pictures of her mother, father, Stuart, Mr. Chorter, Erin, Arthur, and Cheryl clicked into her mind. The picture of Cheryl lingered for a moment longer. Jessie broke down, letting the tears flow from her eyes. Heavy sobs racked in her chest. Sinking to the floor, she wept with her face between her legs. No one understood how much she would love to cling to her sister for just a moment. The gasping and sighing continued as the warm tears wet her face, and soaked the black skirt. Curling up on one side, she closed her eyes as another tear squeezed out. In a moment, she was asleep.



## Poems

## Passion4Fashion

This month's outfits are hot,hot,hot for girls who love to dress. Check out the funky shirts, pants, sunglasses, and jewelry! All clothes in this section can be found at [limitedtoo.com](http://limitedtoo.com)!





Very cute and trendy. All girls will love this outfit, even if they hate pink!



A unique, but cool pair of leggings to go with the awesome shirt above!





Ballet slippers add an elegant look to the outfit. Trendy? Definitely.



Originally called stunners. Very nice...





Got to love those hoops. Hoops are in.



# Art/Photography

What's the scoop in this week's art/photography section? Pictures of Roses and Makeup! We hunted the google search engine until it was worn out. (Actually, we don't even know if a search engine wears out!) Anyway, these pictures were chosen because they are pretty, and funky!

**Special!**



**By Anne Marie**

**Very nice!!**

**Roses**



1.

Roses aren't just red!





2.

Very pretty, and super delicate looking. It receives our, "Oooh"



4.

Looking for a gift?



5.

Very blendy. We likes very much.

## Makeup



1.

Very nicely done?

Tip: When applying eye shadow, keep it in an even layer. You can even add a little under you're eye by you're bottom eyelashes.



2.



Lip gloss is in. We'd be lying if we said it wasn't.

Tip: Add bits of sparkle to your lip gloss by mixing it with a bit of body glitter.

3.



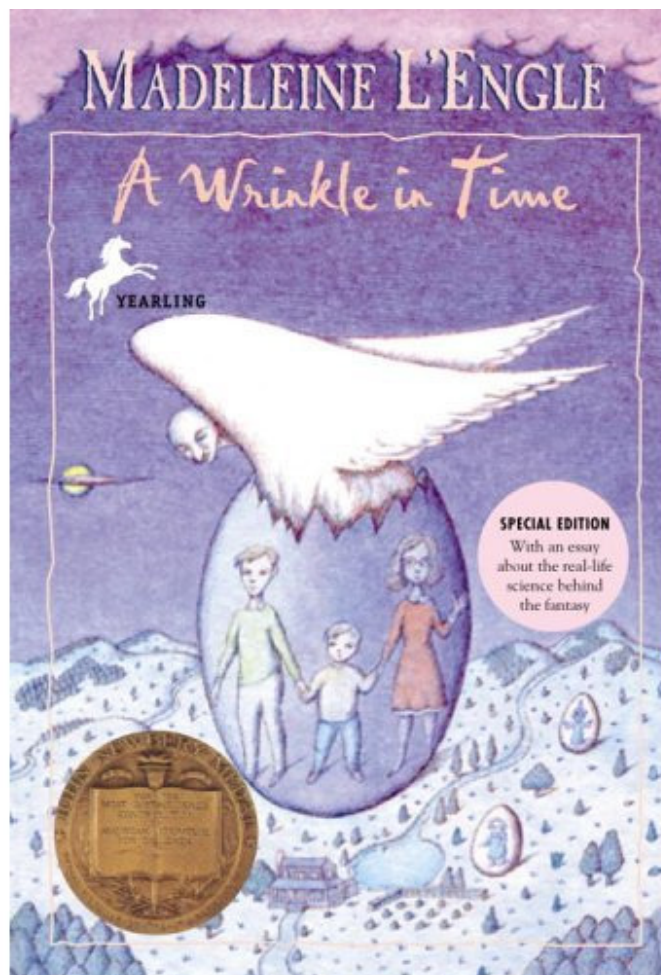
Gotta love the brushes.

Tip: Apply only blush that is similar to your skin tone. Don't go overboard with makeup, your natural skin is better than one coated with makeup.

## Books



This month's story genre is modern science fiction. The perfect book that actually fits into this genre is *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle. The book is totally based on science fiction and fantasy. It even adds a bit of math which is a little hard to understand sometimes, but you actually have to get the concept or you won't comprehend what the characters are talking about. Other than this, it is an exciting book that leads you into bizarre worlds, and interesting characters that the main characters meet throughout the book. It also stresses a simple moral as you read.



Everyone in town thinks Meg Murry is volatile and dull-witted, and that her younger brother, Charles Wallace, is dumb. People are also saying that their physicist father has run off and left their brilliant scientist mother. Spurred on by these rumors and an unearthly stranger, the tesseract-touting Mrs Whatsit, Meg and Charles Wallace and their



new friend Calvin O'Keefe embark on a perilous quest through space to find their father.

In doing so, they must travel behind the shadow of an evil power that is darkening the cosmos, one planet at a time. This is no superhero tale, nor is it science fiction, although it shares elements of both. The travelers must rely on their individual and collective strengths, delving deep within themselves to find answers. Also, a tesseract is a Wrinkle in Time.

## Movies



Nancy Drew the movie is coming out! This is awesome! This movie is based entirely on the mystery books by Carolyn Keene! It's coming out this summer on June 15, 2007!!



Teen detective Nancy Drew (Emma Roberts) accompanies her father on a business trip to Los Angeles, where she happens upon clues to a murder mystery involving a movie star.

Jibberish

None

Interesting Women



**Born:** c. 1820, Dorchester County, Maryland  
**Died:** March 10, 1913, Auburn, New York



Harriet Tubman was a runaway slave from Maryland who became known as the "Moses of her people." Over the course of 10 years, and at great personal risk, she led hundreds of slaves to freedom along the Underground Railroad, a secret network of safe houses where runaway slaves could stay on their journey north to freedom. She later became a leader in the abolitionist movement, and during the Civil War she was a spy for the federal forces in South Carolina as well as a nurse.

## Girl2Girl

Girls are a fascinating gender, and so many of them can change the world with what they say, what they do, and with what they accomplish. In this section, we have two girls who would like to share their opinion.

### **Just plain girl stuff**

By: [m\\_m\\_27@hotmail.com](mailto:m_m_27@hotmail.com)

So, raise your hand if knitting is your style! Or is it crochet? Or do you even have a favorite style?

So, ask your best friend, and don't take 'I don't know' for an answer.

Don't forget to have a giant sleep over and eat! Talk about anything, just don't care! Do typical girl stuff. Do anything!



- Do girly tricks
- Do a little knitt'n and crocheting
- Take a break and eat
- Listen to good music
- Dance around and be silly

## An interview with Zainab

*By Sekaya*

Q. How does it feel to be ten years old?

A. Feels great. It feels like you're older. For examples, when I was nine, I felt like a baby. Being ten gives me a chance to do more.

Q. What would you like to be when you're older?

A. (Says with a giant smile.) A district attorney; they make a lot of money!

Q. What is your favorite thing to do?

A. Build with blocks, and knex; because you get good with your hands.

Q. Do you think Teen Knitter is a good way to make friends?

A. yes, because there are more girls.

Q. What would you like to say to any girls?

A. All the girls should join teen knitter, and I would be glad to make friends!



# Writers Thoughts

*By Jessica and Anne Marie*

When asked to write up something for 'Writers Thoughts' column these two unique girls came up with some great essays and helpful hints.

## Roses and Stereotypes

*By Jessica*

Roses are red,  
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I bet you've never heard that flowers can be the cause of stereotypes. Well, neither have I. But, I suppose you have noticed that makeup can play a large role in how we picture a certain "clique" in our minds.

Roses can be found in primarily two colors; red and white. Rosy red cheeks are associated with the preps, washed out white cheeks with outcasts: Goths, punks, and really anyone who isn't very social or athletic. Am I right?

Now, I am going to contradict myself in saying the following: in wedding pictures especially, you see roses that have drops of water on them. They flatter the rose very much, no matter the color. But when you see water on the face of one of your peers, it's not so flattering or happy, is it?



You can tell countless things about a flower by staring at the facade of a rose. It's brilliant color, mesmerizing shape, and so on. You can tell the same when looking at a person. You can take in their skin tone, facial shape, etc. But, there are also many things you cannot tell by looking at a rose. Do you think the first person to witness the rose knew the entire process of photosynthesis? Or that it was a plant or a flower, even? I doubt it. That's the same with people; you can't tell what a person is experiencing by looking at them. You never know if a "Goth" is laughing inside and really isn't as they portray themselves.

So in conclusion, I hope you see the tie I've tried to create between roses, makeup, and human stereotypes; feelings. Thanks for reading!

## Anne Marie's Thoughts

*By Anne Marie*

Being a writer is a wonderful hobby if you really enjoy it. Although there may be months where you have horrible writer's block, or when your story just isn't working out; being a writer can have a big payoff. Once you finally complete that first novel, your heart soars, even if you can't get it published. It is such a relieving feeling, knowing you have accomplished so much. Even if it's just a short story or a poem, you can't help but be proud. If you love writing, then write! Keep a journal; write poetry in a spiral notebook. One of the best ways to get out emotions is through the sweet words you scribble onto a page.

A couple of writing tips for those curious in writing but need some advice.

- There is no such thing as writer's block unless you've had it for months. If every day you struggle to describe exactly what to say, that isn't writer's block. That's just plain writing. Even some of the best writers go through it daily. Don't get mad at yourself if you just can't find the right words today. Keep trying and it's come to you.

- Write about what you know. If you write about the terrible fire, make sure you can explain it well. If you write about Martin Luther King Jr., make sure you do a little research first. If you haven't been through it and you can't imagine it, then you probably shouldn't write about it.

- Enjoy writing. If you enjoy writing, then you'll be motivated to write more. That alone is a good reward. Also, wanting to write may actually make your writing better. If you don't want to write, why make yourself miserable? Writing should be delight, not a chore.

If you need more help or just want to me to read and rate some of your writing pieces, just email me at [coco.chick@gmail.com](mailto:coco.chick@gmail.com). 😊



## Mail

None; we would love to receive some feed back on this issue! Post any reviews, comments, suggestion..ect on the CHATBOX on Teen Knitter.com! Thank you!