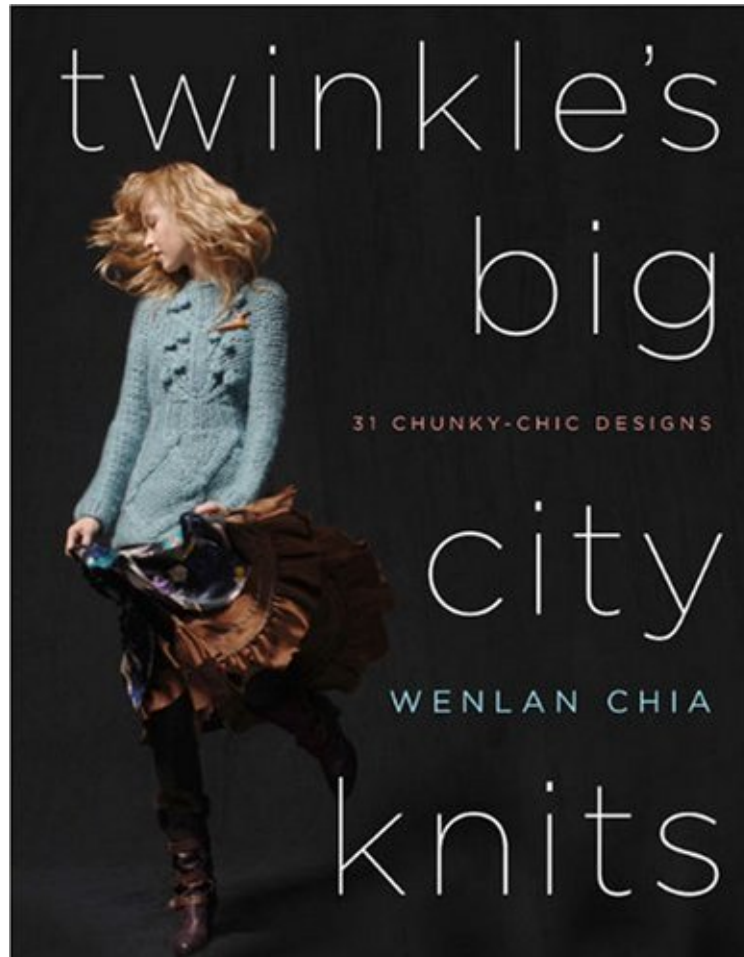


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**Wenlan Chia : Twinkle's Big City Knits: 31 Chunky-Chic Designs** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Twinkle's Big City Knits: 31 Chunky-Chic Designs:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. my first knitting pattern book By Sweetpea I love the big city knits book, and made several projects from it: marilyn jacket, karate sweater, diamond scarf, the fingerless gloves, the pilot hat, and the hat with the buttons to name a few. I have had a hard time finding twinkle yarn. The stores in Boston seem to carry small stock of it. I used "burly spun" yarn for the two sweaters i made from the other book, and "blizzard" yarn for the diamond scarf, since twinkle is scarce to find. And alot of websites that offer the twinkle yarn are often backordered. the marilyn jacket i get tons of compliments on. i used burly spun yarn for it, and it came out beatiful, but is prob a bit more scratchy than twinkle yarn would have been. i gave the pilot hat away as a gift. i used the baby pink to knit it and white buttons. (the large twinkle buttons don't come in all colors, so make sure you check before starting your pattern). And the large twinkle buttons are quite pricey, i think they were like at least \$5-\$7 ea. also, finding the

large gauge needles isn't always that easy. luckily i have built a pretty good collection. but it wasn't easy. for the circular ones i have some of the turbo metal ones with the plastic tubing, and also have the cheapo susan bates ones. for non circular, i have both the cheapo plastic susan bates and also some nice wood ones i won from the twinkle contest. the susan bates circular needles are nice and light, however, the plastic connector seems to come unglued. i guess you can't ask for more since they ARE inexpensive. i like how chia indicated clearly that sizes should be taken based on measured size, not finished size of project. it makes the sizing much clearer. one comment that they could work on would be to have more pictures of the finished product, from more angles on and off the models. and it would be nicer if the picture alongside the pattern was blown up a bit larger. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A ridiculous waste of money By Black Griffin A ridiculous waste of money. Some beautiful styles, but a LARGE is 34" KNITTED, making useless for any but children. I'm a US size 6-8, not huge, and want my sweaters, especially bulky ones, to be at least 38-40". I even ordered the yarn and now must change my plans. Arggh!! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great looking designs By Sun There is a great variety of patterns in the book - cardigans, wraps, shrugs, hats etc. and they all have some interesting stitch patterns that make them a bit different than the usual sweaters. I was pleasantly surprised to find that there were many designs that I want to make. Most of them call for chunky yarn so hopefully they will be quick to do up. The only reason I have given this book 4 stars and not 5 is because I actually haven't made anything out of it yet so I can't say how easy the patterns are to follow.

Wenlan Chia, creator of the acclaimed fashion line Twinkle by Wenlan, is famous for knitting bold, chunky yarn into delicate, feminine designs. The look is at once whimsical and hip, classic and trendy; in short, Wenlan's knits are like nothing you've seen before. Now, she shares her patterns and her secrets with knitters everywhere. Twinkles Big City Knits is a collection of 31 of Twinkles greatest hits that knitters can finally make at home. From a mohair shrug embellished with ribbon and braids to a wrap vest with a plunging V-neck, every design in Twinkles Big City Knits puts an innovative, spin on classic knitwear and styles. Here are patterns for all of Twinkles hottest pieces: the bestselling seed-stitch Twinkle Hoodie, the cropped and flirty Best Friend Cardigan, the effortlessly trendy Shopping Tunic. For warmer weather, lighter colors and lighter knits reign, so you'll find the classic sophistication of the Chanel-inspired Coco Jacket in soft pastels, a delicate and feather-soft scarf light enough for spring, as well as the St. Barts Mini that could very well be the perfect Little Black Dress. Full-color photographs and clear instructions make it easy to learn new techniques. In addition, Wenlan shares her advice on techniques, choosing yarns, and choosing materials to make knitting with chunky yarn as easy as it looks. With designs this creative, colors this beautiful, and shapes this modern, you'll want to make every project in this book and they all knit up so quickly that you can!

About the Author Wenlan Chia launched Twinkle in the fall of 2000 with a collection of colorful and exuberant hand-knit sweaters and accessories. Making its runway debut in 2002, Twinkle received high praise from both the New York Times and Womens Wear Daily. Since then, Wenlan has shown on the runway each season at Seventh on Sixth fashion week in Bryant Park. Wenlan has received well-deserved recognition from the fashion industry, winning major awards and nominations, including the Onward Kashiyama New Design Prize in Tokyo, the Competition of Young Fashion Designers in Paris, and the Vogue Fashion Fund Award in New York, among others. Most recently, she was selected as one of Springs Leading Ladies a group of five notable designers by Vogue magazine.