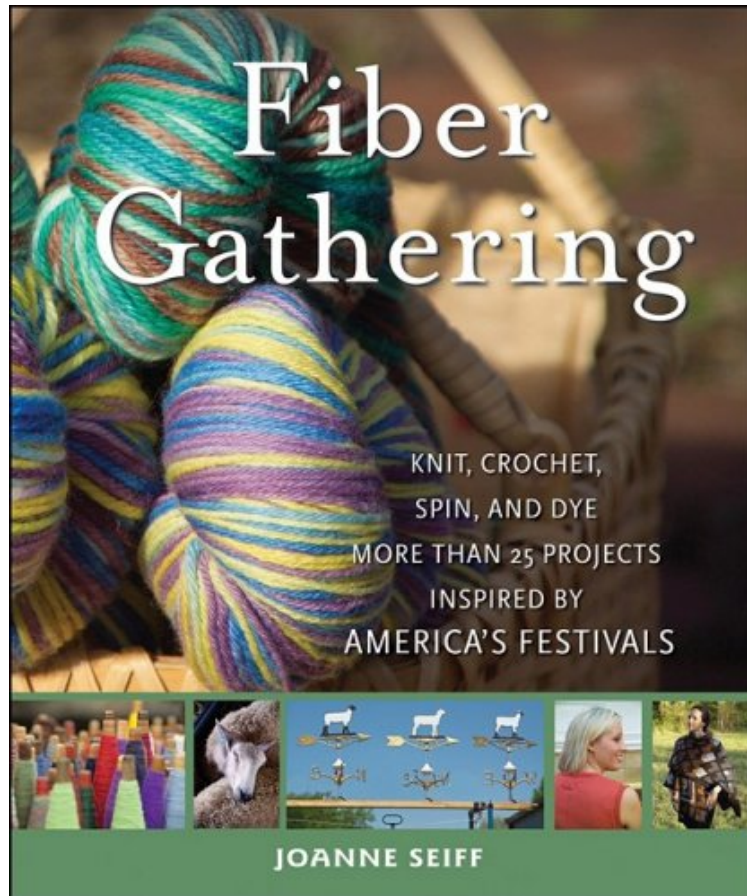


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combined with artfully arranged photos and a thoughtful narrative, provides ample inspiration for approaching fiber art from different directions, both geographically and culturally. I recently attended my first fiber festival, a small regional event, and took my copy of *Fiber Gathering* with me to read in the car. It provided the knowledge (and courage) needed to purchase and process my very first raw fleece. I will surely use this book as reference and for inspiration for years.

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When I moved to Nashville many years ago, I was excited to go to my first real state fair in the state capital. Somehow, I completely missed the fiber portion of it. Now I'm far away again, and will have to find another fiber show to attend, but this book certainly whetted my appetite. The book is well-photographed, and leads you through several shows in states all across the United States offering varieties of yarn I didn't know existed. It's a fun travelogue, and there are several nice patterns as well.

**Fiber Gathering: Knit, Crochet, Spine, and Dye. More Than 25 Projects Inspired by America's Festivals** 164 pp. "Meet the people, sample the flavor, and experience the kinship through 11 unique events and more than 25 inspiring projects Throughout history, we've gathered together in the market square. We're there to buy and sell, to get good deals on fibers, fabrics, fruits, vegetables, and bread, but we're also there to see friends, gossip, trade recipes, and admire new clothes. We've got an eye on each other's animals, and we're going to keep them from getting into any trouble. It's our chance to hold someone else's baby or to congratulate a new grandmother. It's a chance to connect, to touch, and to bond with others. These days, it's easy to feel like we live in scary times, and sometimes we're less neighborly than we used to be. Our lives are filled with long distances and technology. We're more likely to make cyberfriends than visit with someone down the street. Our lives are full of work, school, and caretaking, but how many of us still live near our families? Our hometowns? How do we reach out to one another?"  
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From the Inside Flap  
For fiber lovers, a festival is more than a setting for buying and selling materials it's a gathering place where artisans, designers, farmers, and friends come together to teach, learn, share, and celebrate this timeless art in a unique 21st-Century marketplace. Join author Joanne Seiff as she details the rich heritage, sprawling agriculture, and unique

flavor of eleven fiber events throughout the U.S. From the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival to Oregon's Black Sheep Gathering and lots of others in between you'll get a taste of what each festival has to offer through a rich mix of photography, essays, lore, and even a local recipe. Talented designers have contributed top-of-the-line patterns for you to knit, crochet, spin, felt, hook, and dye your own distinctive masterpieces using fibers that are ubiquitous to each festival. Whether you're working with a sophisticated mohair-silk blend or skirting a fleece on shearing day, the twenty-five projects in this book are representative of the best of America's fiber festivals. Perfect for the armchair traveler and fiber enthusiast alike, *Fiber Gathering* lets you bring America's most celebrated festivals into your heart and home and inspires you to create clothing, art, and meaning from these time-honored crafts.