



In Iceland there's a piece of knitwear that everybody has but no one has bought: the lopapeysa, or 'lopi' for short. This sweater made from unspun Icelandic wool is a treasured piece of the island's culture, knitted by hand and gifted with love. In this guide, Joan of Dark and Kyle Cassidy take you on an 800-mile adventure to explore the nation's rich knitting tradition and to show you how to make your own lopi-style knits.

By interviewing local experts they trace the history of the patterns and along the way meet rock stars, professors and designers who share their knitting-related stories and reveal some of their country's hidden gems. From isolated waterfalls to erupting volcanos, the book is full of stunning photographs at every turn.

The journey inspired 12 beautiful lopi-style knitting patterns all presented here with photographs, charts and detailed instructions. Work your way through the projects from the traditional sweater to gloves and hats, a cosy jumper dress and stylish headbands all while finding out why the lopapeysa is so special and so individual to Iceland.

Front: Mikael at Helguholl wearing a Lopapeysa sweater knitted by a friend from a popular Icelandic pattern.

Back: Lopi-style knits from the pattern section, worn at Hestaland horse ranch (top); Fagradalsfjall Volcano (middle) and Vík í Mýrdal (bottom).



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