



Sibel Doral

I am originally from Turkey and I have been living in the United States for the past twenty-five years. I have been involved with crafting especially knitting and crocheting since I was eight years old. The very first thing I learned from my mother and her aunt was to knit garter stitch dishcloth. My mother and her aunt were always busy with knitting, a vest to an elderly, a sweater to a kid or crocheting a pot holder. I kept learning all the techniques from both and at the same time, self-taught how to follow a pattern from a knitting magazine. I knitted my first sweater at the age thirteen. It was an angora

beige color Stockinette sweater with a cable stitch pattern on the robe. Later in years, I made knitted gifts as I develop my knitting style. I used to knit a sweater or a cardigan to myself every year until I started college. During my college years, I took a break from knitting to focus on my chemical engineering degree.

There is nothing as good as sharing a laugh, having a cup of coffee and knitting/crocheting with friends. One day, a Norwegian knitting instructor, who became later a good friend of mine has been my inspiration to start knitting again. My knitting hobby has expanded to many areas of fiber arts.



Figure 1 One of my first knitted sweater

Knitting, crocheting, felting, and marketing of handmade items there are now my specialties and interest areas. I am now proud to bring directly to you the old world sophistication, introducing my own designs, and love teaching and sharing my experiences with you all.

My other projects can be seen on  Ravelry (<https://www.ravelry.com/designers/sibelknits>), Instagram, Facebook and at my Etsy Shop.

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