

Vicki Payne

Vicki Payne, internationally recognized craft and home improvement expert, brings the all-new **Learn to Knit** pledge special to public television viewers this spring. A long-time knitter herself, Vicki shows the ins and outs of one of the country's hottest trends.

As the creative force behind Charlotte, NC-based Cutters Productions, Vicki has made her name synonymous with the how-to industry. Her development and marketing strategies are well regarded and adopted throughout the craft and hobby industries.

Cutters produces such popular how-to series as **Glass With Vicki Payne, Paint, Paper & Crafts, One Stroke Painting With Donna Dewberry, For Your Home** and **In the Studio With Priscilla Hauser**. In addition to its work on these continuing series, Cutters also produces award-winning pledge specials including **Kid Concoctions, Kids Concoctions 2** and **Household Concoctions** (with John and Danita Thomas), **Savvy Senior** and **Starter Strokes**, a children's show from Donna Dewberry. In November, American Public Television announced Cutters Productions as recipient of its 2005 MVP award.

Cutters' nationally syndicated television shows are carried by more than 284 different public television stations across the country, as well as cable networks GoodLife TV and FamilyNet.

Vicki has hosted the *Handmade Gifts* show on the DIY Network, and is a frequent guest on other national and regional home improvement and crafting shows. In addition to her television work, she is an accomplished writer, speaker and educator. As author of several books, Vicki is an in-demand subject for interviews and guest columns in craft and trade magazines. She also serves as a consultant to companies throughout the craft and hobby industries. She is a member of the Art Glass Association (AGA), Hobby International Association, Association of Creative Crafts, Designers Association, and the Society of Craft Designers, and she has served as Chairperson of the AGA Manufacturers' Committee.

