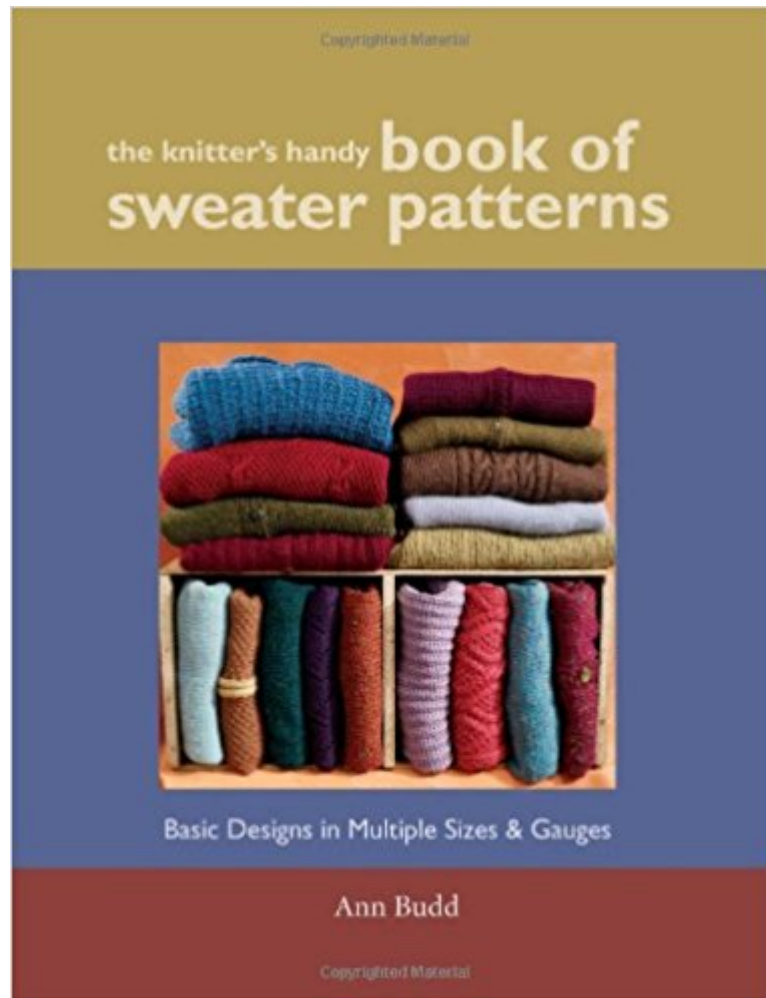




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# The Knitter's Handy Book Of Sweater Patterns



## Synopsis

Created for knitters who want standard sweater patterns in a variety of sizes and gauges, as well as those who want a template from which to develop their own designs, this book provides easy-to-follow charted instructions for 18 sweaters, three in each of the six most popular sweaters constructions. Each style is then provided in 15 sizes ranging from toddler to large adult, then further divided into six possible gauges: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 stitches per inch combining for 90 options for each of the six styles, or 540 patterns in all. The cardigan and neckline variations make for more than 1,000 patterns. Detailed schematics for finished dimensions are included, along with a glossary of techniques and a chapter on design considerations. This is a definitive resource for the passionate sweater knitter.

## Book Information

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"Ann Budd frees a knitter to pick up any yarn and create a custom garment...Sounds handy to me." - Knitters Magazine  
"This, my friends, is the Better Home and Gardens of sweater pattern books... It's a book worth reading and absorbing." - Knitter's Review  
"Easy-to-read instructions... Great for anyone who wants to design their own garment...a very valuable resource." - Knitting News  
"The bible for those who are beginning to design their own sweaters." - Knitting.AllInfoAbout.com  
"You will love this book... This could easily be the last sweater pattern book you will buy." - Shuttle Spindle & Dyepot  
"With this book, if you can dream it you can knit it." - Planet Purl

Ann Budd is the best-selling author of *The Knitter's Handy Book of Patterns* and *The Knitter's Handy Book of Sweater Patterns*. She is also the author of *Getting Started Knitting Socks*, *Interweave Presents Knitted Gifts*, *Knitting Green*, and *Simple Style*, and coauthor of *Bag Style*, *Color Style*, *Lace Style*, and *Wrap Style*. She is a book editor and the former senior editor of *Interweave Knits* magazine. She lives in Boulder, Colorado.

This book is invaluable for the many times you have a fantastic yarn but no pattern for it. Ann Budd gives you specific stitch counts for every possible gauge. She did all the engineering so all you do is pick up your needles and knit.

If you want to create your own patterns and unique sweaters with your own touch this book is wonderful. It's also helpful if you just want to make sure your measurements work with other patterns and to understand excellent sweater construction that is written in an approachable way. If you're one of those people I envy and know sweater construction inside and out, this may not be the book you are looking for. If you've knit, or attempted to knit a sweater, I say go for it. I found this helpful, interesting and made a lovely sweater with it. The measurement section leaves nothing to chance. All of Ann's books make me happy and I feel accomplished after I work through her ideas. Even though I am not.

I like the generic pattern making charts here, but I wish the sweater and best patterns were top down and seamless. I was under the impression that a top-down sweater pattern would be included. I was not able to skim the book before buying. Very disappointing.

This book is a handy reference to keep on your shelf. I just love the flexibility of being able to use one pattern in any size or any gauge of yarn. It's a bit complicated to figure out the charts at first, but make a copy and use a highlighter to mark the one you want, as the author suggests. These are all basic patterns, nothing fancy, but it's a good place to start for a beginner/intermediate knitter. This book is a valuable addition to any knitting library.

This book is just what I needed. The patterns allow for the knitter to choose design, yarn, and gauge. As a hand spinner, it's sometimes difficult to use other patterns that require a specific yarn or gauge.

I know many (I for one) are happy this highly anticipated book came out earlier than the stated release date and it is even more packed with so much good information than Ann Budd's first book of ...Handy Book of Knitting Patterns. Some initial good points about the book: many sweater "palettes" are presented, there's many side points within each section - like how to convert a yarn gauge of yours that isn't included in the book to one that is compatible to a gauge, there's eighteen sweaters knitted up in different yarns that are shown in clear photos, different styles of necks, sleeves, bodies are set out and explained, and! so much more! And for those familiar with the first book - there is an even nicer (deeper) inside pocket provided. The same spiral format is kept which will help in your designing/decision making of your sweater(s). Don't let the higher price point scare you away - the information in this great book more than makes up for the cost.

This is the perfect book for me! I learned to knit a long time ago, and stopped because I had a gauge problem -- I could never get my knitting to fit the gauge the patterns called for. This book has given me confidence to try different patterns, different yarns, and different variations on the patterns. I have made the hat (and added stripes!), mittens (in two different yarns), and the socks. The sweaters are next! Things I like about this book: \* the "What you'll need" section at the start of each pattern, detailing the yarn, needles, and notions you will need for the project. \* the "basic anatomy" section at the beginning of each chapter, describing the construction of the piece. I found this especially helpful in the socks chapter. \* the "quick tips" and "personal touches" in the chapters -- encouraging me to experiment! I recommend this for those knitters who have a bit of experience, but are looking for simple, versatile, easy-to-read patterns.

I was looking for a group of BASIC patterns; so many of the knitting patterns available have some fancy stitch or other in them. I wanted patterns I could leave plain, or change MY way, and that is exactly what this book provides. I like that the book is spiral-bound, as it lays flat when using it. And there are charts for each pattern, so I can make any size! The author also provides a few embellishment ideas for each item. This is an excellent addition to any knitter's library!

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