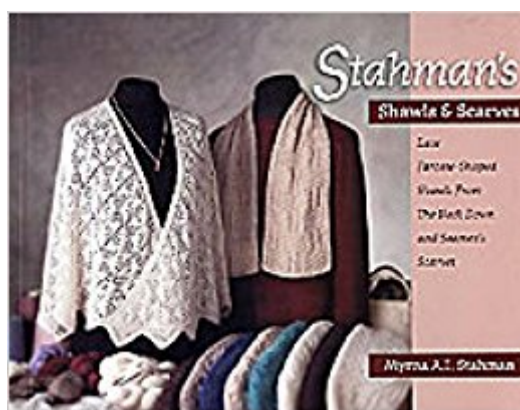


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Faroese shawls are known for the unique shaping that makes them cling to the wearer's shoulder and not slide off, as many other types of shawls are prone to do. Traditionally, Faroese shawls were knitted from the bottom up. Stahman has devised a method of knitting Faroese shawl patterns starting at the neck and working down, a distinct advantage for the knitter, who can try the shawl on while it is in progress and choose to make it shorter if the garment requires more yarn than planned. In contrast to Nancy Wiseman's book (below), which is targeted to the beginning and intermediate knitter, Stahman's is a master class for the lace-knitting enthusiast. Self-publishing has made it possible for Stahman to concentrate on those aspects of each pattern of most importance to the lace knitter: clear photos of the finished garments, large-scale charts for each design, and a lengthy section on techniques of lace knitting. Color photographs, less important to the lace knitter, who often works in one color, are omitted here, presumably to make the book more affordable. Included are instructions for knitting 14 shawls and 40 seamen's scarves. Essential for large public library and textile collections. Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc.

I don't know how many Faroese shawls I will want to knit, so the cost per project may turn out to be rather high. The scarves knit from the middle with lace on either end and a ribbed neck portion seem more adaptable. But I'm giving this book 5 stars because it is excellently written, very

thorough, and accomplishes what it sets out to do. I am knitting the Alberta shawl, and the charts, which are relatively complex, are precise and correct. In several spots, I thought there was something wrong, but each time, it turned out that the apparent irregularity was exactly correct and it was my intuition that was off. Any intermediate-level knitter could definitely knit the scarves, and if you have some experience with lace shawls and charts, the Faroese style shawls are very do-able. Possible minuses--no yardage requirements listed, and you have to be able to knit from a chart for most of the projects. (I don't consider this last a minus, but some do.)

Enjoy reading and working from this booklet. The previous owner had left post-its in it with a lot of the math and comments about the patterns. This is helpful.

Besides having some great patterns, Ms. S gives you directions for different weights of yarn. In the front of the book are detailed instructions on the finer points of knitting a Faroese, so don't overlook this, especially if you consider yourself an advanced knitter. Ms. S is obviously a skilled mathematician and I was glad she had everything figured out for me. If you're just beginning to knit shawls, don't try this book, but if you have the extra bucks, buy it for when you have more experience so you can gloat over your beautiful Faroese!

The explanations and patterns in this book make Faroese shawls easy and a lot more fun to do!! There are lots of options for advanced knitters and yet I believe an astute beginner would be able to successfully use this book as well. It was just as much fun to read as to use! Great help for those of us who were always daunted by 'cast on 680 sts' now it is more like cast on 17 sts! Not nearly as intimidating and you can see right away if you are getting low on yarn and need to quit rather than starting from the bottom up and not having enough to properly decrease for the neck and shoulder area! Great and valuable resource.

This is a great book to have in the lace knitting library. Not a "pretty" book (black and white photos only) but full of lovely patterns and suggestions for customizing. I will be knitting quite a few from this book. I primarily wanted this book for the shawls but the seaman's scarves are a welcome inclusion. I have often searched for "manly lace" as I like to knit for male friends and family. There are quite a few that fit the bill here, not too feminine, but still interesting for the avid lace knitter that I am. If you love shawls and lace, this is a book for you.

The book had clear instructions. Great explanation of a Faroese-shaped shawls and Seamen's Scarves are all about. Instructions are easy to follow. The illustrations are well done. The charts are easy to follow. I would not recommend the shawl patterns for a new knitter. However, I think that the scarves could be mastered by a new knitter.

This is my 2nd copy of Stahman's Shawls and Scarves - I literally wore out the first one. I knit quite a lot, and love knitting shawls. Even when I knit a shawl from pattern not in this book I go to it for the neck and shoulder shaping.

I had just discovered the functionality of Faroese shawls and most of the projects I was researching kept bringing me back to this book - so I ordered it. Perfect!! The shawls are made top down and are faroese so they'll stay on your shoulders and the patterns are gorgeous! I have already recommended this book to several ladies in my knitting group - and will continue to recommend this book.

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