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Knitting Basics: All You Need To Know To Take Up Your Needles And Get Knitting



Synopsis

Knitting is fun, practical, therapeutic, and a great way to produce wonderful things to wear and use. A leading English textile designer shows home knitters how to create good-looking items knitted in wool, cotton, silk, mohair, and synthetic yarns. She describes all the needed yarns, needles, and accessories, then instructs in basic skills that include knit, purl, changing colors, and casting off. The largest part of this profusely illustrated book is devoted to twelve original projects, and presents clear directions on how to master the techniques required for each project. They include a striped garter-stitch scarf, an afghan blanket, a tank top, a pullover sweater, a buttoned sweater with matching hat, and several attractive items of clothing for children and babies. More than 250 full-color illustrations are clear enough for beginners to follow, though all projects are imaginative enough to appeal to experienced knitters as well.

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Customer Reviews

Betty Barnden is a professional hand-knitting and needlecraft designer who received her training at London's Royal College of Art. She has produced patterns for several yarn companies, and her designs have appeared in many magazines published in Britain.

For the novice knitter, this book is better than any other I've seen. Each project builds on a previous lesson so that the beginner is able to quickly gain confidence without becoming overwhelmed or frustrated. I originally bought this at a bookstore, and misplaced it during a move. When I went to try and teach my mom to knit, I searched for this book everywhere. Because it was out of print by that time, it was very difficult finding it online. Fortunately, 's Marketplace saved the day and I was able

to get another copy. If you're a new knitter and hesitant about which book to buy, go ahead and get this one - you'll be glad you did.

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I ordered this book on February 22, 2010 and have not received it yet. The company is extremely unprofessional and refuse to give me any information as to why I have not received the book even though they have deducted the money from my account. I am upset and can't believe how long it is taking to get the book.

I love this book!

I got this book at the recommendation of my knitting instructor. Explains things nicely and pretty easily for a beginner knitter. Most of the time with a new stitch or term I will first read in this book then do an internet video search on the topic to make sure I have it down before trying it in a project.

I got this as a gift. The recipient was very grateful for it. It was very reasonably priced, for being a hard cover book.

Great illustrations and many useful tips! This is an excellent reference guide. I gave it to my neices so they would have a basic knitting reference.

The large photos and descriptions of techniques in this book are excellent and extremely helpful. I give the book three stars because I found the included projects to be kind of unappealing. I would recommend Knitting Pretty as a book with clear instructions and more attractive projects.

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