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# Vogue Knitting: The Ultimate Knitting Book



## Synopsis

With input from more than 50 leading specialists, no other book covers the field so comprehensively. Need guidance on yarns, needles, tools, basic techniques, specialized applications, terminology? It's in here; with lots more, from diagnostics to blocking to designs. This indispensable reference has...up-to-the-minute designer patterns. Family Circle Homecrafts; The ultimate reference guide. House & Garden Magazine.

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## Customer Reviews

The first and last word on knitting. Includes the history of knitting, knitting supplies, basic techniques, a stitch dictionary, correction of errors and much, much more. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I'm an absolute beginner at knitting and this book has been the best reference guide. It beats out YouTube videos by a landslide and compared to other beginner knitting books, the diagrams and descriptions of how to do each stitch, add a stitch, seam blocks, etc. are all easy to follow. It helped me to figure out how to properly knit purl a row (rib) via the continental method (to make for quick knitting) which no other method could. I'm currently using a separate beginner's knitting book for their cute pet sweater pattern and using the Vogue Knitting book to help me read between the lines. If you want a great reference book for knitting, this book should be in your library. Additionally, the book also has a few knitting patterns at the end - a basic sweater that is modular and can be adjusted to many styles and then designer sweaters from DKNY and Oscar de la Renta noting their

difficulty levels from intermediate to experienced.

Previous to purchasing "Vogue Knitting: The Ultimate Knitting Book" I owned both "The Principles of Knitting" by June Hemmons Hiatt and "The Knitter's Handbook", by Montse Stanley. You might ask: "Why would anyone need all these references for knitting?" Well, each book is very different. They compliment each other in presenting basic skills, yet they vary greatly in the type of advanced information that is included in each book. I think all three books are necessary. "Vogue Knitting, The Ultimate Knitting Book" makes a great reference for the beginning knitter, as well as the advanced. It would serve the needs of someone looking for 'just one' knitting reference, or fill the empty gap on your 'knitting bookshelf.'

I think that the book is wonderful. Everything that the reviewer said about the book being so good is true. I can't say enough about it, so happy with it. I have four other knitting books, and every time I tried to look up something, you couldn't find it. This book has everything that I've questioned. As far as the company that sold the book, they're excellent. The book description said it was read but still looked like new. Boy, did it. The book looked like it was brand new and I couldn't be happier. Delivery was good as was the whole transaction

I actually borrowed this book from the library before buying it so I knew what I was getting. While it doesn't cover all aspects of knitting like socks, hats, or Magic Loop technique, etc., it is very thorough on what it does cover. For example, clear photos of large swatches let me eyeball my options before choosing the technique that will best suit my purpose. I wish the book gave the pros and cons of different techniques like Margaret Radcliffe does in The Knitting Answer Book, but the photos do help with that. Photos even show how much different ribbings "pull in" which gives you a place to start if you want to knit a hat, sock or glove without a pattern. That's just an example of the details they've thought to cover. The stitch library has a wide variety and is nicely laid out with clear photos. Start with simple stitches, building on what you learn so you don't have to look up every abbreviation on every line. (One reviewer had problems with that.) Instructions are very clear, I seldom have to go to another source to understand what I'm reading. There is a lot of thorough information on finishing techniques. I wish there was more on circular knitting and top down knitting. I like that it complements my other knitting reference books. While I celebrate creative, laid-back knitting and the irregularities of handmade items, I want to know how to achieve a polished look when needed, esp. for sweaters. I think this book will help anyone improve their skills. I do think the

"classic" patterns at the end are a bit dated and weighted towards long projects for the advanced knitter using tiny needles. But I didn't buy the book for the patterns so that's not a big criticism.

I've heard so much about this book from other knitters, but the price always kept me away. I finally ponied up and paid for it and am so glad I did. The book ranges from the beginning knitter to the advanced knitter, with a wonderful short opening section on the history of knitting (for the history buffs out there). I wish now I had bought this book years ago. From basic stitches to binding, casting and joining techniques, the answers to your questions are here. There are even some basic patterns included. I highly recommend this book. (As an aside, my Prime delivery took almost two weeks. But, that is another subject entirely.)

I am new to knitting and this book is just fabulous. It has great pictures and descriptions that are really easy to follow. I'll use casting on as an example, it doesn't just say "this is how to cast on," it has many different ways to cast on which it first describes in text, then a diagram showing you how, and finally a picture of what the end product looks like with that style cast-on. It does the same thing with different stitches, it tells you how to do the stitch in writing and has a diagram of how to do the stitch, and then a picture of what an item looks like if you use the stitch. It talks you through multiple different ways to increase and decrease, binding off, cabling, and many designs. It makes everything really simple and lists different ways to do things, from color changes to designs to joining different pieces. I'm knitting something off a pattern for the first time and it has a section that explains the different acronyms and tells you how to read patterns. This book is really great. It has saved me so much time because I can just check the book and get a nice clear description with pictures instead of searching online and watching a youtube video that might not be as clear.

Beautiful, detailed, great photos, and quite an excellent overall resource. So glad I bought this for my small knitting "library". I think if I had to only buy one book, this would be IT!

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