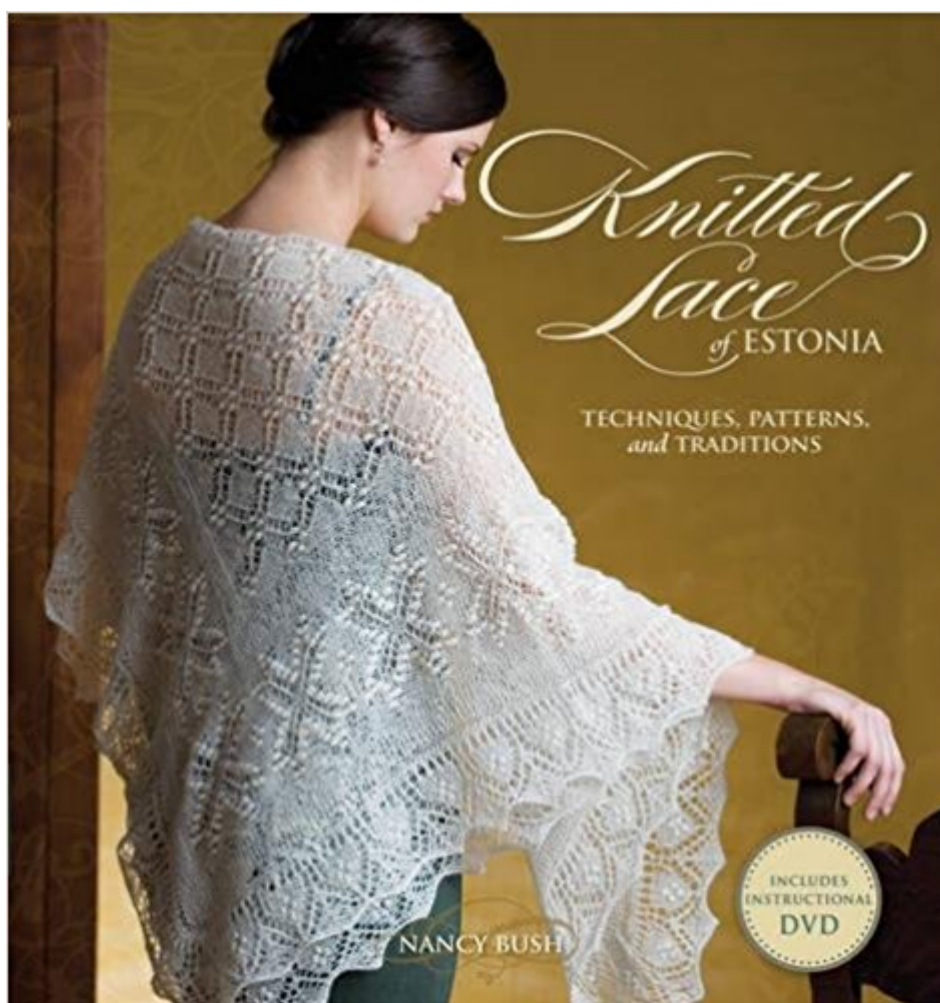


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Knitted Lace Of Estonia: Techniques, Patterns And Traditions (Book & DVD)



Synopsis

Deepen your knowledge of lace knitting with 14 Estonian, heirloom quality lace patterns from Nancy Bush in a new edition of her bestselling book *Knitted Lace of Estonia*. Now with a bonus 1-hour DVD, *Knitted Lace of Estonia* will teach you about traditional lace-knitting techniques, such as: Traditional twig, peacock, and lily of the valley patterns and their variations. Different ways to make the distinctive nupp, or subdued bobble. Modern adaptations of the classic ways of constructing shawls and scarves and adding lace edges. On the new bonus DVD, Nancy explores the knitting traditions of Estonia, as well as offers in-depth instructions for the book's patterns and techniques, as well as designing an Estonian-style shawl, stole or scarf from beginning to end.

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Nancy Bush teaches workshops for guilds, shops, and at conferences throughout the United States, Canada, and Northern Europe. She is the author of *Folk Socks*, *Folk Knitting in Estonia*, *Knitting on the Road*, *Knitting Vintage Socks*, and *Knitted Lace of Estonia*. Nancy lives in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Knitters, we rarely knit for ourselves, so give yourself the treat of buying this book. I had at least twice the worth of what I spent on it, just looking at the pictures of this beautiful art form.....and even more in wallowing in the idea I might knit one of the projects presented! The history of this knitting is fascinating and a great read, but the pieces are the stars of the book. Patterns are presented in both traditional and charted form with tips, tricks, and potential mistakes and how to avoid them, all in plain, easy-to-read-and-follow format - - and better still, the stitches aren't that hard once you read the directions (no third hand or Doctorate needed). Nancy Bush is an established knitter and knitting author, but this book takes all prizes. I just wish I had allowed me more stars to give to this book.

I must admit, the lovely cover is what got me interested in this book. I am new to lace knitting (but not new to knitting) and had only completed one simple lace project when I bought this book. I started off with the "Lily of the Valley" scarf. I checked the errata online and saw that any corrections had already been incorporated into my printing. I started on the scarf and toward the end of the first repeat of the pattern, I realized that there is an error in the pattern that was not in the errata and that can't be easily remedied correctly except by completely reworking the pattern. How frustrating. I fudged a modification that let me keep working. This was quite disappointing. I ended up frogging that project and did another of Nancy Bush's patterns from "Lace Style" -- a Lily of the Valley shawl. The pattern was really easy and fun to knit, until I got to the knitted on border, the same kind of border ("modern") in many of the patterns in this book. She recommends slipping the first stitch of every row, and then gives instructions for picking up stitches around the edges for knitting on the border. There was no way to make the border look neat. I must have picked up stitches for the border about a hundred times, then decided to quit and bind off the silly thing. It looks lovely the way it is. I would recommend that you not use a knitted on border unless you knit the first stitch of every row, rather than slipping it. Otherwise, you end up with unsightly holes. The knitted on border is not considered authentic by the Estonians anyway. They also do not use Kitchener stitch. Nevertheless, it's a nice book and if you want to do an Estonian "style" scarf or shawl that is not completely traditional, this is a very good book.

I am having a lot of fun trying new techniques and creating lovely lace. It was hard to make some of the gathered stitches at first, but now that I have the hang of it - I love what I am making. I started by using more durable cotton crochet thread, which seems to have been a good idea as I was not gentle during the learning process. I also learned that shorter knitting needles are better as there is a fair amount of "acrobatics" required for some of the stitches. All in all - the lace is unique and beautiful.

I've purchased several knitting books and, this Knitted Lace of Estonia with DVD is my favorite. So far I've finished two of the projects listed in the book, one Queen Silvia Shawl and one Triinu Scarf. I'll give them to my best friends as part of their Birthday presents. To knit the projects in the book is so enjoyable that I'm planning to knit every project listed in the book, maybe more than one of some of the projects. All and all, this is a very good book. knitters, especially the ones who like to knit lace should have this book. Great value.

I've been searching for years for the perfect shawl to make my sister and I found it here! These are beautiful patterns and there is something for everyone who loves lace knitting. The book is well written, with both charts and written instructions, and very understandable technique instructions with pictures. The shawls and scarves are shown modeled and with close-up details so it's easy to see how they drape, the size, etc. The added stitch dictionary and instructions on construction make it easy to design and make your own creation if you don't like what's offered. I really appreciate the instructions for the blocking frame. My biggest disappointment is that I have to wait for the yarn I ordered before I can begin knitting! This book is definitely worth the price!

Nancy Bush is credited with bringing Estonian lace to the world of knitters and this book seals the deal. Great for beginners and master lace knitters, the designs are beautiful and well written.

This is a gorgeous book. It is so well done with beautiful pictures, and really excellent close-ups, so you can actually see the project in detail. I own many knitting pattern and technique books, and some of the more highly-rated of those are lacking in photography and organization, are printed on cheap paper, and have many errors (grammatical and technical) in them; this one only has minor errors in 4 charts, and they have been corrected in subsequent printings. I love the stories and the old photos, and the mini-stitch dictionary. One book is never going to satisfy everyone. If you like

looking at breathtakingly beautiful knitted items beautifully photographed, and want to knit any of them without having to have pages of corrections nearby, then this quality book will provide that.

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