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The Knit Stitch Pattern Handbook: An Essential Collection Of 300 Designer Stitches And Techniques



Synopsis

Beloved knitwear designer Melissa Leapman offers a comprehensive stitch dictionary and guide with more than 300 original knitting patterns, including slip stitches, cables, and lace. Knitters love their stitch dictionaries. Melissa Leapman, known for her knitting references, shares 300 of her favorite stitch patterns developed over her long career. With basic step-by-step knitting instruction, information on how to most effectively use a stitch dictionary, and a wealth of original stitch patterns, this book will appeal to all levels of knitters looking for a comprehensive, yet portable volume. The book includes stitch patterns in five categories from imaginative novelty stitch patterns to traditional knit designs. Each stitch pattern includes a gorgeous photograph as well as written and charted instructions.

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Customer Reviews

There are some wonderful patterns in this book, and I've tried probably a half-dozen of them. From what I've tried, I've found the patterns to be easy to read -- I like that the author gives both written and charted directions --- and accurate. There are color photos of the patterns, and they are well

represented. When a pattern is reversible, the author gives photos of both sides. The pattern book is broken down into different sections: cable patterns, slip-stitch patterns, lace patterns, etc. Maybe I shouldn't, but I found myself comparing the book to Barbara Walker's stitch pattern books. One of the things I love about Walker's books is that she tells you if the pattern will roll, lay flat, if it's stretchy, if it's good for a sweater, a scarf, etc. If Ms. Leapman had included some of that information with each stitch pattern, I would definitely have given this 5 stars.

The Knit Stitch Pattern Handbook is an excellent stitch dictionary, but it is more. I have other stitch dictionaries, but this is the first one I've bought that shows both the public side and the private side of many of the stitch patterns. Melissa has provided both text and chart representations of the stitch patterns. I don't buy very many craft e-books because I find them to be cumbersome and inconvenient to work from; however, the author provides links to PDFs of each of the stitch patterns individually so that the knitter can print the paper version out to work from. Yes, I agree that some of the patterns are common to many stitch dictionaries, but a good many are unique to this book. The appendices to this book are very helpful. I like this book very much.

The book needs to be coil bound. The content is lovely but the binding makes it almost impossible to use.

I really am enjoying this book! I like the size of the book itself, I love the patterns which are providing new grist for the creativity mill. The instructions, both charted and written are clear and well thought out. I like that you can see both the right side as well as the wrong side. I guess that I like everything about this book. I'd love to see the same format with more 'regular' stitch works. I'm so pleased that I happened upon this book thanks to an recommendation in my email!

Just received this book and looked over it cover to cover. Each pattern has written and charted instructions and the photos are lovely. The book contains Textured Knit and Purl Patterns, Lace and Openwork Patterns, Cables and Crossed Stitch Patterns, Slip Stitch Patterns, and Novelty Stitch Patterns. There is also information on shaping knits within pattern stitches, designing projects worked in the round and other basic design info at the front of the book. In the back of the book there are illustrations and instructions for knitting techniques, the abbreviations/symbols. There are 288 pages total, but the book isn't so big that it shouldn't fit into your knitting bag. While there are some stitch patterns I have seen before, there are enough 'new to me' stitches to make this worth

the purchase. I am very happy with it, and can't wait to start swatching.

I already own a few paper books with stitching patterns, but they all suck so hard I am desperate enough to turn to digital books here. This one is really good. Instructions are pretty clear, there are charts and written instructions both, and the patterns are beautiful. I was trying to knit a sweater for my cat (he gets cold often and is not against wearing something warm), but I am a beginner knitter and before purchasing this book I completely butchered 4 patterns, just couldn't either understand the over-complicated (or not detailed) enough instructions from other books, so the patterns went wrong. Then I used Melissa's book, and knitted the sweater with not one, but two beautiful patterns! Now I feel like this book is gonna be my go-to for knitting patterns for a long while :)

There are a lot of stitch dictionaries out there, and every serious knitter ought to have several -- including this one. Leapman has chosen a wide variety of stitches, simple to complex, from old favorites to exciting new ones, and has set them out both in line-by-line instruction and in charts with good-quality color photographs of each stitch. What makes "The Knit Stitch" a must-have is that many of the pattern photos show both the "right side" and "wrong side" of the finished work. Anyone who makes scarves, blankets, or other items in which both sides of the knitting are routinely displayed when it's in use will find this an absolute godsend in designing. The only quibble I have with the book is that I would have preferred the charts to be bigger. However, like many knitters, I prefer to work from a photocopy in order to save my original from wear and tear, so a quick enlargement of the charts resolves that issue nicely. Good investment for the beginning knitter and nice addition to the experienced knitter's reference collection. Well worth the price.

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