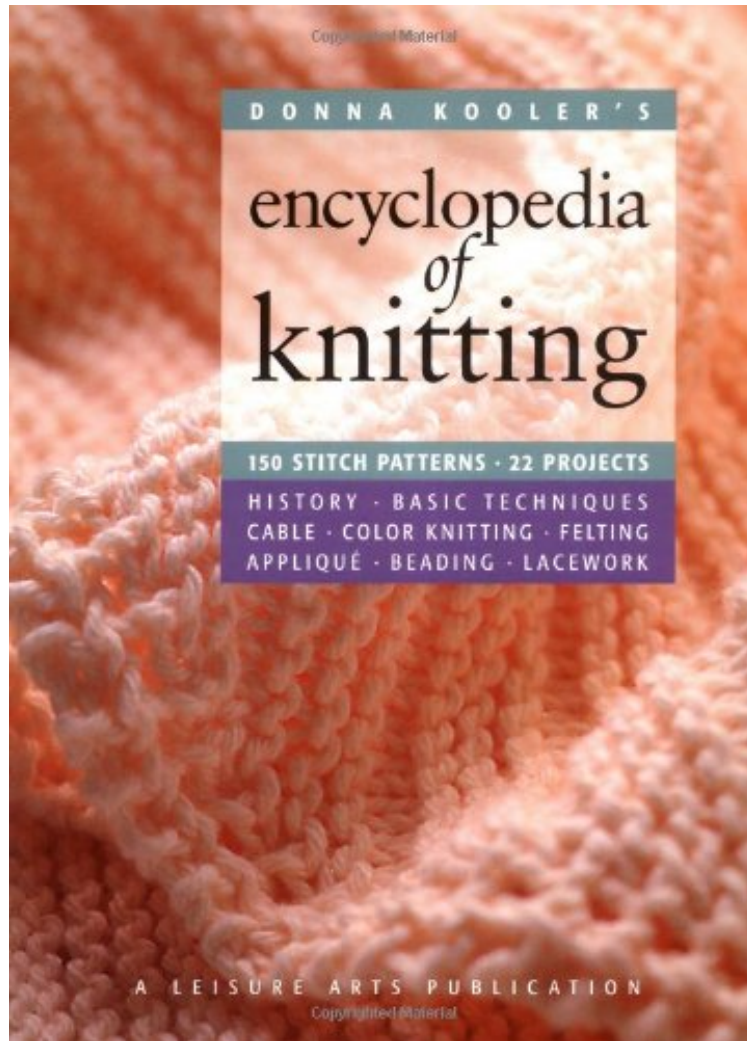


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Kooler Design Studio : Donna Kooler's Encyclopedia of Knitting (Leisure Arts #15914) (Donna Kooler's Series) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Donna Kooler's Encyclopedia of Knitting (Leisure Arts #15914) (Donna Kooler's Series):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Good resource for a beginner By Johann Mitchell This book has some

general information about knitting, a small stitch dictionary, and some patterns. I think it misses out by not really concentrating on any one thing. The general information about knitting could take up the whole book and much more in order to be comprehensive, but since it only gets less than a third of the book, it's a good resource for someone who is just learning to knit, but doesn't have the space to begin to be encyclopedic. The stitch dictionary suffers from the same problem. Barbara Walker has at least four, big, thick stitch dictionaries, and probably hasn't covered the whole subject, but she has the best stitch dictionaries out there. Once again, this is a good resource for a beginner. There are a number of patterns, and if you happen to like the styles, this would be a good book for you. Some of them are really good, like the beautiful and relatively simple beaded scarf that has a beaded fringe that could easily be applied to other designs. I bought the book because I like some of the designs, and because it's got a great plain sweater pattern that could be converted to a Harry Potter sweater with the addition of a duplicate stitch letter on the front. There are several Harry Potter sweater patterns out there, but this one is knitted from the neck down in one piece, which means that you can try it on as you knit, and get a perfect fit. If you want a good, top-down basic sweater pattern, this is excellent.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not for the novice knitter
By happy gardener
I gave this book a 4 star only because it wasn't clear that a more experienced knitter would benefit the most from it. I am a beginner knitter and found this book overwhelming. As well, there is only one pattern for the beginner - the rest are for intermediate or advanced knitters. I chose this book because I have owned Donna Kooler's Encyclopedia of Crochet for a very long time. I have crocheted for many decades. In typical Donna Kooler style, the book is very well organized and likely very helpful to people with more knitting experience than I have acquired so far. I am sure the day will come when I will smile about feeling overwhelmed with the information presented in this book.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. One of my favorites
By H. Welsh
This is one of my favorite knitting books. It is roughly divided into four parts. The first is sort of a history of knitting, description of needles and yarn, etc. Pretty much the same info as what you would find in other knitting books. The second section covers basic knitting techniques. Again nothing that hasn't been covered before. Then there are the patterns. I love the patterns. I have not noticed errors like some of the other reviewers, but I will admit that I often change patterns to suit myself and see them more as "guidelines." So, it may not be right if you are a very beginning knitter or do not adapt as you go. The patterns are a good compilation of different types of knitting and different techniques. Very good for trying a little of this and a little of that. There is a raglan sweater from Deb Gemmell that is knitted in one piece in the round. A lace scarf, good if you have never tried lace. From Bev Galeskas there are patterns for felted baby booties and a felted hat. There is also a pattern for a felted sheep that, I think, is worth the price of the book. It is so clearly written that even if you have never tried short rows or picking up stitches, you will not have any problems. There are a couple of Nicky Epstein designs, including some of her knitted flowers, and a sweater by Lily Chin. There are a couple of patterns for Entrelac. I found the Entrelac scarf pattern very easy to understand. There are also some fair-isle patterns, a beaded handbag, and a cabled shawl. The last part of the book is a stitch dictionary. There are so many here that this is another reason I love this book. I especially like that each stitch pattern is written out and charted. So either way you prefer to work is right there. Also I found it useful for when I was just getting started working with charts to see it written out as well. So this probably would not be the ideal book to use to actually learn to knit. But even if you are a "beginning" knitter, you will find something that you can handle even if it is just making swatches of the stitch patterns. As you get more confident in your knitting, you will find the pattern section very useful for a wide range of projects.

Leisure Arts Donna Kooler's Encyclopedia of Knitting Definitely not your grandmother's knitting book. Thanks to Hollywood's newfound obsession and updated, stylish designs, a whole new generation has caught on to the art of knitting. For those just starting out or veteran knitters, expert Donna Kooler's newest, Encyclopedia of Knitting, will get those needles clicking. This comprehensive guide covers all the basics, from the history of knitting, tools, and materials, to how-to instructions for 164 stitches and stitch patterns, with tons of photos and diagrams to show the way. Includes instructions for both right-handed and left-handed knitters, with narrative directions and symbols to make learning easier. Contemporary projects by today's top knitting designers are suitable for a variety of experience levels and include a man's vest, a baby's dress, and decorative pillows. If the runaway success of her two previous Encyclopedia* volumes is any indication (and we certainly think so!), this one has 'bestseller' written all over it.

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