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I Can't Believe I'm Knitting Socks (Leisure Arts #4083)



Synopsis

Cozy, comfy, colorful socks--with this book, knitting them by the dozens is incredibly easy! Make them cabled or plain, striped or solid, ribbed, lacy, or laddered. Wear them with your favorite clogs, pair them with jeans or skirts, or let them replace your fussy old house shoes. You'll fly through our helpful hints and photos to create an entire wardrobe of indispensable tootsie-warmers in three sizes for women. Our Extras and General Instructions sections provide useful information on yarn options, different cast-on techniques, choices between double-pointed needles and circular needles, and different types of Heels and Toes. You'll be thrilled right down to your (pampered) toes when you say, "I can't believe I'm knitting socks!"

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Customer Reviews

Leisure Arts is a leading publisher and distributor of "how-to" and lifestyle publications with emphasis on creative crafts, needlework, decorating, and entertaining. Leisure Arts is located in Little Rock, AR.

I watched a sock tutorial online, working on my sock, along with the videos detailing each part of the sock construction. At a critical point, the instructor smiled, and said you could buy her pattern, or "wing it". I understand the concept of needing to sell patterns, but I did not understand that you would be left to figure out some things on your own. I had just bought this book, and discovered one of the patterns in it was exactly what I had been trying to follow online. The number of stitches was

exactly the same on all the sock construction parts! The only difference was, a few of the rows substituted purl for knit stitches. I was able to reverse those back to where I was in the online tutorial and finish my sock instead of giving up. I was soooo glad I had this book. There are some lovely sock pictures and patterns in the book, with easy to understand instructions and tips, that I can't wait to try. I would recommend the book highly!

This really is a cookbook for the sock knitter. There are a variety of patterns for different numbers of stitch repeats. Find a pattern you like, figure out what gauge you get with your yarn and needles and look up how many stitches to cast on for your sock size. There are directions for toe-up and cuff-down construction and for heel flap and short row heels. You get the basics for designing your own socks. Very good for anyone who is interested in knitting socks.

This is an excellent book to start knitting socks with! I'd give it 5 stars but I find the circular needle methods are lacking some fuller explanation. I've tried DPNs and we don't get along! I'm all thumbs in that area and while I may try again, someday, if I absolutely have to, I'd much prefer to learn all that I can about socks on circular needles. A few steps have been left out on the examples of knitting socks on circulars, and while a pattern will note that circulars may be better suited for the pattern, it is still written for DPNs, so that is a bit frustrating. Even so, I have still managed to learn how to make socks on a long circular needle and it is almost half done! I'm done the heel flap now and next is the gusset I believe. Again, full details on how to do this on one long circular are lacking, but I have managed to figure it out as I go so they must have done something right for me to actually understand it! All the patterns are wonderful with pictures done in great sock yarns that I can't wait to actually use. The sizes are good for the most part, but will have to make larger for my son as anything above 9 1/2 isn't featured. But by and large, this is a very good book for the beginner, and has very nice patterns for those that already know what they are doing!

Not for a true beginner

After reading all the reviews, I bought this book and I must say, I wasn't disappointed. I can't believe I'm knitting socks!! The patterns are basic and easy to follow for the first time sock knitter. I'm not a novice knitter but for some reason the idea of knitting socks scared me. With the help of this book and a few YouTube tutorials I was able to knit a nice pair of socks.

The instructions are clear and easy to understand, and it explains how to knit with dpn's, the magic loop, and 2 circs. The patterns are nice as well. Personally, if you are wanting to learn the 2 circ. method, I prefer Antje Gillingham's "Knitting Circles Around Socks." Her instructions for this method are, by far, the best that I've seen. A nice addition to your knitting library.

Great

I am an experienced knitter who hadn't knitted socks. I am loving knitting socks! This is a great book for those who want to take on knitting socks! Fun, bright illustrations which are easy to follow! Great instructions with different weights of yarn! Give it a try, you'll love it!

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