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# 400 Knitting Stitches: A Complete Dictionary Of Essential Stitch Patterns



## Synopsis

Whether you're a beginning knitter or advanced, whether your tastes range from simple knit-purl stitching to fancy Daisy or Moroccan screen, a dictionary of stitch patterns is indispensable! Â Young knitters, old knitters, hip knitters, traditional knitters: they all enjoy different styles. But every knitter from age 5 to 95 needs a good dictionary of stitches.Â 400 Knitting Stitches is a comprehensive guide that invites knitters to experiment with a variety of new stitch combinations. The book is conveniently divided into eight categories: knit-purl, crossed and cables, slipped, lacy, double, twisted, cast-off, and fancy stitches.Â Making a romantic lacy wrap or a classic cable sweater? Whatever your style, there's a stitch in here for you. Â Each of the 400-plus featured stitches is accompanied by easy-to-follow written and charted instructions, as well as a full-color photograph. A section on basic knitting information and techniques at the front of the book makes this volume even more invaluable. From advanced knitters experimenting with their own designs to beginners looking for clear instruction and explanation, 400 Knitting Stitches is an essential reference for knitters of all kinds.

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## Customer Reviews

There is a lot of variety for beginning knitters, but the instructions and charts are hard to read; the type is very small and you need a magnifying glass to read the diagrams. It would have been better to print 200 stitches (leaving out the basic garter, stockinette, etc. which most knitters know) and printing instructions that are easier to read. The instructions, in most cases, are convoluted and in a couple of patterns we tried, pattern steps are missing. Experienced knitters will probably spot those

quickly, but where were the proof readers? Read instructions VERY carefully, and adding two edge stitches to the pattern is not always best practice. I give this book a C; there are better ones on the market.

I have used 4 of these stitches in designing socks, and 2 of the 4 had mistakes in the pattern and/or chart. By comparing them, as well as going to the back of the book, I was able to figure out the problem. But I would NOT recommend this book for a beginner. The other responders were right about the size of the charts - I have to blow them up for them to be at all useful. Pretty pictures, though.

This is the worst knitting dictionary I have ever seen. If one was looking to learn from this book you'd eventually go blind trying to follow the patterns, that's if you could read them. The print is so small and the diagrams are unreadable. It is a waste of money!!!

Quite frankly I'm completely turned off by the misleading colorful book cover, when EVERY picture inside is one bland color (cream). After trying to look pass that, I was annoyed again by the lack of common stitch pattern names or abbreviations one would see in an actual knitting pattern like CB4. They could have at least put it in parenthesis so a novice knitter (like myself) would know what to look for. Oh and the extra small charts are ridiculous. So I immediately went to the library and found the perfect stitch dictionary "Knitting Stitches Visual Encyclopedia" by Sharon Turner. OMG what a huge difference. I can hardly wait to get my new book by mail from .

first of all, I'm an experienced crocheter but new to knitting so that may be influencing my review. SO many of these are SO gorgeous I can't wait to make lots of them yet I'm not quite sure where to start! The only things I would change are: 1) there is no instruction on how to change colors (even though there was space dedicated to the usual basics on how to knit) and 2) I REALLY wish there was some kind of gauge indication so that I might be able to plan a project better. At the beginning of each pattern there is a quick "for symmetry work on a multiple of .... stitches" but I won't be able to know how many repeats that includes until I put some real time into trying it (because I'm new and slow). So.. I guess it's a newbie issue but it would have been nice anyway.

This book is PERFECT for what I was looking for. I have been knitting for a long time, and wanted a book that is basically like a dictionary for different knitting stitches. This book is great because:- It is

very well organized in sections for different types of stitches-It has a huge number and great variety of stitches-The images and instructions are very clear and easy to use-It has many levels from easy to more complicated stitchesI've seen similar books with less organized formatting, lower quality images, and many books geared toward beginners that I feel don't contain a lot of useful content for me. In my opinion, this is THE book that any knitter at any level should own, it is a great tool and reference guide.

The book contains a wonderful selection of beautiful stitches. However, the compact size of the book comes means that stitch instructions don't have complete row-by-row instructions and the stitch charts are tiny.The book describes the rows in paragraph format:"1st row and 3rd rows: do this. 2nd and every alternate row: do that. 5th and 11th rows: knit all. 7th and 9th rows: do that. These last 12 rows form the pattern."So the reader has to take the time to wade through the paragraphs to search for the row. Hmm, this one must be an alternate row... what do you do on row 6? According to the chart, 6 isn't an alternate row like 4, 8 and 10... of course, unless you also read the chart you don't know it isn't just an alternate row. The text doesn't give instructions for row 6.It would be far easier to follow if the book was large enough to accommodate row-by-row instructions:Row 1: Do thisRow 2: Do thatRow 3: Do thisAlso, the stitch charts are tiny. I have good eyesight and it's a problem to read them, even with reading glasses. I have to photocopy them, enlarging them at least 200% to make them readable.The Vogue Knitting book doesn't have nearly as many stitch patterns, but uses this row by row approach so the instructions are easy to follow. (I own and like both books, for different reasons. Each stands on its own.)It would be well worth the extra expense to publish an instruction book such as 400 Knitting Stitches in a larger format to make it easier to use. I know publishing it with 3 ring binding instead of book binding is wishful thinking, but...

This is one of the best stitch dictionaries I've ever used. Very clear photos and instructions, lots of variations, and concisely written. The only thing I don't like is having to convert/calculate for knitting in the round, but since this is the case for most stitch dictionaries, I can't really fault them. I had it bound with spiral binding at Aiea Copy Center (\$3) and am able to either fold the pages completely to the back or have it open to a two page spread and it lays perfectly flat. As all knitters know, this is no small thing and a is very desirable trait in any stitching book. It would be nice if it actually came that way, but ACC does great work (mostly within an hour or two) and doesn't break the budget, so I'm good. Oh, and I really like the size, too. Compact. Fits in a bag or suitcase and on my lap without

having to juggle.

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