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The NEW Knitter's Template: Your Guide To Custom Fit And Style



Synopsis

Back by popular demand, this is the must-have guidebook for anyone who wants to stitch knits that fit and flatter! You'll find the techniques and templates from the original edition along with even more tips and tricks, plus the answers to FAQs from readers. See for yourself why this book won the 2011 PubWest Gold Award for craft books. Choose from nine gauges and 30 sizes as you customize your designs. Indulge your creativity with styling details such as body length, neckline shaping, and armhole type. Discover more freedom in your knitting with these versatile templates.* Winner of the 2011 PubWest Gold Award, Craft Book Category!

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Customer Reviews

At first glance, this book seems disappointing. But it's actually an extremely valuable book -- it's just that it's mostly meat & potatoes where most knitting books sell themselves on inspiration. You have to work through and actually knit a sweater using this book to appreciate its value. When most knitters think of templates, they think of diagrams with dimensions noted. However, many knitters would not knit from these diagrams -- they prefer detailed, row by row instructions. This book aims to help the math-challenged create their own line by line patterns. So, after the introductory discussions about styles, shapes, design details etc. come the templates -- a full two page spread (spiral binding makes it easy to read them) for each of 9 st gauges (from 6 to 2 sts per in) and a spread of adult sizes from chest 30 in to 60 in detailing how to knit the shaping for armholes, sleeves and sleeve caps, v's and other neck lines etc. including cropped, boxy and a-line body

shapes. While it's fairly easy to calculate the basic # sts for a given chest size, calculating the rate of inc/dec for an A-line shape for a variety of sizes is not as straightforward -- and calculating armhole and sleeve shaping for a set-in sleeve for various sizes is even less so. This book is definitely of interest to someone writing their own knitting pattern, or for someone who has to constantly size-up or size-down standard patterns to fit a loved one who falls outside typical size ranges. Yardage estimates by gauge/size are also provided. The one garment I made using this template came out the correct size. I have not checked all their numbers for accuracy but, assuming a low error rate, this is a very useful book.

The NEW KNITTER'S TEMPLATE is a book of charts intended for experienced knitters to use in designing various styles of garments, in yarns of different gauges, to fit bust/chest sizes 30" to 60". The book is not so much about achieving custom fit, as it is about telling a knitter how many stitches to cast on, increase, and decrease to obtain the desired size and shape of a standard knitted garment component (e.g., back, front, sleeve) when using different gauges of yarn. The authors provide a schematic "Style Diagram" drawing showing basic knitted garment styles (e.g., straight body back, V-neck front, cap sleeve). This schematic is used in conjunction with a "Blank Pattern Worksheet" and "The Templates" to create garments with specific bust/chest measurements using yarns of different gauges. The knitter takes her/his body measurements, selects a style out of the possible components, and then chooses a bust/chest size depending on the amount of ease desired. At this point, the knitter goes to the template for the yarn gauge (e.g., 5-1/2 stitches and 7-1/2 rows equals 1 inch), and finds the column headed by the selected bust/chest size (e.g., 36 inches). The knitter can then find the number of stitches to cast on, increase, and decrease (including number of times to increase and decrease) for each standard-shaped component part for the selected style. The knitter then writes these numbers down in the appropriate areas of the pattern worksheet. Voila! The knitter now has a pattern for the project. Basically, the templates do the math for the knitter. They substitute for a software "sloper" (e.g.

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