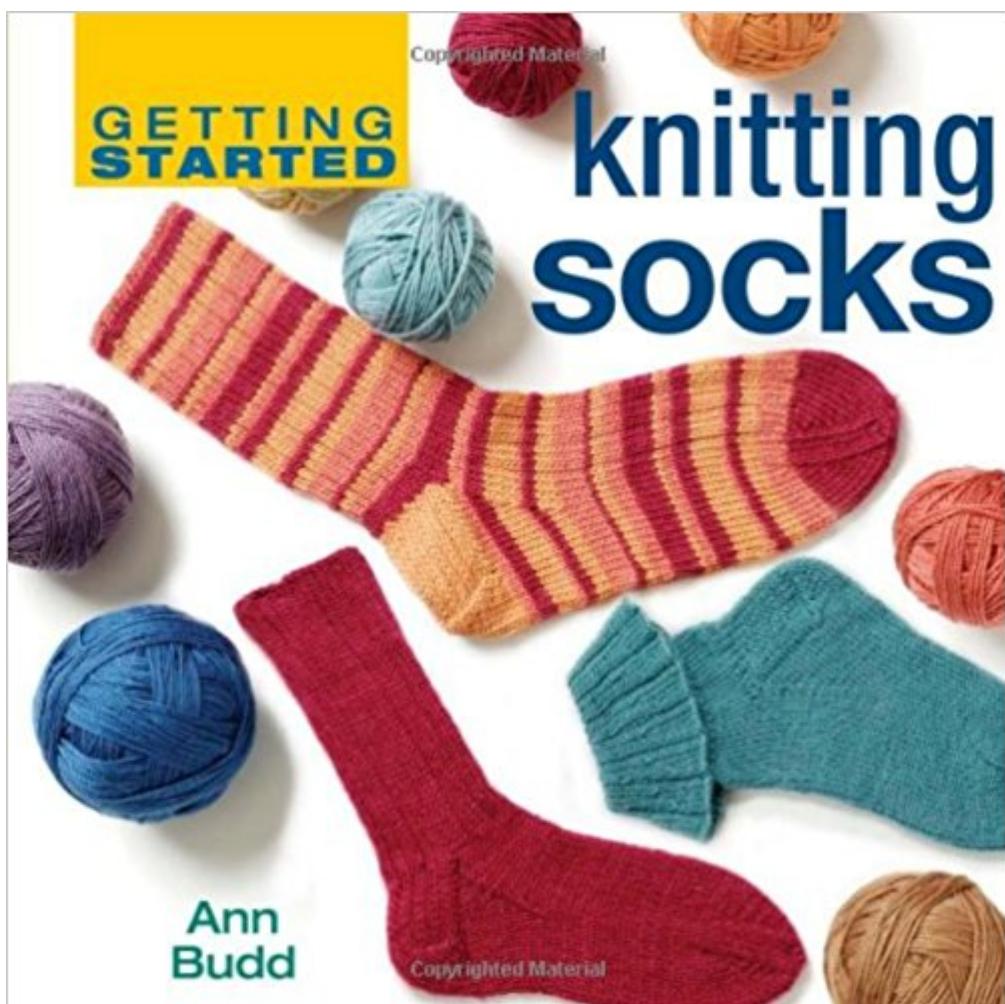


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# Getting Started Knitting Socks (Getting Started Series)



## Synopsis

From cast-on stitches to binding off, this handbook details the simple steps needed to turn seemingly complicated sock knitting projects into easy and enjoyable activities. Helpful photographs and instructional drawings ensure that even inexperienced knitters will be able to produce high-quality socks and handle more complicated techniques, such as the Kitchener stitch at the toe. Using instructions for five different sizes--from child through adult large--at five different gauges, knitters can produce styles ranging from delicate dress socks to thick and furry slipper socks. More adventurous knitters can add variety and flair by following one of 16 unique designs or trying one of the dozens of rib, cable, and lace patterns provided. With plenty of tips and a handy stitch dictionary, this guide unleashes the creativity and fun of sock knitting.

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## Customer Reviews

If you swear that no book can teach you sock knitting, that you need someone to sit with you for a month and show you how, this is the book that will change your mind. As observed in other reviews, the instructions and photos are impeccable, but I want to tell you about the layout! This is among the most intelligently laid-out instructional books I've ever seen. Many other sock books will lead you through the steps: Step one, cast on. There follows four pages on how to cast on. Step two, knit x rows of ribbing. There follows two pages on how to knit ribbing. Step three, begin the heel flap. There follows five pages . . . you get the idea. Ann Budd separates the how-tos from the overview, the clear, abbreviated instructions, in which the rhythm of the whole thing is evident -- and you

never, ever lose sight of the path. Struggling with the heel flap? Refer back to the how-to section where you'll find detailed, SUPERB photos and instruction, then return to the three-page abbreviated instructions and continue on. And here's evidence of that layout brilliance: Each such how-to section is confined to a clearly demarcated set of pages (with lots of pix and lots of white space), and is not part of a huge flowing unit of text that covers thirty pages which you must search to find the part you want. Once you've completed a pair of socks or two or three, you don't need to turn back to the how-to section, and -- lo! You're ready to knit any pair of socks from anyone else's abbreviated instructions (\*Sl 1 pwise wyib, k 1; rep from \* and the like). Also, because the sock patterns here are classed strictly by gauge (5 stitches to the inch, e.g.), you're not tied to specific brands of yarn. Handspinners rejoice! Knit up a swatch of a given handspun yarn, select the page of instructions that matches the gauge and GO.

I have never knit socks before except for my Fuzzy Feet slippers that were intended to be felted (thus, no need to worry about little mistakes). I bought this book based on the previous recommendations on .com and after looking through it at a local store. I was also curious about knitting socks with two circular needles and though this book does not explain in detail how to do so, the instructions on how to knit socks based on dpns is so well thought out, clearly described and illustrated, that I had no trouble attempting my first pair on two circulars. Ann Budd does briefly describe and illustrate several methods for knitting in the round (dpns, two circulars, one circular). She also explains several methods for flexible cast-ons, finishing the toe of the sock, avoiding or fixing the hole that tends to occur at the top of the gussets, making the heel and toe more durable, etc. There are several wonderful patterns that even an experienced sock knitter would enjoy AND Ann Budd explains several variations for any pattern that would get you on your way to a customized sock. I really appreciate the fact that the sock patterns are not yarn-specific and, instead, are based on number of stitches per inch. I bought some yarn that I really liked and needles that fell in the middle of the range listed on the yarn. Then I did a gauge swatch, counted the number of stitches per inch and found a pattern in this book to match. So easy! It is an excellent book and very colorful.

Ann Budd has made a clearly illustrated, beautifully detailed book. It has the best pictures and instructions I've seen -- like a more detailed and colorful Handy Book of Patterns. I love it -- and I have 12 other sock books. She includes general patterns as well as "this is the reasoning behind it, measure your feet and you can make them perfect for yourself" kind of patterning. It's nice to have

both. Well done.

I tried several other sock knitting books (with terrible results and frustration!) before I stumbled upon this gem. This was the book that FINALLY made sock knitting make sense to me! The book begins with an in-depth explanation of the anatomy of a sock as well as all the skills that you'll need to knit one. From there, it gives you several "recipes" to knit socks based on stitches-per-inch. In the back of the book, there are also some nice patterns. The book also gives you some different stitch patterns (different ribs, cables, etc) to mix in to your basic socks when you are ready to try something new. I read the entire introduction to this book to begin with, and then I made a swatch from some yarn I had laying around. Based on the stitches per inch that I got, I went to the page of the book for the "X Stitches Per Inch" sock, and it walked me through my first top-down sock! It was as easy as pie. After many failed attempts with other books, I couldn't believe how easy this book made it. Note that all the patterns in this book are knitted top-down. If you want to learn to knit toe-up socks, you'll want to look elsewhere. I highly recommend this book to anyone looking to get started in sock knitting. It's a great jumping off place. This book helps you truly understand the shapes and techniques of sock knitting -- and once you have a firm grasp on those, the sky is the limit!

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