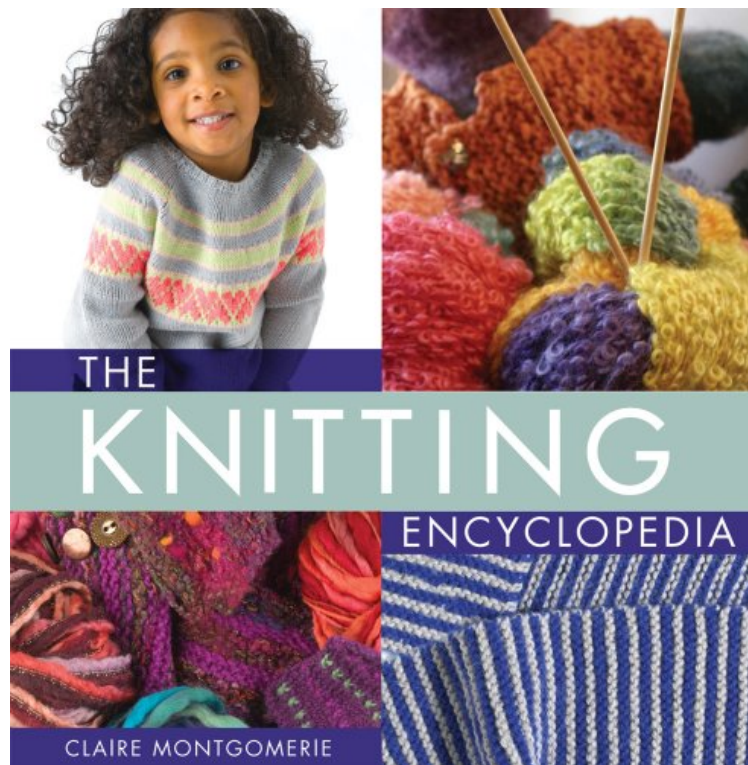


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12 of 12 people found the following review helpful. A Knitting Project Book for New Knitters By Lynne E. Claire Montgomerie's spiral-bound KNITTING ENCYCLOPEDIA is not really an "encyclopedia" at all. It has knitting history (4 pages) and basic knitting instructions (71 pages) at the beginning, as well as a stitch directory (39 pages) at the end, but the bulk of the book is devoted to knitting project patterns for basic items (97 pages). The project patterns are pleasant enough. Simple-to-knit patterns include a garter stitch scarf, fingerless gloves, a beanie hat, a striped pillow, a small bag with shoulder strap, a patchwork baby blanket, a slash-neck child's sweater, a shrug, a cowl, a beret, a chevron baby blanket, and a man's crew-neck sweater. Intermediate patterns include a double-breasted cardigan, mittens in the round, a round-yoke cardigan, ankle socks, a ribbed sweater, a felted bag, a basic lace scarf, a cabled hat in the round, Fair Isle mittens, an intarsia pillow, a cabled hot-water-bottle cover, and an Aran tunic sweater. Advanced patterns include lacy socks, a child's Fair Isle yoke sweater, lace panel gloves, a Fair Isle woman's cardigan coat, a lace stole, and a cabled afghan. The technical information in the book is competent, but none of the projects are interesting enough to make me want to knit them. The matte photos are nothing to shout about. Basically, this is a knitting instruction book for new knitters, and there are many better general instruction books available (for

example, Vogue Knitting: The Ultimate Knitting Book, Knitter's Handbook : A Comprehensive Guide to the Principles and Techniques of Handknitting. As for knitting history, or just reading about knitting, a couple of good books are A History of Hand Knitting (an out of print collector's item), and Vogue Knitting Knitopedia: The Ultimate A to Z for Knitters. Because I wouldn't have purchased this book if I'd seen it first, I rate it at 3 stars ("it's okay" on the scale).0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I love this bookBy ArtisticpensThe Knitting Encyclopedia is a perfect book for beginners. It starts with the yarn, how to wash and care for essentials as well as how to block and read a pattern. The pictures are very clear and easy to follow. In fact, you can lay your knit work on the diagram to make sure that you are making the right stitch. You can learn how to manage circular knitting in the round with circular needles or with double pointed needles, and even how to do the Magic loop.From lace knitting to colorwork with simple garter stick scarf to fingerless gloves and beanie hats. There is quiet a few projects and wonderful projects to make.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Knitting EncyclopediaBy Maxine H. EsweinI purchased as this book as back-up for my own knowledge of knitting.I had been away from it for 25+ yrs. Did give insite to some things I was not to clear about. Bought one for my sister who is also a knitter.

A comprehensive guide to knitting covering all the techniques needed to learn to knit and beyondThe Knitting Encyclopedia is a wonderful reference guide for knitters of all levels. Whether you're just learning to cast on, or designing your first sweater, here is your guide through all the skills you need to get started mastering this amazing craft:- Materials and equipment-- from types of needles to stitch holders--both basic and advanced equipment is covered in full detail- The basics-- casting on, knit and purl stitches, and casting off- Intermediate techniques-- how to read patterns and make patterned stitches using knit and purl combinations- Advanced and complex techniques like how to adapt patterns to make them your own- A comprehensive stitch directory, grouped into sections on lightweight stitches, heavyweight stitches, colorwork, lace, aran, and edgings- The pattern section provides 30 stunning projects to make, with detailed instructions to progress through all the skills needed to become an accomplished knitter.- 500 color photographs throughoutThe hidden spiral binding and easy to use cross-referencing ensure that this will be a user-friendly resource that knitters will turn to again and again.

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