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The Sock Knitter's Handbook: Expert Advice, Tips, And Tricks



Synopsis

Love knitting socks but sometimes hit a snag? Carry this handy answer book in your knitting bag! Well-known experts Charlene Schurch and Beth Parrott demystify all aspects of sock knitting. Find clear instructions for both toe-up and cuff-down sock knitting. Learn multiple techniques for knitting: casting on and binding off, working heels and toes, making size adjustments, and more. Browse a stitch dictionary of favorite texture patterns; find options for creating your own unique socks.

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Customer Reviews

Charlene Schurch and Beth Parrott have joined forces to author a new book: The Sock Knitter's Handbook: Expert Advice, Tips, and Tricks. I am familiar with Ms. Schurch's prior books and they are excellent. This new book is definitely up to her prior standards. Anyone who knits socks would benefit from having this book in their knitting library. The book starts out with 'sock architecture', identifying each part of the sock. This is useful for knitters as they may not know the difference between a gusset and a heel flap versus a heel turn. I definitely found it an informative section. The next section is 'materials' and in this the authors discuss the different types of yarn that a knitter may choose for making socks - fingering, sport, DK or worsted. Along with types of yarn, the amount of yarn in yardage for each type of yarn is provided for different sizes. Next is 'gauge'. We all know that gauge is indispensable for having the finished piece come out the right size. The authors discuss the importance of stitch gauge and row gauge. 'Sock Construction' is discussed next, both top down and bottom up. Different types of cast-ons are evaluated with a focus on the

importance of casting on loosely, Different heels and toes are also evaluated with clear pictures throughout. 'Knitting Techniques' comes next. First off, is the type of casting on for top-down socks with accompanying photographs. There are diagrams of the various cast-ons that are discussed. Cuffs are discussed, again with clear photos and the various types of cuffs utilized in sock construction.

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