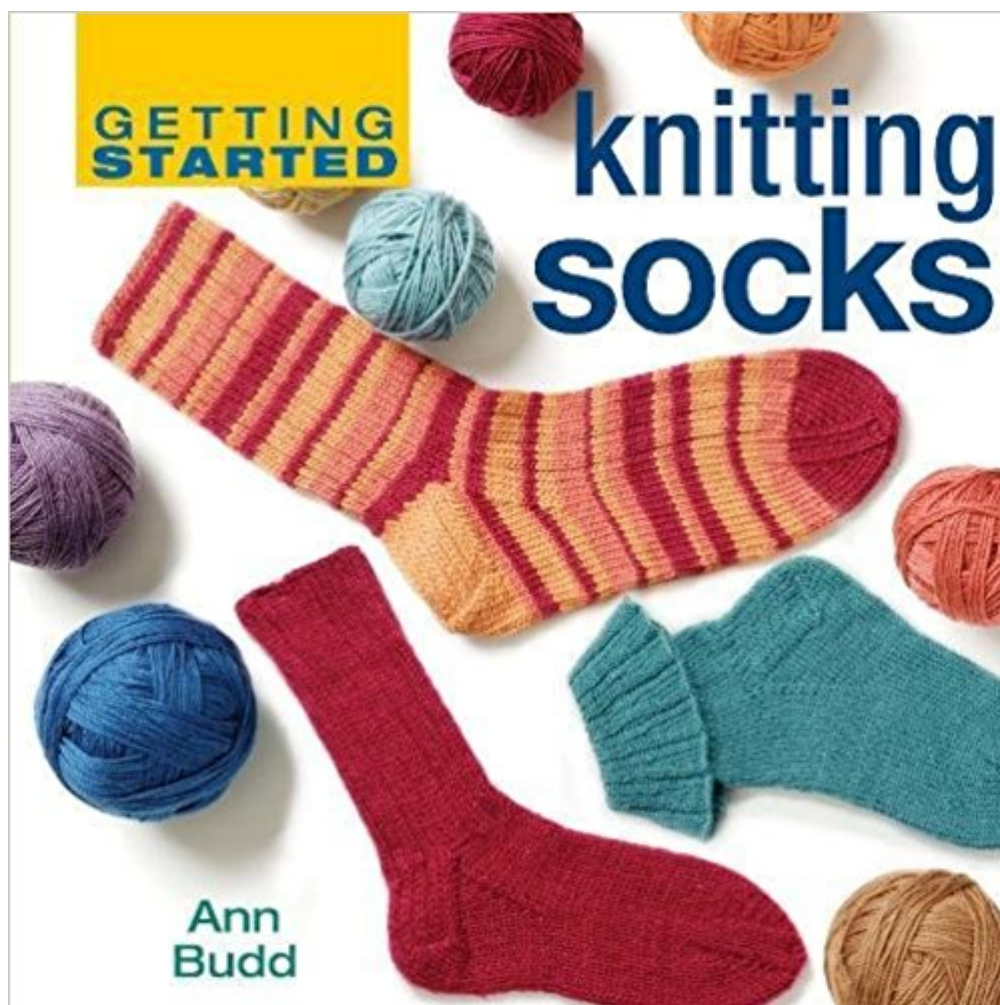


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# Getting Started Knitting Socks (Getting Started Series)



## 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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"Essential for all knitting collections." - Library Journal  
"I strongly recommend this book for anybody who wants to become a sock knitter." - Knitter's Review  
"The best beginning sock book that has been published so far. That is all. Go buy it." - Knitty.com  
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"One of the best sock knitting

books to come out in a long time." - Knitting News Cast"Photography is sharp with a tight focus providing an excellent reference for those needing a visual guide through every step." - Monsters and Critics.com"With this book from Interweave Press, you'll be knitting gorgeous socks in no time." - Let's Knit (UK)

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I am new to sock knitting and took a class at a yarn store. It went well, but I wanted to expand my knowledge without having to run to the store every time I had a question or issue. I borrowed this book from the local library and loved it; soon I knew it would have to be mine! It has not left my side since. Any time I knit socks, I refer to this book. I am working on the picot edge socks now and they are cute as can be. The patterns are offered in a variety of sizes, and the patterns give several yarn options. Plus, the instructions show how to alter the patterns to use a different yarn. The tips and instructions are clear and helpful with plenty of photos to illustrate the technique. The book is under \$20 and it's a great investment!!!

The best how to book for knitting socks. I had never knitted socks before although I have observed others knitting them and was fascinated. I picked this book up to look at and found I understood all her instructions. I knew how to knit and purl and follow a pattern. With her instructions I have been happily knitting socks, each pair better than the previous pair. If you have ever wanted to try knitting socks, this is the best instruction book I have come across for creating socks. I keep it with me as a reference too whenever I am knitting socks. Socks are a nice small project that develops quickly. I highly recommend this book!

I hated knitting when I was small. I vowed I would never knit. I almost got by with it until I learned how to spin my own yarn (long story). Then I had to learn to knit to make the yarn look good since crochet made it too stiff. I began to knit hats and gloves and all sorts of things, but I vowed I would NEVER knit socks. Talk about tedious and a lot of work for nothing. I had a hard time knitting to make something fit, and socks was definitely not on my to-do list. I especially was concerned that

the socks would be prickly (I have sensitive skin) and frustrating to wear. Then came this book.

**WHAT IS THIS BOOK LIKE?** This book is one of the best laid out books I have come across, especially for knitting socks. I have never seen such a well organized book on the topic and the way it is set up is amazing.

**GAUGE**--First you pick your yarn and needle- and there are charts inside that cover what size goes with what and approximate yardage needed for what size.--Then you knit up a swatch of stitching with your chosen yarn and needles.--Measure your gauge (she shows you how)

**PATTERN**In the basic pattern of sock (which is what I started with) you choose the pattern based upon your stitches per inch of the swatch that you knitted and measured. The pattern is well laid out and she easily walks you through the steps. If you get stuck on a written section, you can refer back to the beginning of the book where Ann explains in great detail what each step looks like with illustrations and sometimes photos of actual socks. There is nothing left to chance in this book. All is explained and laid out VERY well.

**CHANGES**You can add or change any section of the sock (such as the back re-enforced heel stitch) by referring again to the beginning section where she lays out different stitch ideas. All you have to do is substitute the instructions with the new ones in that section and you are good to go!

**DO THEY FIT?** I have to say that these socks fit PERFECTLY. I have made three pair of the now, and each pair, although with different yarns, fits just right.

**SPECIAL HELP THAT I DO**What I find especially helpful for me is that I copy off the pages of the sock pattern that I am making (as well as any other pages I might incorporate) by a copy machine or my printer. Then I am able to pencil in all that I want to on the page and print a new one for each pair of socks. That way the book is not going to be taken up with constant markings and erasures like I started doing.

**WHAT YARNS HAVE I USED WITH WHAT NEEDLES?** I have found that the Clover 9 inch circular needles in size 2 was great to use with the Knitpicks Hawthorne yarns or stroll sock which I dyed myself. I am about to embark on using the Chiaogoo 12 inch circular needle in a size 1 to see if I can tighten up the stitches at all for a more industrial sock, but the size 2 was fine and I have worn my first pair tons of times and it wears well.

**FINAL COMMENT**This book changed my life- literally. I am now so excited to make socks it is ridiculous. I stay up late at night and knit- in fact, my most recent socks I am working on now, are almost done and I just started them five days ago. I hated knitting with thin yarn and small needles. This book gave me the confidence, desire and satisfaction of wearing my own amazing socks. As a bonus, if you want to have some fun, Ann has a Ravelry board where you can post your creation and she and others will stir you enthusiasm all over again!

This is my go-to book for knitting socks, no matter what pattern I'm using. The pictures are clear and

easy to see what you're doing. The directions and tips are so helpful and really teach you a ton. I love how she breaks down both the mechanics of making the sock, while keeping the fun and art in the activity. This is a must-have for any knitter who has ever wanted to attempt socks.

I'm disappointed. This book just arrived today. I've just finished a class on knitting socks. I'm sure I'll learn from this book, however it has one way to knit socks. One style of heel and toe, which is nothing like what I learned in class. Plus, it's 10 years old, so the newer techniques of "magic loop" and knitting two socks on one long circular are not in the book. I don't know if I have enough experience to convert what I've just learned to the directions in the book.

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