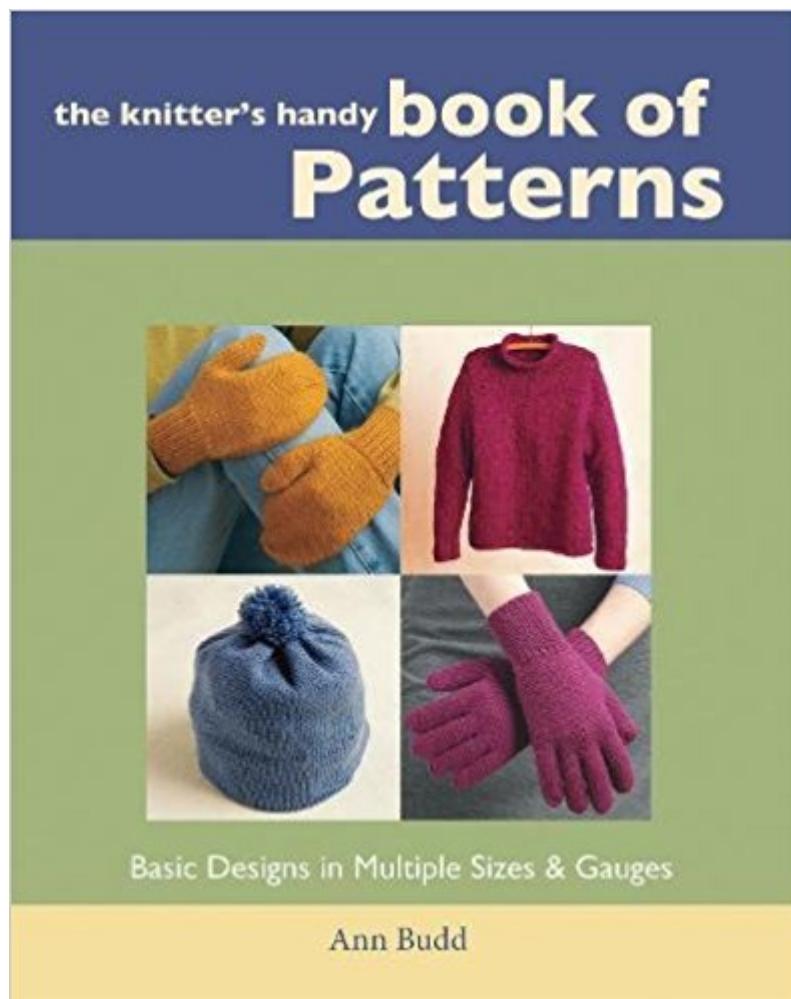


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# The Knitter's Handy Book Of Patterns



## **Synopsis**

Offering charts and plans for making infant- through adult-sized projects, this unique book provides knitters with a complete resource of more than 350 patterns for caps, tams, scarves, vests, sweaters, mittens, gloves, and socks that are written for multiple gauges to accommodate all weights of yarn from bulky to fingering. Also included are the basics of pattern design and alteration to allow for the addition of different types of texture and color patterns or the modification of existing patterns to accommodate more gauges. Patterns are also accompanied by an assortment of ideas for edgings and finishes, further expanding design options.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Have you seen those advertisements that say "this is the only book you'll ever need on this subject"? This new volume by Budd isn't the only knitting book you'll ever need, but one could knit hundreds of different mittens, gloves, socks, sweaters, vests, hats, and scarves from just the patterns found here. Budd is managing editor of the popular magazine *Interweave Knits*, and this is the book she wished she had when she worked in a yarn store and customers requested patterns made for their size with yarns available in the shop. The patterns allow the knitter to create garments in any size from toddler to extra-large adult in any weight of yarn, from fingering to bulky. The knitter has only to knit a generous swatch with yarn and needles of her/his choice and plug the resulting gauge information into the charted instructions and schematics provided. Highly recommended for all knitting collections. Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

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This book is invaluable for the many times you have a fantastic yarn but no pattern for it. Ann Budd gives you specific stitch counts for every possible gauge. She did all the engineering so all you do is pick up your needles and knit.

If you want to create your own patterns and unique sweaters with your own touch this book is wonderful. It's also helpful if you just want to make sure your measurements work with other patterns and to understand excellent sweater construction that is written in an approachable way. If you're one of those people I envy and know sweater construction inside and out, this may not be the book you are looking for. If you've knit, or attempted to knit a sweater, I say go for it. I found this helpful, interesting and made a lovely sweater with it. The measurement section leaves nothing to chance. All of Ann's books make me happy and I feel accomplished after I work through her ideas. Even though I am not.

I like the generic pattern making charts here, but I wish the sweater and best patterns were top down and seamless. I was under the impression that a top-down sweater pattern would be included. I was not able to skim the book before buying. Very disappointing.

This book is a handy reference to keep on your shelf. I just love the flexibility of being able to use one pattern in any size or any gauge of yarn. It's a bit complicated to figure out the charts at first, but make a copy and use a highlighter to mark the one you want, as the author suggests. These are all basic patterns, nothing fancy, but it's a good place to start for a beginner/intermediate knitter. This book is a valuable addition to any knitting library.

This book is just what I needed. The patterns allow for the knitter to choose design, yarn, and

gauge. As a hand spinner, it's sometimes difficult to use other patterns that require a specific yarn or gauge.

I know many (I for one) are happy this highly anticipated book came out earlier than the stated release date and it is even more packed with so much good information than Ann Budd's first book of ...Handy Book of Knitting Patterns. Some initial good points about the book: many sweater "palettes" are presented, there's many side points within each section - like how to convert a yarn gauge of yours that isn't included in the book to one that is compatible to a gauge, there's eighteen sweaters knitted up in different yarns that are shown in clear photos, different styles of necks, sleeves, bodies are set out and explained, and! so much more! And for those familiar with the first book - there is an even nicer (deeper) inside pocket provided. The same spiral format is kept which will help in your designing/decision making of your sweater(s). Don't let the higher price point scare you away - the information in this great book more than makes up for the cost.

This is the perfect book for me! I learned to knit a long time ago, and stopped because I had a gauge problem -- I could never get my knitting to fit the gauge the patterns called for. This book has given me confidence to try different patterns, different yarns, and different variations on the patterns. I have made the hat (and added stripes!), mittens (in two different yarns), and the socks. The sweaters are next! Things I like about this book:<sup>\*</sup> the "What you'll need" section at the start of each pattern, detailing the yarn, needles, and notions you will need for the project.<sup>\*</sup> the "basic anatomy" section at the beginning of each chapter, describing the construction of the piece. I found this especially helpful in the socks chapter.<sup>\*</sup> the "quick tips" and "personal touches" in the chapters -- encouraging me to experiment! I recommend this for those knitters who have a bit of experience, but are looking for simple, versatile, easy-to-read patterns.

I was looking for a group of BASIC patterns; so many of the knitting patterns available have some fancy stitch or other in them. I wanted patterns I could leave plain, or change MY way, and that is exactly what this book provides. I like that the book is spiral-bound, as it lays flat when using it. And there are charts for each pattern, so I can make any size! The author also provides a few embellishment ideas for each item. This is an excellent addition to any knitter's library!

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