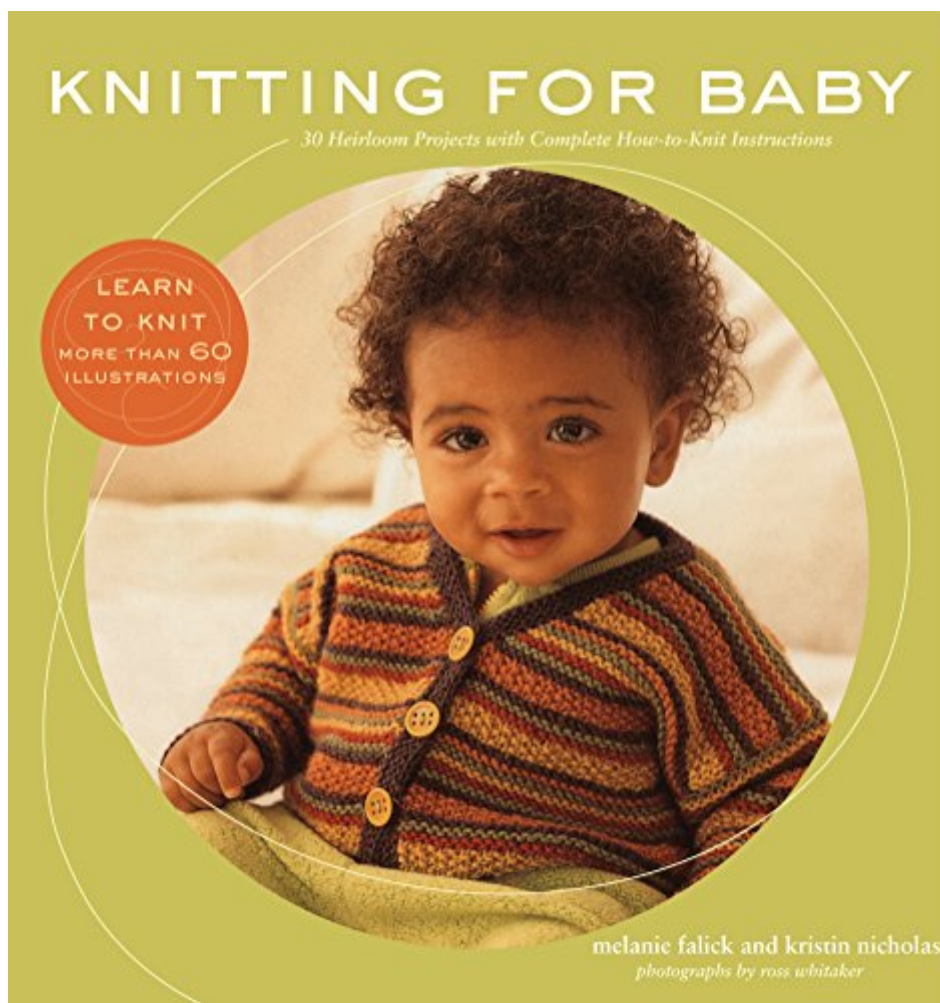




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Knitting For Baby: 30 Heirloom Projects With Complete How-to-Knit Instructions



Synopsis

Knitting for Baby provides knitters of all levels with everything they need to create handmade expressions of love for those special babies in their lives. Master hand-knitting designer Kristin Nicholas and bestselling author Melanie Falick offer 30 fresh, irresistible designs sized for infants to two-year-olds, step-by-step instructions and illustrations, and a comprehensive how-to-knit section for those new to the craft. From booties and blankets to toys and sweaters, the exquisite projects showcase contemporary colors and luscious natural fibers that are as soft as a baby's skin. Each of the patterns is clearly written and thoroughly tested and is accompanied by beautiful, hand-painted illustrations of the skills required, from casting on the first stitch to colorwork, cables, and finishing details. Engaging color photographs by acclaimed baby photographer Ross Whitaker show the finished garments and accessories being worn and enjoyed by a charming cast of babies being their naturally delightful selves. Originally published in 2002, Knitting for Baby has sold more than 40,000 copies in hardcover. The new paperback reissue of this timeless book is sure to find an even broader audience of knitters, both novice and expert.

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Customer Reviews

I am left handed and took up knitting at age 45. Although this is not a book geared to left handed knitters I found the many illustrations helpful. (I have learned that knitting takes two hands so it's just as easy to adapt to right handed knitting.) This book is great for learning new skills. It starts with a basic project, then leads from skill to skill with new projects. Begin by learning several different stitch patterns using knit and purl stitches in small 2" square samples, then sew them into soft blocks for Baby. One can learn to increase stitches by making a simple baby washcloth, or how to do short rows by making a felted ball for Baby. There are a few patterns for baby sweaters and a pattern to knit seamless mittens connected together with an I-cord. There are also a couple of patterns for baby hats, blankets, knit bears, and a sweater for Mom. Included in the instructions for a project is a page reference back to the section where the skill was taught. I bought the book to make the sweater on the cover but have also made the "Stay-on Booties" and baby washcloths (dozens of them). I like to give the book as a gift to someone who wants to learn to knit.

I absolutely love this book. It's great for any level of knitter (in my opinion) -- booties, sweaters (and instructions so you don't HAVE to do stripes if you don't want to), blankets, balls and blocks -- it's a great, very usable book.

I first checked this book out from the library and loved so many of the patterns, I bought it online. I am a beginner knitter, and I just finished my first "Baby's First Ball" on page 55. I must say, It was quick and fun once I got the hang of it. I thought it was a very good first project for someone who couldn't remember how to knit & purl, with a little ambition. I did not have a lot of luck with their knitting technique illustrations, so I had to watch a couple videos online and my Mother-in-law helped too. The next time I knit the ball, I'm not going to felt it, and use a soft yarn instead. Another cool thing, is that you can use scraps too. I am going to try knitting a washcloth next. That was why I originally checked out the book (saw it on a craft show). I am tempted to give this book four stars because of the basic knitting instructions, but if you are reading this, it means you are also capable of visiting one of the many knitting websites with far better instructions and videos anyway. I would certainly recommend this book to anyone who is looking for cute, classic baby patterns. Have fun!

This book has a bunch of really good, basic knitting patterns for babies. The patterns can almost all

be dolled up a bit if desired, with different colors or a different stitch pattern. But if you like Debbie Bliss, you'll probably really like this book for a little something different. You still have the function and clean lines with these patterns, and they're easy to read and follow for a newer knitter. The best pattern in the book is the STAY ON BOOTIES - I LOVE knitting those! I've made four pairs so far, and they are so much fun and quick to knit after the first bootie. And they actually stay on! Beware, though, if you knit up the sides for 20 garter rows like the pattern calls for, they will look blocky and probably not like you'd imagined. I've taken to knitting only 14 or 16 garter rows (depending on what the bootie looks like at that point) and I like them much better. I've used several different kinds of yarn, and I'm using size 5 dpn because I have an older child than what the pattern calls for. I highly recommend this book, if only for that pattern.

I look forward to choosing some knitting projects for my first grandchild. I was interested in nursery toy patterns to make safe, 100% organic cotton toys for a young child. So far, it has been fun being inspired by the patterns, and gathering the materials (organic cotton yarn, and organic cotton stuffing).

This is a great beginner book to advanced knitter. The instructions help those with beginner hand knitting skills to master smaller projects and then the projects advance to higher skills. There are projects in this book for every type of knitter. I like the diagrams (measurements) listed clearly. This is a book that if you are a machine knitter that you could figure out how to make these projects on your knitting machine--following the correct gauge--you can come out with similar projects too. I hope to make a few of these projects by hand and machine knitting!

There isn't a dud in the collection. I have had the book for less than a month and have made two of the sweaters...adorable.

This book is fabulous. I managed to teach myself and several others how to knit using this book. Knitting has become a passion for me now. The patterns are great with clear, easy to follow instructions. You will learn everything you ever wanted to know about knitting from this book. A great reference even if you don't knit baby projects (though not all the projects in the book are "baby" projects- a few sweaters for mom and a tote to name a few.)

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