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Lovely Knitted Lace: A Geometric Approach To Gorgeous Wearables



Synopsis

Lace knitting gets a fresh update that finally makes the craft accessible to all! From a Triangle Tulip Shawl and Floral Tunic to a Starry Nights Bolero, these stunning projects showcase rich textures and beautiful detail. Working with four basic shapes, Brooke Nico creates 16 gorgeous wearables plus two “bonus” variants. You can use needles and yarn of any size to knit these garments, and each one features simple construction and elegant lines.

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Customer Reviews

Brooke Nico is the co-owner of Kirkwood Knittery, where she uses her eye for detail and fashion experience to keep her store ahead of trends in knitting. However, lace is where Brooke has really made her mark, and her talent has been recognized by Vogue Knitting, Knitters, and Debbie Bliss magazine. She has taught lace classes at VKLive, VKLive LA, and several Stitches (XRX) events. Brooke lives in Kirkwood, MO.

"Lovely Knitted Lace" is a terrific, versatile collection of handknitting designs, all for women and all featuring lace stitch patterns. These wonderful, wearable patterns belong in any knitter's library. Here's why.

1. Variety of lace stitches used. Patterns draw inspiration from Japanese, Shetland, Estonian and other folk knitting traditions; including mesh and cabled motifs as well as floral; use insertions, edgings and allover motifs. Whatever you're in the mood for is here.
2. Breadth of

garment type. Many lace collections consist solely of shawls and stoles. There are lovely shawls and stoles in this book, but also sweaters/jackets, a beret, cowl, scarf, shrug, capelets and one design that could worn as a skirt.³ The book uses yarn weights ranging from worsted to lace, so that if you're in the mood for a quick-knitting project, you can opt for a heavier yarn; if you're a lover of fine-gauge yarns, you can select fingering or lace weight yarns.⁴ Good variety of sizes in the jackets and sweaters.⁵ The book is organized based on the shape of the design. As Nico explains, all of these garments are derived from a basic geometric shape: circle, square, triangle, rectangle. The chapter starts with a basic version of each shape, then progresses to more complex versions of that shape.⁶ Options for customization are included. Inset boxes and the pattern notes instruct knitters on how to add length, turn a stole into a scarf, or make a flat piece into a jacket. At the end of the book, additional motifs are included so that the knitter can plug those motifs into the patterns and create more lovely designs.⁷ This collection is a great value, containing sixteen patterns that will provide you with many hours of knitting joy. If you are familiar with Nico's work -- she designs for top magazines like Vogue Knitting, works with premiere yarn companies like Koigu, Tahki/Stacy Charles and Trendsetter/Lotus, and is a popular teacher at knitting shows and yarn shops -- buying this book is a no-brainer. If you aren't familiar with Nico's work, but love lace, elegant garment design, lightweight layering pieces or interesting methods of garment construction, then you really ought to treat yourself and order a copy. Disclaimer: I received a review copy of this book and know the author personally.

A very good variety of ways to construct shawls and wraps. Each one of the 16 patterns is totally different from the rest which gives a lot of choice and many new techniques to explore. Good and clear instructions and beautiful photographs. I especially like the additional 4 patterns for exploration given at the end. I would have rated it 5 stars but I found two mistakes in the 'Flutter shawl' pattern diagram which I am knitting. I highly recommend for the adventurous intermediate knitter!

This book is beautiful, and I am very excited to try out some of the patterns in it. I'm torn between a 4 and a 5 star review, as I personally am not excited about some of the projects and shapes, and wish that there were more patterns for triangle and rectangle shawls, but that is just a personal opinion. I will also say that I wish there were a couple of smaller garments, as those in the book all look like they will take a very long time to complete.

This book helps the knitter think there way through the knitting design process without

overwhelming. Brooke's approach of using basic geometric shapes helps define how garments can be shaped and made comfortable to wear. The designs are not intimidating, but rather lure you in with "what if" thinking. There's something for all levels of lace knitters in this truly lovely book.

I bought this book for my wife . As she enjoys making these projects while I read . We get to spend quality time together , and at the end of an evening , we have both accomplished something . She is deciding which one to do as soon as a promised sweater is finished . Well written and has some very nice projects , among which to choose . Recommended by Lee .

I bought this as a gift for my mother for Mother's Day. She absolutely loved it. She said ALL of the patterns are gorgeous. There are guidelines on how to switch out yarns and needle sizes if the yarn you want to use is different than the pattern calls for. I'm looking forward to seeing finished products.

So many options to choose from for your next project. I have almost every item earmarked to knit. Rare to get a book with so many items that catch your eye.

This is a beautiful, thoughtful, and thorough book, one of the best I've seen on lace. What I appreciate the most about it is that it's a guide to figuring out one's own projects, which I love to do. I've already cast on for my first adventure. Yay.

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