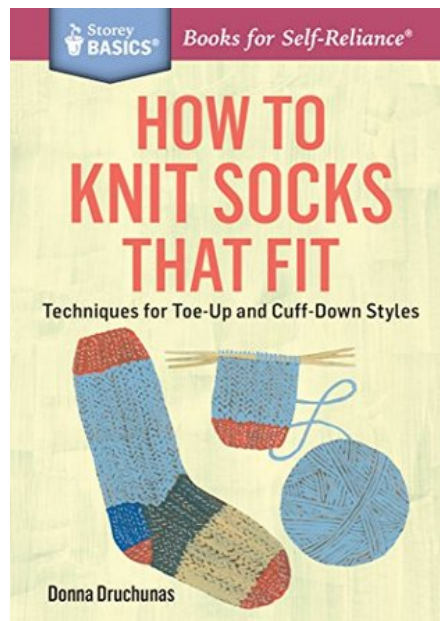




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Whether you're working socks from the toe up or from the cuff down, designer Donna Druchunas's complete, step-by-step instructions make sock knitting easy, enjoyable, and successful. You'll learn several approaches for getting started, and you'll also discover how to shape comfortable toes, create heels that fit, and ensure stretchy cuffs that can be counted on to keep your socks up. Druchunas's useful tips and tricks include working confidently with double-pointed needles, knitting socks on one or two circular needles, and even knitting two socks at the same time. Once you've mastered these basic techniques, you can adapt them to create your own custom sock designs.

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Angela says

Good for beginners

This book has some good information for a beginner to sock knitting. All the information can be found online at various websites but it's all kept neatly together here. Toe up and cuff down patterns are included so great to get you started.

Debbie says

Good book especially for a knitter who is new to sock knitting.

deborah e garner says

Lots of information

Includes everything you need to know to knit socks. Explains different toes & heels in easy to understand language. Also why you might want to choose one method over another. Or try them all for the experience. Includes several stitch patterns to use (or not) for a fancier sock. Great book.

Belinda says

This is a really solid resource for someone who wants to start knitting socks. It covers everything, from what type of yarns are suitable for what types of socks, the different types of needles you can work with and the different ways of constructing socks (cuff down, toe up, two at a time, etc). I wish there had been a book like this around for when I was learning to knit socks!

penny shima glanz says

This is the sort of nutshell book I wish existed when I first started knitting socks. It includes everything about knitting socks from choosing yarn to blocking and everything in-between. There is even a small stitch dictionary. It is chock full of various tips, small history lessons, and straight forward and clear illustrations for each step of the way. While some of the explanations are basic, that is the point of the title. What's beneficial is you now have basic information and standard language so you can more effectively research if you are curious.

cuff down or toe up, it's nice to have all of the information in one place. It's useful to have at hand when a new sock knitter approaches me with a question. I also find this sort of book to be beneficial to turn to while I'm tech editing, the size charts and basic patterns provide me a checklist to make sure nothing important is skipped.

Both new and experienced sock knitters can benefit from How to Knit Socks That Fit.

This review also appeared little acorn creations.

I received an eARC of this title from NetGalley in exchange for a review. The FTC wants you to know.

cynthia d kirk says

Very informative

I'm not an experienced knitter but I have made socks. It helps to explain the parts and the way to form the parts of your sock. It gives you choices and options for creating great socks. The only drawback to this book is the basic sock structure not very well integrated with the optional heel and toe patterns.

Leyla Johnson says

I found this book very helpful, socks are not easy to knit but I think someone with basic knitting skills could follow these instructions. I like the fact that it explains how to take measurements to actually make the socks to fit. There are not only four ways to knit socks, in respect to which needles to use, but the book also explains how to knit from the cuff down or from the toe up. There are variations in both toe and heel and the best of all the book explains how to put in a "lifeline" in case the knitter gets really in a mess and needs to pull things out, there is a (your choice) designated row that you can go back to, that is held for you. It isn't a fancy book with heaps of photos and such, but it is an honest book that will get you knitting a pair of socks to give with pride. I congratulate the author for a job well done. This book was provided in return for a honest and unbiased reviews

Janis Hill says

I would like to thank Story Publishing for providing me with a free ARC of this book in exchange for an open and honest review.

‘How to knit socks that fit’ is an interesting book. As a person with big feet and who is a novice knitter I was really looking forward to reading it. As, yes, finding socks that fit is one of those minor banes of my existence. And I was not disappointed with this book. I simply need to get a chance to sit down and have a go!

Sometimes I felt this book perfect for a novice knitter with no sock knitting experience (AKA Me). At other times I felt it expected you to know how to knit socks already and this was just a continuation of that skill. Not in a bad way, and I never truly felt over my head, but some new and novice knitters might. I have the safety net of knitting family members and a spinner's guild to fall back on if I get stuck in such a book... But

as not everyone has such a safety net, I was a little concerned the attitude of 'you know what I'm talking about' I sometimes got from this book would put some newbies off.

Add to that I found the layout formatting sometimes a little sloppy – a section would start with the title at the bottom of one page, but the actual section in question all on the next page – and I found myself having to not give 'How to knit socks that fit' the full 5 stars. As a document writer myself sloppy formatting is a pet peeve of mine and so can be a cruel reviewer when I see it. ;-)

But saying that, I still found the majority of the instructions well written and the book deserving a high score. I really loved the fact the pictures were in black and white so you could focus on the pattern and design and not be influenced by colours. And I loved the overall tone of the book as it reminded me of my spinning guild. A warm and friendly voice chatting away to you helping you work your way through the different methods within the book. This is the strongest connection I got from the book – it was FRIENDLY! It was approachable and therefore readable by any skill level. Well, that's my opinion anyway.

I also loved the details given in the book to help educate the reader and improve their knitting skill. From the types of yarn, needles best to use at the beginning of the book, through to the different types of stitches and how to do them, glossary, abbreviations and suggested reading at the back – it just added to the whole friendly atmosphere generated by this book!

Would I recommend this book to others? Yes I would. But probably only to knitters who know more than just the basics. And also possibly only to those with some experience with knitting socks already. As I've said, I've not knitted socks before and parts of this book did cause me a bit of confusion. But most of it was something I could really work with.

Would I buy this book for myself? Yes I would. Big feet and a love of knitting draws me to this friendly and easy (mostly) to follow book. I can see it being added to my Amazon wish list in the near future.

In summary: The title says it all really. This book really is all about 'How to knit socks that fit' and something I think any knitter with a desire to knit socks would enjoy. I highly recommend.

Sarah says

This was a straight forward book. I think if you were new to sock knitting, this would be a great book for you. It's a straight forward how to knit socks book. But, for more comfortable knitters, there are no real full patterns, just knitting stitch patterns you could use to design your own socks. Which if you're an advanced knitter, and comfortable with putting the pieces of a pattern together yourself, this book will appeal. But personally, that's a wee bit out of my comfort zone. I fall into the "comfortable" category, but not quite adventurous or advanced!

One of the major cons for me was there are no photos. For me, one of the things I like best about knitting books are the photos of finished projects. No finished projects means no pretty photos.

I received an advance copy of this book from the publisher through NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Paula says

I reviewed this book for NetGalley.

I have read several books by Ms. Druchunas which have positively impressed me. It takes a lot from a knitting book to do that, since I have read so many of them that they merge together. This one stands out from the crowd for its thorough and clear explanations of the basics of sock knitting.

I would recommend this book for an advanced beginner or an intermediate knitter. Ms. Druchunas clearly defines and delineates the two major types of sock knitting, their pros and cons and how to do them in an accessible manner. She also discusses different techniques from sock knitting that can be applied to other types of knitting (such as magic loop knitting for two sleeves rather than two socks).

An excellent and educational how-to book for sock knitting which I will definitely use. A really good read!

Maryann Geiser says

Good basic information on how to knit socks written clearly. Even after knitting nearly 2 dozen pair of socks, I got a better understanding of construction and fit.

Denise Bradley says

This book is excellent and a great reference and refresher. Good for a confident beginner and for anyone who wants to further advance their knowledge and skill on sock knitting. It is a short read and covers all the basics and then some. What I am most impressed with is the Kindle version of the book. The navigation is awesome and easy to access the subjects you desire. I would definitely recommend this book. The author gives plenty of stitch patterns, which is great if you want to design your own socks. I would highly recommend the book especially on Kindle.

Korie Brown says

Good sock primer

Nicole says

The best sock construction book I have read! I loved the added history as well.

Tina Martinez says

Making the leap to sock knitting can seem like taking up the Dark Arts. Ensuring your sock fits, deciding between double pointed needles or circulars, and mastering short row or flap style heels... it can be intimidating. Donna Druchunas is a veteran knitter and author who breaks the process down into simple steps that build not only confidence, but working knowledge of how socks fit our feet.

Starting with the basic math that makes up gauge and measurement for your personal sock specs, Donna then moves on to methods of knitting. Some people find double pointed needles comfortable, others (like me) prefer to use circulars (either two at a time or a singular in the Magic Loop method). From there we move on, step by step, in constructing a first successful sock.

This book is stripped down in that the focus is primarily on written instructions and technical drawings for a basic sock, either cuff down or toe up. There are several stitch patterns in the last section, but the selection is narrow. I would have appreciated if all the patterns were charted, but all have clear written instructions. It makes sense to keep the information constrained and concise as it helps keep the book small, portable, and affordably priced.

In the end, a ball of sock yarn, needles, and this handy book will give an inspired would be sock knitter the knowledge needed to feel like a knitting rockstar.
