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From Reader Review Lace One-Skein Wonders: 101 Projects Celebrating the Possibilities of Lace for online ebook

Troxelm says

Judith Durant has published numerous other books in the "One Skein Wonders" collection, and I've looked at some of them, but I've never taken the plunge. Silly me! There are lots of things to like in this book. The projects are arranged by type: hats, baby things, socks and mittens, shawls, and so on, but interspersed are some really useful tips for those inexperienced in knitting lace. That said, there wasn't an obvious skill rating for the various projects, which I felt would have been useful, especially since I would rate many of the patterns intermediate or advanced.

Also, as useful as many of those tips are, in the edition I was given, many of them fell late into the book, significantly after many of the terms and techniques had already been used. For an experienced knitter this wouldn't be an issue, but for some, it might. (I should also note that the appendix and glossary were incomplete in the advanced edition I received, so some of these issues may have been resolved by the time it is actually published.)

I think my favorite thing about the patterns themselves is the fact that both charts and written instructions are provided for almost every pattern in the book. After ten-plus years of knitting lace, I'm a big fan of charts, but early on, I found written instructions much easier to follow.

I haven't had a chance to finish up the sample I started knitting from the book (a sweet baby dress with hearts) but I can already tell it's going to be darling!!!

My vote: Definitely worth a shot, but not for beginning knitters!

Marie says

I really thought this was a great book! I checked it out from my library, but I added it to my wishlist for purchase so that I could try more projects from it. You would think that with 101 projects, some of them wouldn't get photographed. But no! Every single one of the 101 projects has at least one, if not two or three, full color photographs of the finished product. Every project has very clear and complete materials lists, and all of the instructions and charts are easy to read and follow. The author also took the time to "rate" each pattern as Easy, Medium, or Difficult. From what I could tell just looking over patterns, the ratings seemed pretty spot-on. When I checked out this book, I hadn't knitted anything in about a decade (I'm a crochet lover) and I had no trouble picking a project and completing it. All of the projects looked so pretty! It was hard to decide which one to try. I ended up making a shawl, and it turned out perfectly on the first try. I do not attribute this to skill on my part (remember... haven't knitted in over a decade) but rather to the clarity of the instructions. In fact, the only gripe I had was a minor one: it's not a lay-flat book. I ended up photocopying the two pages that I needed for my project and following those; you'd have to break the spine in order to get this book to stay open. But that's such a minor complaint! Oh, and the title is totally accurate. None of the projects call for more than 1 skein of yarn! I give this book 4 of 5 stars. I had such fun looking through all the patterns, and I got a pretty new shawl out of it.

Anastacia says

First of all - I am a BIG fan of lace, and when I'm not knitting ribbing or garter stitch, I'm probably knitting lace. And being an avid yard saler who ends up with nothing but odd skeins in my stash, you know I'm all about the one skein projects! So yes, I freely admit, this book was published just for ME! (oh, you mean I'm not the only one?)

The sections are:

hats and caps
mittens, gloves and cuffs
socks (of course!)
knits for kids
it's a wrap - scarves, shawls, and the like
lacey accessories
items for the home

And of course, a variety of weights of yarn in each section and different construction methods.

Now, some people, when they think of lace, think of gossamer, see through, open, airy, and hard... most of the projects aren't that at all, but simply modern designs that happen to have a lot of holes in them, you know, holes you put in your project on purpose. Designs are charted, and though some have a large number of rows / rounds in them, a lot of projects are easily memorizable. There's some matching sets in the book, too, which I always like.

There are some incredibly cute baby knits in here - the baby accessories are cute, but what really stands out are the adorable sweaters and cardigans for babies that makes me wish I had a baby to knit for right now. Hana and Haru are my favorites.

And I don't knit baby things! ever! (OK: I do crochet baby blankets)

There's even a cute American Girl Doll set.

I received a review copy from netgalley

Robyn says

I remember getting this on a deep discount when it was quite new, which is unusual. I read through it at the time, thought it a good correction of patterns, have yet to make anything from it.

So, I Read This Book Today says

Lace One-Skein Wonders 101 Projects Celebrating the Possibilities of Lace I was fortunate enough to get a review copy, and I am so happy I did!

Confession:

I love yarn. Love. It. All sorts and types and colours and sizes. All the yummy without the calories! So, when I see something I can't resist, well, I have to have at least one skein, right? But then, what do I do with all these little yummys?

Just what I always wanted. My own little bunny rabbit. (skein of luscious yarn). I will name him George, and I will hug him and pet him and squeeze him... (Hugo the Abominable Snowman from Looney Toons)

Judith's lovely book has 101 projects - 101!!! Yippee skippee! Well, that will at least take up part of my single skein stash! LOL

I am going to make Kim Whelan's Etta Hat first. A bit of a slouch (which I love) with just a bit of lace. Kim used 245 yards of Brown Sheep Company Nature Spun Worsted Weight. I am going to make it in Lotus Pink or Fuschia, yum! Mitts and the Violeta Cowl, and I am ready for winter. Well, of course, got to add socks, too! I have to make the Travel Worthy Mitts, I have a beautiful ball of cashmere I have been petting for quite a while! Well, I actually have two, so the other may go into the Three Button Baby Sweater. I don't know anyone with a baby, but it is just So. Darn. CUTE!

There are baby things and and scarves, cowls and scarves and stoles, accessories, and even sweet little things for the house.

You have to have this book when it comes out! I am already pulling skeins from my stash and matching them to the items I want to make. How cool is that? And the lace patterns are cool, too. I always want to try new patterns. These little jewels are the perfect way to try things out without diving into a whole sweater.

It's coming soon - the publication date is September 10!!! Click the cover photo to pre order!

Sharon Tyler says

Lace One-Skein Wonders: 101 Projects Celebrating the Possibilities of Lace edited by Judith Durant is a collection of well explained lacy patterns for every knitter. I know I am always picking up a new yarn or color with no particular plan or pattern in mind. Books like this help me put each and every one of those skeins to use. The book offers 12 hat and cap patterns, 9 mitten, glove, and cuff patterns, 7 sock patterns, 11 baby wear patterns, 2 blanket patterns, 2 toy patterns, 19 scarf patterns, 9 cowl patterns, 15 shawl and stole patterns, 8 miscellaneous lacy accessories, and 7 miscellaneous home accessories. While all of the patterns are knit using a lacy pattern, a variety of yarn weights are used.

Lace One-Skein Wonders is broken up into sections that include; head to toe(has things for heads, hands and feet), knits for kids (baby wear), it's a wrap (scarves, cowls, shawls, wraps) and accessories(bags, headbands, etc), and for the home(pillows, bath sets, cozies). There is an appendix showing diagrams on many techniques and helpful information about certain stitching as well as simple, but important, notes and tips from the author between the chapters. Knitters that are looking to liven things up with a lacy pattern, or just looking to expand their knowledge base, will find something worthwhile here.

I would recommend Lace One-Skein Wonder to readers that enjoy knitting, always looking for a new project, and have single skeins of yarn they want to make into something beautiful. While none of the patterns are geared towards men (as you might expect), there is a variety of lace patterns here that offers something for just about every kind of knitter.

lover-of-good-books says

The sock patterns are absolutely beautiful

Bridgett says

I received this book from the publisher for review.

What a great addition to the one skein wonders series. I am a lace knitter by heart. So, of course I had a little "squee" of joy, when this book tumbled out of the envelope.

The patterns in the book are a wonderful array from easy beginners to intermediate projects. The designs are for the most timeless and elegant (Trellis Leaf Stole by Judith Durant, April Showers Cowl by Meg Strong), as is so often the case with good lace. A few are really fun (Little Legwarmers by Gwen Steege) and some are just a bit out of my comfort zone, when it comes to wearing things (Butterflies are free and Paper Lanterns).

The instructions are easy and straight forward, the carts are easy to read and a nice size. No squinting required.

I like that the book is divided into sections. From Head to toe, Knits for Kids, It's a wrap, Lacey accessories and for the home. This makes it easy to find things you are in the mood for.

Thanks to the yardage of some lace skeins, these are not just one afternoon projects either. This book has projects that will give you something to sink your needles into for a while.

Yes, it does have little projects for those that need instant gratification, or a fast present, but if you are looking for something to use up that one skein of 900 yards of suri alpaca, you will find something as well, that will not leave you with a ton of leftover yarn.

All in all a good book with solid designs and something for everyone.

I would say: Go, give it a shot at your next visit to the book shop!

Anne - Books of My Heart says

I was excited to see this book on Netgalley.

I had every intention of not only reading it quickly (I did) but also making some of the projects (I didn't). I own and appreciate 2 other books in this group - 101 Designers' One Skein Wonders and One + One, Scarves, Shawls and Shrugs. The concept is excellent. It provides patterns which are made with one skein of yarn. Many types and weights of yarn are used. This is very helpful. In fact, I see they now have a book of

patterns for sock yarn which I definitely need.

In my stash, I have many odd balls of yarn which are perfect for these projects. Some are balls left over from a finished project. Some are from when I was "stupid" and bought a ball of yarn I thought was gorgeous with no idea what I would knit with it.

I learned to knit as a child, then stopped knitting when I started out in my career. Oddly, I made only scarves and sweaters as a child. In 2005, I was at a retreat and a woman had a scarf which I loved. She told me she knit it herself and I thought - gee, I know how to knit. I started back and knit scarves, sweaters, socks, hats, ponchos, shrugs, bags, etc. I'm a BIG fan now of circular needles and knitting seamless when possible. I often convert patterns to seamless if they aren't and I can do it.

This book has lace patterns. Now I initially thought lace meant it was the finest weight yarn, smaller and lighter than fingering (1). This is not true. Lace knitting is with any weight of yarn. Lace refers to the design, the airy pattern of the knitting.

Like the other books in the "series", this contains many, many patterns - 101. I found many I wish to try. The photos and instructions are clear, easy to use. There are however, charts. I am a little afraid of charts - I admit it - which is odd since I am a real math/ science nerd. I like the visualization of them; I just don't know if I can work from one. I'm going to try with a few of the patterns in this book.

So to summarize, there are a large number of patterns with lovely photographs and clear instructions. There is a definitions section with abbreviations and a glossary. They use a variety of yarns with different weights. It's a great book - who wouldn't want to own it?

penny shima glanz says

There is no need to fear lace. It's not always knit on cobweb yarns and tiny needles. *Lace One-Skein Wonders* proves that and goes above and beyond to show you the versatility of yarn overs (and paired decreases) over a variety of yarn weights and projects. If you are new to lace or not comfortable with charts, don't fear! Several projects are even for worsted weight yarns and feature just a hint of lace. When practical, both written and charted instructions are provided. There are even a few crochet projects! It's not just all shawls and stoles, though they do feature in this title. Inside you will find accessories for your head, hands, toes, and your home. There are items knit in a variety of yarns including mohair, silk, and merino, among others. Throughout there are helpful tips including using lifelines, ripping back without a lifeline, and some tips for fixing missed yarn overs.

In this age of Ravelry is this sort of title still relevant and helpful? I believe yes. Browsing online after sorting through your stash can be overwhelming. I suggest choosing a skein from your stash, flipping through the book to find a project matching the yarn fiber content, weight, and yardage, and beginning. It's a great way to use up those lingering single skeins in the stash and maybe get ahead of gift knitting.

I recommend this title for those with single skeins marinating in their stash longer than some fine wines and looking for a way to knit them into beautiful projects.

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.

Willa says

I received this book from NetGalley in return for a review; I was not paid for this review, nor required to post a positive review.

I don't knit much lace; I'm much more likely to knit something, like socks, with an easily memorized pattern so I can carry it with me. But this book has so many lovely patterns that I might be convinced to change my mind, especially considering that they are all small, portable projects.

First, I have to change my perception of "lace" as only pertaining to filmy shawls. Lace can be so much more. I'm very drawn to the "Etta Hat," which looks like a quick knit and a nice introduction to lace knitting. It is knit in the round, which is my favorite way to knit, and requires no finishing. I haven't mastered knitting from a chart, so I was pleased to see that this pattern doesn't use one.

There are several more hat patterns, several patterns for mitts (I especially love the "Sweet Pea Mitts" and the "Trellis Mitts", both of which look like they would be really fun to knit). Another really cute idea is the "Spicy Lace Cuffs," which would look wonderful peeking out of the sleeves of a coat, and also keep your wrists warm. There are also quite a few sock patterns. While I probably won't be knitting any of them any time soon, I might try them some time in the future when I have some spare time and some undistracted time.

The book also includes some adorable knits for children, including a beautiful sweater, the "Kaya Baby Sweater," that I am definitely considering knitting for a new baby in my family, and a fun looking raglan "Three-Button Baby Sweater," particularly cute in variegated yarn.

More traditional lace projects such as scarves, shawls and cowls, including the gorgeous "Butterflies are Free" scarf with lace ruffles, and a few knitted jewelry patterns. The book ends with projects for the home like a bath set, a wine bottle cozy, table mats and dishcloths. A pattern for a tiny sachet bag would be another good introduction to lace knitting for someone like me. All in all, a great variety of patterns from excellent designers.

Ginny B says

I love the whole "one skein" series and this is a wonderful addition! With projects from baby leg warmers, hats and blankets to adult hats, wristlets and shawls and scarves how can you go wrong? The yarn weights vary from lace weight to worsted making the projects and with the variety of projects there is something for the novice to the advanced!

My only complaint is that yarn weights are not included with the patterns. Instead specific yarns are included leaving the knitter to search the yarn out to determine the yarn weight and an appropriate substitute if desired. Still, that is not enough to keep this from gracing the shelf of any knitters library.

Thank you for the advanced copy for review purposes!

Emily says

As far as knitting goes, I would consider myself an experienced beginner. I haven't successfully knitted anything like a sweater, but I have quite a bit of experience of hats, scarves, and mitts. (Socks are the next adventure I intend to master!) With my tendency to gravitate toward smaller projects, this series of One Skein Wonders is right up my alley! I haven't heard of this series before, but when I had the opportunity to review this book of lace patterns, I jumped at the chance.

Being an experienced beginner, I've avoided lace work like the plague. It looks so gorgeous, but when I read the patterns and look at these charts, I get intimidated. I've taught myself to knit via the internet, so I don't have anyone to review a pattern with.

The great thing about Lace One-Skein Wonders is that there are SO MANY levels for a variety of knitters. Beginners can try more simple hats and even dish cloths, while the most experienced knitter will be happy with a complicated shawl. Easy or difficult, all of these projects are gorgeous. Flipping through these patterns inspires me and gives me ambition to become skilled at lace knitting. No matter what kind of knitter you are, I think you will find something beautiful in this book of patterns.

What kind of a knitter would you classify yourself as? Do you enjoy simple or complicated projects?

****I was provided a copy of this book in exchange for a review. All opinions are my own. I did not, nor have I ever accepted compensation for a review.****

Antonella says

So you want to learn to lace, but you don't want to invest in a huge prayer shawl? Then this book is the best investment you could make! It will teach you a new technique, or simply enhance your current one! It will also allow you to start new projects & finish them! I consider this my Sunday book, I open it up, pick a project, & spend the afternoon creating & completing! Very easy reading & not overwhelming to beginners or those that want to teach themselves!

I took this book down to my local yarn shop/knittery (A Good Yarn) & on certain days of the week, you can find several knitters focused on their projects & discussing new projects! I was pleased to find that several of these ladies were interested in trying a project a month! I picked the "Etta Hat", very trendy & fun. The "Lacy Beret" seemed to be another favorite!

Something to consider, the author chose stylish patterns, & supplied year round timeless trends! A must have for any knitter!

Umer azaz says

Lace knitting has been considered as the zenith of knitting because of its composite procedures and varied intends; the book under discussion is named "Lace One-skein wonders" by Judith Durant. She put together a wondrous set of lace designs contributed by the knitters from all around the globe.

I read this book along with my mother and the first thing that got her attention is the striking snap of the project under discussion; we found no difficulty to understand what the author is trying to teach or what stitch we should place now or how far the crochet chain should go. The palpable grid pattern representation

of the whole stitch scheme was a big help.

Every Hat has its own set of instructions, sizes ,measurements , yarn , needles and other supplies.

Pattern essentials were taught before starting the knitting it included necessary directions such as left/ right cable orientation or the increasing/decreasing twist that helped set a basic approach to any particular lace formation and if products contain a unique lace pattern the author demonstrated it in a different work pattern so the user wont get confused.

After all the above preparations here comes the final step of knitting described and divided into different rounds. Glossary here was also very useful as every single stitch or knit has been embodied with the help of illustrations.

Author didn't restrict the book to hats, mittens or socks. It varied from baby wear to scarves, from cowls to shawls, headband, ties, belts and what not. Just when I thought nothing more could be done with crochet lace here comes the home decor chapter, which is filled with the most astounding knitting articles that could upsurge the splendor of one's household.

The best part of the book was those simple yet important notes and tips author gave in between the chapters.It was an enlightening read. I must recommend it to those who are fascinated by the art of lace knitting.
