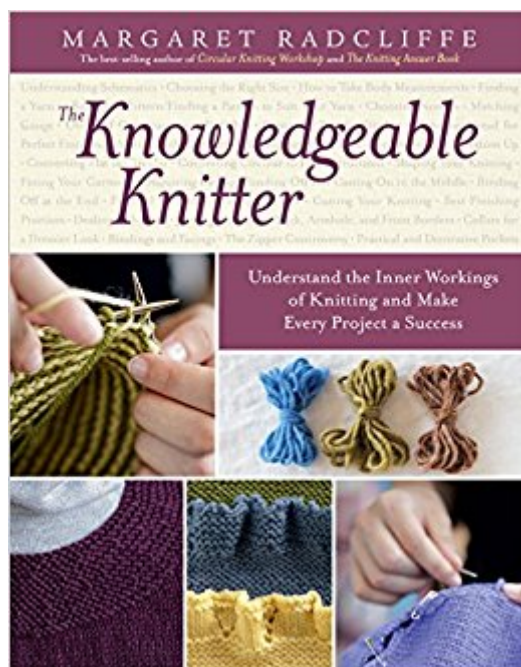


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# The Knowledgeable Knitter



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

The Knowledgeable Knitter is an excellent reference book for beginning, intermediate and experienced knitters alike. It is similar to The Principles of Knitting but does not cover as many topics. The book contains no patterns but answers many questions that knitters may have about the art of knitting. There are chapters that I especially like and find useful. One is on converting circular knitting patterns to flat knitting patterns, and also the reverse. There is a chapter on Top Down Versus Bottom Up that I found quite useful. The information on Fitting Your Garment is very useful as I have difficulty getting my patterns to fit right. The Cast On and Bind Off information is very extensive and offers knitters a variety of ways to achieve their goals. There are some clever solutions provided for fixing mistakes. I especially liked the information about embroidering over a stitch to make a knit look like a purl. I also liked the idea of using beads to hide holes and malformed

stitches. Steeks have always been scary to me and the information provided by Ms. Radcliffe helped remove some of my anxiety about them. Overall, this book is stock full of information for all levels of knitters and has something for everyone. I know that I will be referring to it regularly and this book, along with Principles of Knitting by Hiatt, will have a prominent place in my knitting library. I would say it is a must-have for all knitters.

This book is filled with color samples showing techniques, and variations on those techniques (the good and bad) for each and every section of the book. Chapter 1 begins with "What makes a well-written pattern?" and teaches size, measuring, evaluation and understanding of schematics, gauge and why there is more to swatching than just matching the swatch gauge. Chapter 2 discusses planning the project and Chapter 3 moves on to modifying the pattern, adding embellishments, converting flat to circular and circular to flat, top down vs bottom up, changing colors/stitch pattern, etc. Chapter 4 is all about shape and fit. The next 4 chapters are as filled with information, samplers, and the hows and whys of each topic as the first 4 chapters. This book looks to be my long-awaited companion to June Hemmons Hiatt's The Principles of Knitting. The subtitle of this book pretty much says it all for this visual learner: "Understand the Inner Workings of Knitting and Make Every Project a Success". Hats off to Margaret Radcliffe on this exceptional go-to book.

This book is for the intermediate to experienced knitter, and covers planning, altering, and working sweater patterns every which way. Convert flat to circular? Covered. Change bottom-up sleeves to top-down sleeves? Covered. Change the ever-so-tricky armhole? Covered. Make a sweater fit better? Covered. Panic when your finished sweater doesn't fit? Covered! Choose a cast-on? Covered. Work something specific, like a Channel Island Cast-On? Covered, but shunted to the appendix with all the other specific technique instructions. If you want a book on making other items, such as hats, scarves, shawls, socks, gloves, and mittens, take a look at Circular Knitting Workshop by Margaret Radcliffe. It is excellent as well. They are complementary, and both amazing if you want to truly understand the art of knitting.

This is a fabulous knitting book. Ms. Radcliffe has been involved in knitting and teaching knitting for many years. She has graciously offered to share her many years of experience and knowledge with all knitters of every level. I have been knitting for almost fifty years and over time have evolved a program for knitting well fitting and attractive items. This took a long time. Ms. Radcliffe's book will save any knitter a lot of time by explaining how and when and why to do certain things. I wish I had

this book when I began knitting. It would have saved me a lot of grief. This book would be ideal for teaching a knitting course. It's well written, detailed but not obsessive and very personable. Just like you have your very own knitting teacher who is clear, concise, patient and has a nice personality. A very well written and educational book.

This book is a resource I'll return to again and again. As an intermediate knitter who has finished several sweaters (some more successful than others), I wanted to understand sweater construction rather than just follow directions and hope for the best. This book is very well done. It contains plentiful clear pictures and illustrations, detailed explanations, and case studies to show how modifications would work in patterns. My copy is already adored with post-its and notes. It may not be suited to a brand new knitter - a basic knowledge of stitches is assumed - but it's a book that will be well used by anyone who has an interest in making well fitting sweaters.

Finally, a technical knitting book I can rely on. I've purchased several knitting books over the years but this is the most comprehensive one I've found. It offers many options for finishing, fitting, knitting, correcting mistakes, etc. Lots of color photos to show the differences in knitting techniques. This has really been the most helpful, one where I've really wanted to read it cover to cover. When options are offered Radcliffe explains the reason and best times to use different techniques. This will be my go to knitting technique for years to come.

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