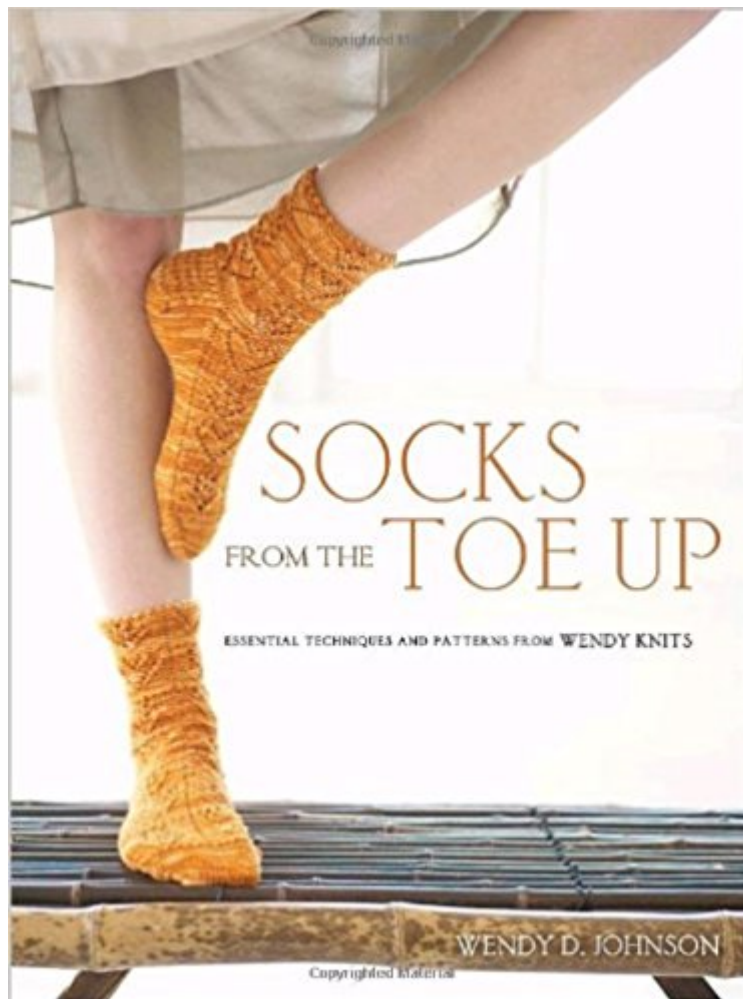


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Socks From The Toe Up: Essential Techniques And Patterns From Wendy Knits



Synopsis

Discover a new approach to sock knitting with Wendy D. Johnson and *Socks from the Toe Up*. This approach, made famous by her popular blog WendyKnits.net, will turn even the most reluctant knitter into a toe-up nut. Knitting a sock from the toe up saves yarn and always gives a perfect fit. And? No grafting! Wendy provides all the how-tos, tips, and techniques you need, as well as the pros and cons behind all of the cast-on, toe, heel, and bind-off options, gleaned from her years of experience. With more than 20 fun and beautiful patterns, *Socks from the Toe Up* has a sock for every foot. Whether you like bold textures or hearts and flowers, delicate lace or Bavarian cables, you (and your feet) will be covered here. Even if you're casting on your first sock, or have been a top-down sock knitter for ages, you'll find patterns and projects here that'll keep your needles humming. *Socks from the Toe Up* is the hands-down best guide for toe-up socks.

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Customer Reviews

Glorious photography, extraordinarily helpful illustrations, beautiful designs accompanied by pattern instructions written with clarity and precision. And it doesn't hurt a bit that Wendy is warm and funny and as generous as they come. (If you're a fan of her blog [WENDY KNITS](http://WendyKnits.net) none of this will come as a surprise.) These are new designs (none of them are replicated on her website or sold elsewhere) and they all bear the hallmark of a true master of her craft. I'm a cuff-down sock knitter but have already cast on for a pair of toe-ups a la Wendy. (The Trilobites, if you must know!) Yes, she's a friend of mine but believe me when I say friendship flies out the window when you cast on a pair of socks. Life's too short to knit a pattern you don't love and now that I have my copy of *SOCKS*

FROM THE TOE UP in my hands, I'll be happily knitting Wendys for the foreseeable future. (BTW, Wendy obtained permission from Judy Becker to reproduce the Magic Cast-On.) To sum up, this book works on all levels: great patterns, beautiful photography, clear instructions, a warm and engaging author, tutorials for the novice sock knitter, breathtaking patterns for the experienced. Definitely a keeper!

Knit socks? Want to? Wendy D. Johnson's book *Socks from the Toe up* has something for everyone from the beginning to experienced sock knitter. Starting with an extensive techniques section on parts of the sock and how to knit them from the toe up, there are 3 "vanilla" sock patterns. Following the plain socks are 20 patterns for socks from "Dead Simple Lace" to traditional Gansey patterns. None of these patterns are available in another source with the exception of the "free" pattern released in advance of the book. The basic sock patterns are all knit in plain white yarn so you can see the techniques in detail, the photography in the book is beautiful and the line drawings are all clear. A new sock knitter could start at the beginning of the book and knit every sock using the techniques and the experienced sock knitter will find interesting and beautiful patterns while learning a little something new! The sock yarns used are all widely available, so you won't spend a lot of time trying to find the exact yarn in "that" colorway if you fall in love with the sock on the page! I did a full blog review of this book prior to the release ([...]) - and have just started a second pair of socks from it! You can also visit Wendy on her blog - [...]

I love knitting toe up socks, and I'm a big fan of Wendy's website and her patterns, so I was very excited to finally get this book! The photography is beautiful and really illustrates the patterns well. Plus, the book itself is high quality (the paper, the cover, etc.) the patterns are all wonderful, and I want to knit almost all of them, but I think the best part of this book are the "vanilla" patterns because they explain in detail the different types of heels AND they have detailed pictures SHOWING the different types of heels. I think this book would be good for anyone who loves knitting toe up socks or anyone who wants to TRY knitting toe up socks. There are some more difficult patterns of course, but there are definitely quite a few that beginning sock knitters could handle. All in all, I am VERY pleased with this book and will happily recommend it to any of my sock knitting friends.

Thinking I was buying a pattern book for toe up socks, I was surprised and disappointed to find that the Kindle edition is only a single pattern. Unless you already know how to do a Turkish cast-on, a

Figure-Eight cast-on, or Judy's Magic cast-on, you will be lost before you get started. Cast on instructions are not included with the instructions for the socks.

Ugh. I wish I'd read the fine print. The \$5 kindle version is just for one pattern. I guess if a deal seems too good to be true...

Wow! I'm simply blown away by this book. And to think I almost didn't buy it because I don't knit socks toe-up. I do NOW after seeing all the beautiful designs in this book. I will knit every single one many times over. The designs are multi-sized (YES!) and are made from readily available yarns. The instructions are clear and concise and photos and sketches are beautifully detailed. Usually, the most I will knit from a single book of patterns is two or three. Not so here. In addition to all this, Wendy's designs are all fresh and unique, not tired repeats of things we've all seen before. This was the best money I ever spent for a pattern book. This book belongs in the Top 10 list for must-have designs for knitters.

This is one of the most detailed and well written sock knitting books that have come out recently. The photography and illustrations are intricate and incredible. I love the fact that the basic socks were knit out of white yarn so that the reader could see, in detail, the design elements being discussed. A must have for any serious sock knitter!

I've read lots of reviews here, and a few have complained that these patterns are not fancy or complicated enough. Well, I own both of Charlene Schurch's amazing books, "Sensational Knitted Socks" and "More Sensational Knitted Socks". If you're going to become a major sock-knitter, they're a must-have. I also have cookie A's "Sock Innovations". Amazing too. But a different kind of sock knitting experience than I have with Wendy. If you want to become comfortable, proficient, and confident in the art of knitting socks, then Wendy's books are a great place to start. You'll learn all of the basics, plus lots of other intermediate-level skills that will enrich the experience. THEN, if you're obsessed with hosiery and are ready to take off in a big way, move on to Cat Bordhi, the Great Brain of sock knitting. Then Charlene Schurch, the math whiz. So, I recommend Wendy's toe-up books for everyone else. First learn the basics, then tweak the fit, try different toes and heels, and soar if you like. Me? I end up coming back to relax with Wendy most of the time I pull out the Dream in Color Smooshy....

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