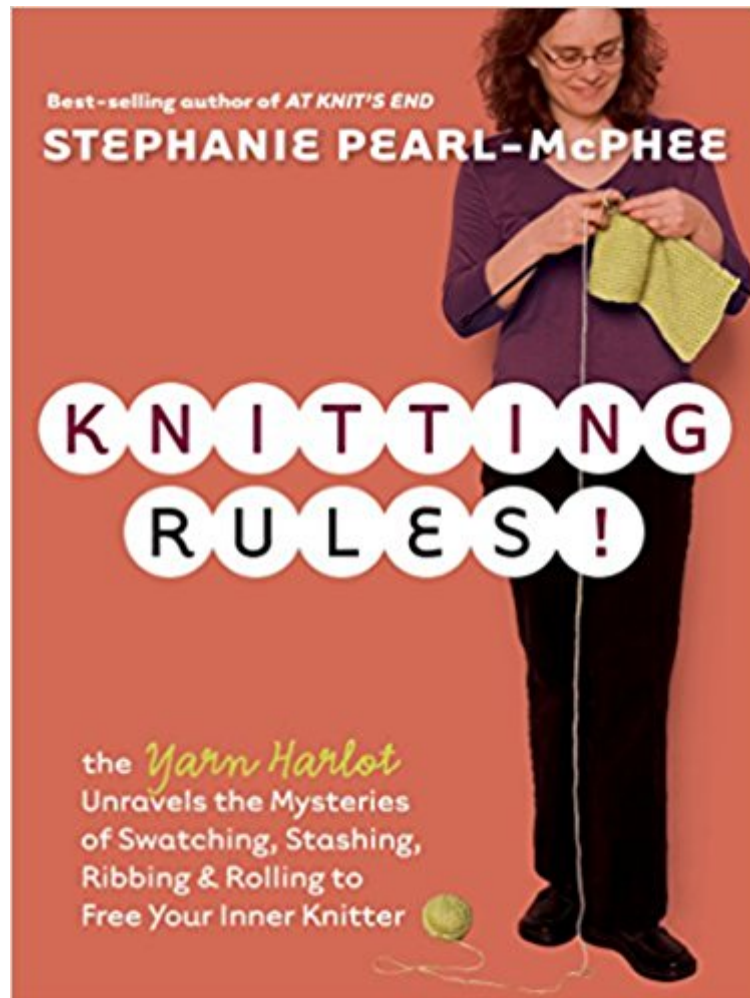




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Knitting Rules!: The Yarn Harlot's Bag Of Knitting Tricks



Synopsis

Both a celebration of the craft and a sourcebook for practical information, *Knitting Rules!* is a collection of useful advice and emotional support for the avid knitter. Stephanie Pearl-McPhee unravels the mysteries of tangled yarn, confusing patterns, and stubbornly unfinished projects. Daring to question long-standing rules and encouraging crafters to knit in the way that works best for them, this illuminating, liberating, and hilarious look at the world of knitting is full of surprises and delightfully inspiring ideas.

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Customer Reviews

“She has become something of an unwitting rock star in the world of knitting.” (Interweave Knits)
“[Stephanie Pearl-McPhee] has created another laugh-out-loud masterpiece . . .” (Vogue Knitting)

Stephanie Pearl-McPhee entertains knitters with her unique blend of humor and knitting highwire acts via her popular online blog, articles, and essays. She lives in Toronto, Canada with her husband and three daughters.

I bought this on a whim and am so glad I did. I earned a lot of helpful information. Did you know that the distance from one fingertip to another of a person's outstretched arms -wingspan - is the same as their height? Or that the length of a person's foot is the same as the distance from their elbow to their wrist? These tips can be very useful if knitting a surprise gift for someone (a shawl or socks).

As useful as the information and patterns in the book were, that wasn't my favorite part. I really enjoyed her style of writing. Her turn of phrase was at times so amusing that I'd laugh out loud. This is just a word of warning in case you think you can sneak in a chapter or two when you wake up in the middle of the night. As quiet as you try to be, the bed shaking that results inevitably wakes up your husband. And as I live in California, he thinks it might be another earthquake. Highly recommend!

This is actually the second time I've bought this book. I had purchased and read it earlier, but couldn't find it. Stephanie has a wonderfully dry, self-deprecating sense of humor. And, omigosh, her knitting skills are so inspiring. I have yet to achieve the status of Knitter (with a capital K), but I continue to be inspired to aim higher. This book has a LOT of helpful information on knitting items such as scarves, socks, sweaters and shawls. With her information, the reader is encouraged to use these as a stepping stone to making their own creations. And, it's done with entertaining humor.

After struggling to learn how to knit socks and giving up in total frustration, I stumbled upon this treasure. I have now successfully knit one sock by following the instructions given in this book and have started the second one ! So far it is going great. The information and helpful hints throughout the book make it a valuable resource for any knitter. Newbies and veterans alike will want to keep this gem in their knitting bags. It covers the basics on how to knit socks, shawls, hats, scarfs and sweaters. She breaks each one down into easy to understand rules and guidelines. By following what she tells you to do, anyone can knit with confidence.

I was originally attracted to this just by the title but I absolutely love it. I only received it yesterday, and I've already read through it. It helped me salvage my first pair of socks; the socks were going great but I decided I didn't like the pattern after all and was at a loss on how to keep going. It's easy to read & understand and it's an awesome source of information and tips. This is especially good for new knitters and it has already found a place of honor with my other knitting books. I know I will be referring to it often. If I could give it 10 stars, I would. It's right up there with Debbie Stoller's *Stitch & Bitch*

This is such an enlightening book. Super good for a beginner knitter and even a more experienced knitter. And Stephanie's sense of humor just puts the cherry on top! I first went to a specific section I was interested in.....I became so enthralled with her writing, I started from the beginning and am

now reading it from cover to cover. One of the sections she addresses is GAUGE. I detest GAUGE!!! Waste of time...HA!!! Boy, was I wrong! I've made socks only one time.....and one was bigger than the other. Need I say more? Throughout this book, I have learned I didn't know half of what I thought I did. LOVED this book.....and it's author!!!! I'm going to order more of this book to give to my knitting friends for their birthdays.

Yarn Harlot is just awesome. Can't go wrong. Great recipes that are easy to remember (especially socks...)

She's a riot and her tips are great.

Great read. I'm a new knitter and long time crocheter so I really appreciated reading about some of the challenges experienced by knitters. Definitely more of a storytelling than technique book. I have to say that even though I'm new to knitting, this book hits home already. If you think you're about to start a love affair with knitting (or you already have), you'll love this book.

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