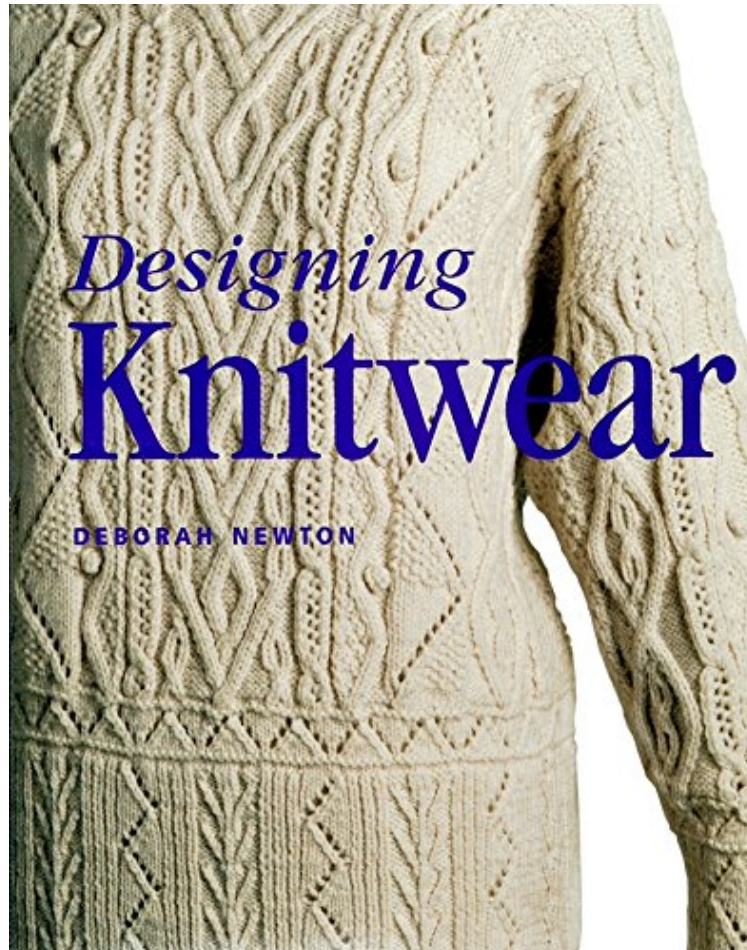


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Really usefulBy nancyMost girls have some training in knitting as kids. Grown up needs and wants include wanting to wear what one makes and have the garmet fit. This book really helps to get grown up needs met. Newton is easy to read and is still designing knitwear. I am not as fond of her patterns as some of the other books and designers but I am a big fan of her advice.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. designer knitwearBy michelleThis is a great read, not exactly what I was looking for though. Would be great as a text book for fashion design course or similar. As I said it is an interesting read but for the hobbist, its a bit too heavey going, it will have to go in my 'one day when I retire and have time' pile. Having said that it is well written and set out but if you are looking for a simpler me user friendly book try [[ASIN:0470068175 Teach Yourself Visually Knitting Design: Working from a Master Pattern to Fashion Your Own Knits (Teach Yourself Visually) which I also

purchased and think is much more my style.6 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Design, Create, InspireBy FiddleLizziIf you are feeling a little 'tied in knots', or limited, after following everyone else's patterns, and want to branch out a bit, this is the book for you. It is an embarrassment of riches in inspiration and options. Designing Knitwear will give you much information, and the boost you need, to get those creative juices flowing. It's got a lot of suggestions for looking in some unlikely places for knitting design inspiration. It also has patterns for some high fashion sweaters, suits, and jackets. As such, this book will never go out of style, as you simply select the elements you want, and plug them into your project design.The sections on garment construction, and the effect of patterned stitches are detailed, clearly written, and easy to understand.The basics are all there for planning the construction of a project. The patterns included also provide ample opportunity to take the suggested pattern, and modify it to make it truly your own. The information is solid, sensible, and you can find lots of ways to integrate the suggestions into adjustments, or a whole new design. New yarns seem to arrive in shops every season, and this book gives you clear directions for evaluating any yarn for any project.Deborah Newton also includes much explanation and detail regarding various types of construction, from smocks to sweaters, to dressmakers designs. Some of the patterns given might not appeal to everyone, but everyone can use the information to make a smashing design of their very own. There is lots of information on stitch selection, and the effects that can be obtained with varying stitches.The details given are really helpful, particularly for elements of garment design that you see in fashion magazines, but rarely in knitting books. This is one of the very best collections of information about a wide variety of design options, and done in detail I've never encountered before. I've knitted for decades, and if I'd only had this book when I was wanting to 'improve' on some sweater patterns, I'd have avoided hours of ripping and starting over.Ms. Newton has me thinking of projects for next winter's knitted presents. And, I may just find a use for those oddments of yarn that could be combined into a wild and wonderful jacket, incorporating stitch designs that I'd have never considered prior to reading this book.Knitting allows you to control every aspect of garment construction, from texture, to size, to sleeve design, to collar...the options are endless. This is a book that will give any knitter inspiration and confidence to really be creative.I'd recommend this book for every knitter who is seeking perfect fit, perfect design, and ways to select new yarns for any project. The only limitation is your imagination. Designing Knitwear is encyclopedic in its scope and very well done indeed. The only problem you might have is figuring out which, of the endless options, will be right for your next project.

If you dream of creating your own knitwear designs, master designer Deborah Newton shares the secrets she's learned over the years. Newton offers in-depth information on shaping and fitting, color and graphics, dressmaker details, finding design inspiration, creating textured fabrics, and more. In addition, Designing Knitwear includes patterns for 16 garments and dozens of partial schematics for you to develop into your own original designs.

From Library JournalReaders of Vogue Knitting and Threads are familiar with Newton's beautifully crafted knitwear, as are readers of mass circulation periodicals like Family Circle and Woman's Day. Here Newton systematizes her approach to designing handknit garments and, in the process, shares information she searched for in vain when she was a fledgling designer. Using 16 of her original designs as teaching tools, Newton takes the reader from idea to finished garment, emphasizing creative swatching and a lighthearted "what-if?" approach as the creative process begins, followed by solid documentation and detailed garment schematics as the design takes its final form. This is not a how-to-knit book. The author assumes her reader has the knitting skills required to put to good use in-depth information on design sources, yarn characteristics, working with silhouette and fit, and designing with stitch patterns, color, and graphics. Highly recommended.- Janice Zlendich, California State Univ. Lib., FullertonCopyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.About the AuthorDeborah Newton is one of the top knitwear designers in the United States. She sold her first sweater to McCall's magazine in 1982 and has since designed and produced hundreds of knitted garments for magazines and books. She also designs knitted fabrics for the Seventh Avenue garment trade.