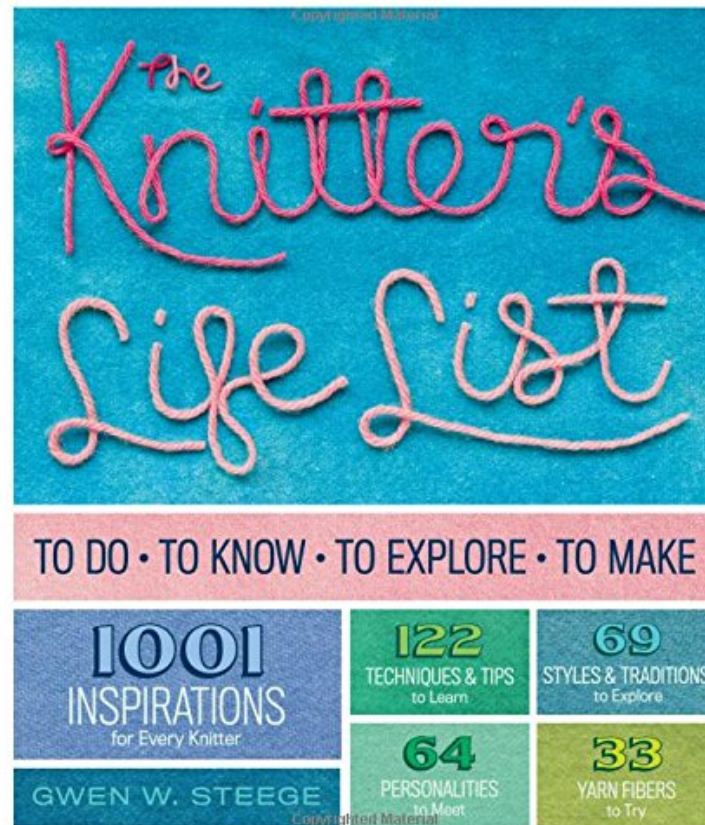


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6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Plenty of Fiber in this Smorgasbord
By JRHave you ever been to an expo or public show held in some cavernous building with the latest-and-greatest products and recommendations for improving or expanding your knowledge of gardening/home improvement/golf/wine/_____ (fill in the blank)? I love those things! I find myself dashing from display to display, taking notes, and seeing new stuff. I usually come away from them really energized and full of ideas, ready to try something new. Gwen Steege's Knitter's Life List is a fiber expo in a book (without the yarn fondling and coveting, of course!)The basic premise of the Life List is that, as a knitter, there is so much more to knitting than just some pointy sticks and some yarn; expanding on that thought, each chapter is devoted to a single topic such as "Gloves and Mittens" or "Sweaters" (of course), and "Fiber Lovers". It's what she's done within each chapter, however, that made it so expo-like for me; each chapter contains some combination of categories like "Meet", "Do/Try", "Go", and "Explore". Each "Meet" article, for example, contains a profile and interview of an author or expert of note that relates to the topic at hand, like Meg Swanson or Kaffe Fassett.This is not a "How to" book - this is better! This is an idea book. The author provides enough information to actually perform many of the techniques (like knitting backwards or how to save thumb stitches in a mitten), but provides only a basic understanding of some topics that are too big to cover in an "expo" writing style, like dyeing and spinning. I also appreciated the list of knitter's acronyms because I now know that I am a proud STABLE owner (Stash Acquisition Beyond Life Expectancy)! I would recommend to anyone reading this book that they do so with a computer and a package of post-it notes close at hand to capture your thoughts, write down things to investigate, add websites to your "Favorites" list to explore in the future, or look up words that may be new to you (like "suint"). Not only will they be helpful references, they will become the basis of your own Knitter's Life List!

The Knitter's Life List is a richly illustrated road map to more than 1,000 must-have experiences guaranteed to get any knitter's needles clicking faster. Veteran knitter Gwen W. Steege has canvassed the knitting community to create this inspiring compilation, which includes amazing yarns to try; classic techniques to master; ground-breaking designers to know about; most-loved patterns to knit; knitting-related museums, movies, and books to enjoy; and much more. These are the experiences and events no knitter will want to miss. Novices and masters alike can read about qiviut from the musk ox - and then check it off their list once they've made something with that luxury fiber. They'll explore classic sweater designs and visit the yarn-friendliest cities. They'll discover brave folks who delight in yarn-bombing; master intarsia; and even try spinning, weaving, dyeing, embroidery, and crochet. With all of this irresistible content to devour, knitters will keep coming back for more challenges to take on - and check off from The Knitter's Life List!

This book strives to be a comprehensive guide to all things fiber for chicks with sticks, and guys, too. Steege, a fiberista for more than 50 years who raises her own sheep, gives a tour of how yarn makes it from a sheep's back to the sweater in the closet. Along the way are fascinating and informative side trips through the history of knitting, knitting techniques, and interviews with major knitting designers and teachers. The pictures and illustrations are both beautiful and informative and will inspire many projects. The novice knitter will find everything she needs to know--and more--about the basics, and the experienced knitter will discover new twists to the hobby. The appendix alone is worth the price of the book as it lists every major fiber festival, knitting guru, yarn manufacturer and pattern source mentioned in the book, complete with web addresses and contact information. This is a book the knitter will return to again and again. One can only pity the poor crocheters who must wait for their version.