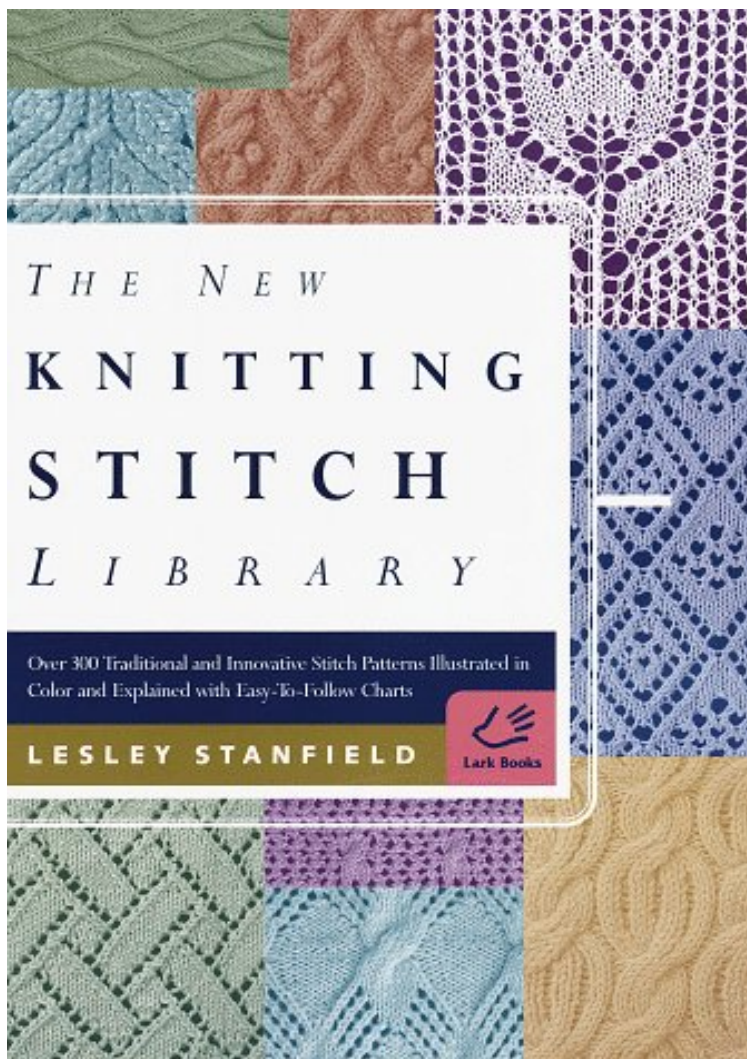


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20 of 20 people found the following review helpful. Among the best I've seen  
By Lori Freeman  
I just got this book a few days ago and I have really been enjoying it! I've swatched several patterns from the different sections and been very pleased. The book is organized well; I like having the 'picture index' in the front for quick reference. The charts are clear and easy to read. Most patterns will require just one or two repeats to familiarize yourself with any unusual symbols used in the chart. There are a few patterns (the simpler knit and purl patterns) which appear with both charted and written instructions, so that you can get some additional practice beyond the examples in the introduction. Raw beginners might have some trouble, e.g. conceptualizing that a dot indicates a purl stitch on the right side of the work and a knit stitch on the wrong side; but if you have a decent grasp of the fundamentals and a good knitting reference book to help you with unfamiliar techniques, you're set. There are quite a few patterns in this book which I absolutely adore and can't wait to design projects to use them in. Many of the cable patterns in particular are intriguing - different and fresh without being wacky. But I'm partial to cables, so maybe there's a little bias showing through.... The only thing that's lacking in this book is commentary on the different stitches' history, recommended applications, caveats etc., which is part of what makes Barbara Walker's Treasuries so enthralling. Even with that lack, though, I have to give it full marks as an inspiring knitting stitch library.

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By A Customer  
Every time I open this book, I find something new and cute, which make me want to grab needles and knit. I like Ms. Stanfield's taste. That is the main reason I purchased this book. True, it may not have mega-sized variety, and you could see how some motives evolved from others. However, it is interesting to see how she does design development and I could apply her way to get my own, borrowing a lot from her beautiful motives. .) This book has 72 Knit Purl Stitches, 112 Cable Stitches, 111 Lace Bobble stitches, 37 Twisted other stitches. The book seems to concentrate more on cables and bobbles; from traditional (not much Celtic tradition, only my interpretation) to contemporary (but conservative, feminine, and cute, again only my interpretation ) Photos are clean, 2h X 2h, 3h X 3h, or sometimes it is as big as one page, depending on the characters of motives. Cables are often shown in long window, so that I could easily see how it would look like on sweaters. Chart instruction is clear, it has good instructions for all the legends. However you may need someone's or some other book's help, since the book does not have any drawings/photos of needles yarn to show how to perform a certain knitting actions. Take advantage of the "LOOK INSIDE" feature, and if you like her taste, you will love the rest of book, that is filled with similar stitches.

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By Wendy  
This is my first knitting book. I have been knitting for a little short of two years and was stuck in the land of the garter stitch. This book teaches how to read charts, the abbreviations, and what it all means. Extremely helpful with lots of pictures.

You will find a myriad of elegant stitch patterns the author has rescued from obscurity, excellent photography, and a thumbnail index with a small photograph of each pattern linked by number to the complete pattern.

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Stitch pattern collections are the basic building blocks used by knitwear designers. Unlike many earlier pattern collections that relied exclusively on written instructions of the "knit one, purl one" variety, Stanfield's compilation of 332 patterns features charted patterns and close-up photographs throughout. Patterns in chart form have only recently come to be preferred by many creative knitters, perhaps because charts provide a pictorial representation of how the finished piece will actually look. Stanfield divides the collection into five major groups: knit and purl, cable, lace and bobble, twisted stitches, and "other." Throughout, she emphasizes charts, using written instructions only when introducing new material. This book has much to admire, including myriad elegant stitch patterns the author has rescued from obscurity, excellent photography, and a thumbnail index with a small photograph of each pattern linked by number to the complete pattern. Highly recommended where demand warrants. - Janice Zlendich, California State Univ. Lib., Fullerton  
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