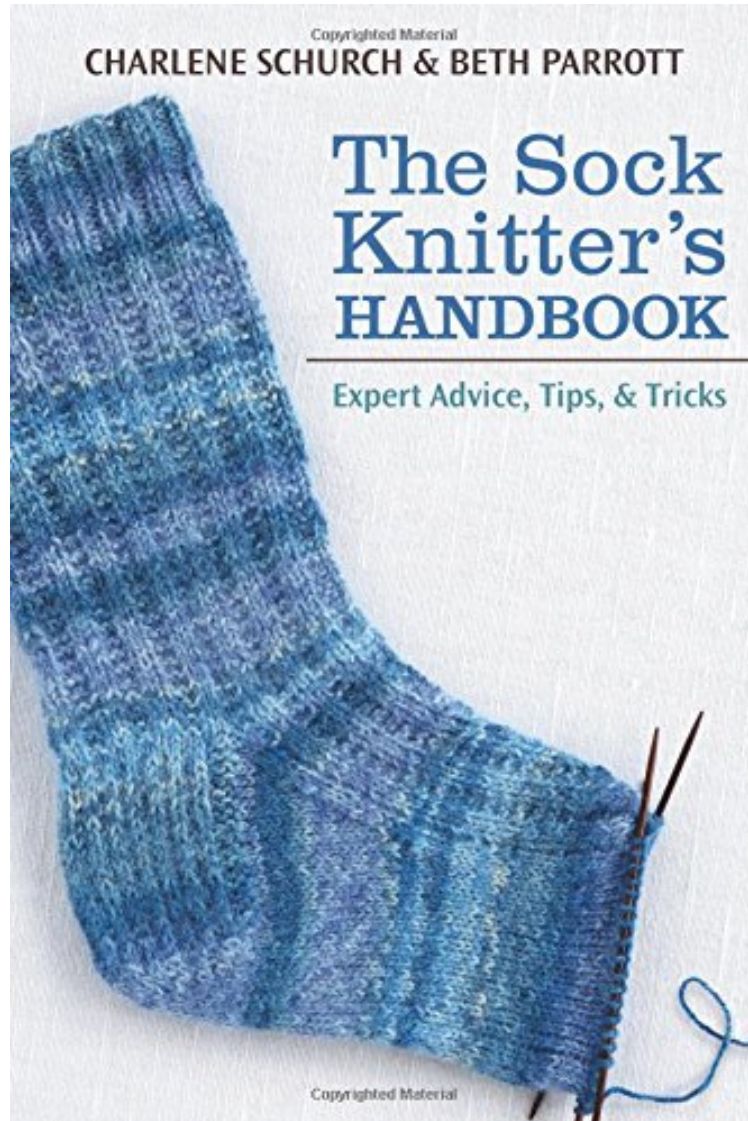


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53 of 53 people found the following review helpful. Must have!By AMSunColorWorksI have been a fan of Charlene

Schurch and her sock patterns since I began making socks 2 years ago. Having never knit anything before in my life, I was able to use her instructions and make a pair of socks, with only minor issues. Had this book, a collaboration with Beth Parrott, been available at that time, there would have been no issues at all! It does not include patterns, but assumes that you have a pattern or two already, so just be aware of that before you make your purchase. It covers everything you need to know from yarn selection and the reasons some are more suitable than others, to finishing techniques and everything in-between. 10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Ultimate Quick-Reference Book for Dedicated Sock Knitter By Lynne E. THE SOCK KNITTER'S HANDBOOK is the "digest" version of Schurch Parrott's wonderful sock-knitting reference books, Sensational Knitted Socks and More Sensational Knitted Socks. It's small enough (6" wide x 9" high) for the serious sock-knitter to carry along in a knitting bag. This paperback (not spiral-bound) book concisely explains all of the technical sock-knitting basics: (1) sock architecture; (2) various cast ons, heel types, toe types, cuff types, and bind offs for both toe-up and cuff-down socks; (3) tips and hints for successful sock knitting; and (4) a variety of different types of ribbing and sock-body stitches. What it doesn't have (that the earlier books have) are the lovely sock patterns written out in detail for many, many foot sizes. In this book are instructions for the following elements of cuff-down and toe-up socks: 8 cuff-down cast ons (long tail, long tail knit purl, twisted German, picot, frilled, Channel Island, two-color, basic knitted); 4 toe-up cast ons (Becker, provisional, loop-de-loop, Turkish); 10 different cuffs (e.g., ribbed, corrugated rib, sideways garter stitch); 4 cuff-down heels (French, strong, Dutch, shaped common); 2 toe-up heels (reverse French, reverse strong); 4 heels for either cuff-down or toe-up socks (short-row with wraps, short-row without wraps, forethought, afterthought); 6 toes for cuff-down socks (standard round, standard pointy, gored, mitten, short-row with wraps, short-row without wraps); 5 toes for toe-up socks (standard, reverse gored, short-row with wraps, short-row without wraps, easy); 5 bind offs for cuff-down socks (Kitchener for stockinette, Kitchener for garter stitch, three-needle, gathered, Greek); and 8 bind offs for toe-up socks (standard, suspended, decrease, frilled, picot, super stretchy, Kitchener for k1p1, Kitchener for k2p2). The book includes tips and hints on the following topics: repairing socks; using special techniques to ensure not running out of yarn; avoiding color pools and patterns with hand-painted yarn; changing the size by several different methods; addressing special fit issues (e.g., high instep, thick ankles); avoiding a tight cast on; avoiding gaps in gussets; avoiding ears on grafted toes; avoiding a jog at the cast-on/bind-off edge; adding new yarn; working with multiple colors; improving durability; and working a top-down heel on a toe-up sock. There is also a wonderful chart of suggestions for sock construction choices that will "get the most mileage from your socks". The stitch dictionary at the end includes directions for the following: Roman rib stitch, faceted rib, farrow rib, ric rac rib, garter rib, baby cable rib, seeded rib, Stansfield 12 rib, seed-stitch rib, yarnover cable, beaded rib, little shell rib, willow buds, sailor's rib, open twisted rib, twin rib, slipped-stitch rib, Stansfield #10 rib, cloverleaf eyelet cable, waterfall rib, crosshatch lace, broad spiral rib, shadow rib, slipped-stitch cable, scrolls, 3x3 cable with moss stitch, ridged feather, chevron, and basket check. This is the ultimate quick-reference book for dedicated sock knitters (intermediate through advanced). If you're interested in the spiral-bound or Kindle editions, see the alternate listing: The Sock Knitter's Handbook: Expert Advice, Tips, and Tricks. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Excellent knitting information By Customer It's all good information. I find its organization to be somewhat confusing, with instructions for top down and bottom up mixed together. It would be easier (I think) to just go to a "bottom up" section and find everything there instead of having to search through text to find what I want.

Love knitting socks but sometimes hit a snag? Carry this handy answer book in your knitting bag! Well-known experts Charlene Schurch and Beth Parrott demystify all aspects of sock knitting. Find clear instructions for both toe-up and cuff-down sock knitting. Learn multiple techniques for knitting: casting on and binding off, working heels and toes, making size adjustments, and more. Browse a stitch dictionary of favorite texture patterns; find options for creating your own unique socks.

This is a comprehensive handbook for knitters who love, or would like to love, knitting socks. It's loaded with information appropriate for beginners and experts alike, yet it's compact enough to fit easily in a small knitting bag. The opening line of the introduction sets the stage, "All things are difficult until they are easy." Schurch and Parrott aptly apply this to sock knitting, which often mystifies even experienced knitters, and they go on to offer a wonderful guide to make the process easy. The photographs of the different types of heels are reason enough to spend time with this book! --Knit 1.2.3 Magazine Socks are fun to knit. Toe-up, cuff-down, double pointed needles, circular needles, one at a time, two at a time and then there are still creative decisions to be made. Sock knitting is addicting. You have either made many pairs or never knitted a pair but, socks have crossed your mind. Charlene Schurch and Beth Parrott have come out with The Sock Knitter's Handbook, expert advice, tips, and tricks. "All things are difficult until they are easy." Socks compromise several diverse techniques that are each knitter friendly, in their own way. The book itself is small enough to carry in your knitting bag. It is also spiral bound, allowing the book to lie flat when in use. The many photographs are clear and close-up to show detail. From the architecture to the construction, you will learn all you need to know about knitting socks. There are different variations for casting on, binding off and a variety of heels and toes.

There are answers to repairing socks, changing the gauge, avoiding color pooling, adding a motif, special fit issues, improving the durability of the sock and much more. As if this wasn't enough, there is a stitch dictionary section with 29 stitch charts to help you design a sock with stitches of your choosing. If you are a sock knitter or want to become one, this book will answer your questions and offer helpful solutions to creating a great sock. It's a sock handbook reference guide. --Paula Moliver for the Hartford Knitting Examiner

From the Inside Flap

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About the Author

Charlene Schurch is the author of a growing number of knitting books and numerous magazine articles about knitting and spinning. Her articles have appeared in Vogue Knitting, Knitters, Interweave Knits, Piecework, and SpinOff. She divides her time between Connecticut and Florida. Although Beth Parrott has been knitting for more than 60 years, until recently she designed socks and other garments only for family and for charity projects. She loves to teach and is an avid collector of tricks-of-the-trade and tidbits of information that make knitting easier. She works, plays, knits, and teaches in Charleston, South Carolina.