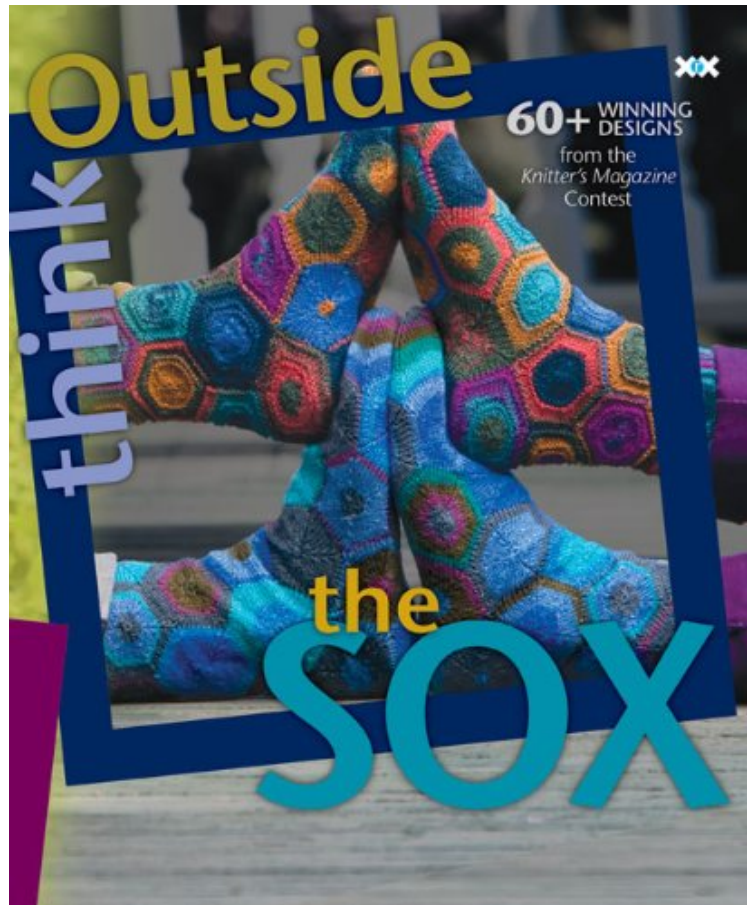


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Innovative, often challenging patterns for experienced sock knitters By Carol S. Knitter's Magazine held a sock contest, and received close to 300 entries. From these entries, they've selected over 50 patterns (the exact number is hard to count, since some patterns have two or more variations) that comprise the heart of this book. The patterns are loosely grouped by general categories, such as "Classic" (more traditional styles), "Holes" (mainly lace and eyelets), "Twists" (cables and twisted stitches), "Color" plays with color (including fair isle and other stranded socks, use of multicolored yarns, entrelac, mosaic stitch, even intarsia), and "Outside" features socks that are less traditional and more innovative (knit in unusual directions rather than cuff to toe, hexagonal and other modular knitting, spiral patterns, and so on). The depth and breadth of the

selection is wonderful. Not all socks are winners, but that's par for the course in any pattern book; the reader naturally likes some patterns and is likely to be unimpressed with a few as well. This is not a book for the new knitter or even the new sock knitter unless you are, truly, fearless: the vast majority of these patterns include stitch patterns, chart reading, complex methods of construction and other challenges that are likely to intimidate a nervous or brand-new knitter. (And there are no "how to knit" or "how to knit a sock" instruction sections.) But for the intermediate to experienced sock knitter, looking for a way to use up some of that sock yarn stash, or get rid of the sock knitting blahs, this book is full of interesting, creative and complex patterns to enjoy. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Cool quick projects for semi-experienced knitters! By Cissa I keep thumbing through this book wanting to make ALL the socks, even though I have picked out my first project from it (Lonely Socks Club, which features 2 techniques I've been longing to try). Socks are a cute and fast project in which to experiment with new techniques, or to refine older ones, and this book with 60 patterns of various techniques and in various skill levels does not disappoint. I'd love to knit them all! It's not a book for rank beginners, but if you have some knitting chops- and are willing to rip out when you mess up- these are exciting designs. 44 of 46 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful and Clever Sock Patterns By Fairbanks Reader - Bonnie Brody When Knitters Magazine publishes a new book it's usually time to celebrate, and this is no exception. 'Knitting Outside the Sox' is a great resource for sock knitters with a wide array of wonderful patterns for just about everyone. The first chapter is called 'Classic' and there is a wide array of classic socks with a smidgeon of change - think colors, zippers, length. The second chapter is called 'Holes'. Here we have lace and cable socks. One pair even has buttons on them. My favorites are Hester's Socks, a beautiful lace pair knit in handspun 3-ply Shetland. I also love the Wandering Vine Socks knit with Mountain colors. This pattern is lace but looks very much like traditional aran cable with a vine pattern. The third chapter is called Twist. Here come the cables. They are exquisite. The Interlochen Cables knit with Zitron Trekking XXL are colorful and practical. The Twisted Mosaic is colorful, knit with Regia 4-fadig Mosaik and is definitely for the advanced knitter. Chapter four is called Color. All I can say is WOW! The Drip Candles Socks are bright and cheery, knit with Cherry Tree Hill/Louet Gems Fingering. The Mirrored Fair Isle is photographed in a pair of high heel shoes. Just right for a night on the town. Snow Under Cedars is knit with Zitron Trekking XXL and is a classic Norwegian pattern, lovely to look at in black and white. Jungle Socks look to me like a colored panel window. They are knit with Zitron Pro Natura and are exquisite. The brightest pair in this chapter is the Fancy Gaiter, knit with Cherry Tree Supersock. You might want to put your sun glasses on to look at these. Chapter five is called Outside. I believe that the chapter takes its name for being outside the beaten track. These socks are all different and don't fit into one category. Hexagons can be knit in the colors of your choice and are a series of hexagons of different colors knit with Regia Design Line by Kaffe Fassett. You know that they're colorful when you see Fassett's name attached to the pattern. Spiral socks are fantastic. They are knit with Plymouth Boku and are a series of spiral stripes in different colors. Most of the socks in this chapter are very colorful. At the end of the book is a gallery of winners of Knitters sock contest. My favorite are the Dreadsox. They look like a series of dreadlocks on top of socks. How clever can you get! There is a short technique section at the end of the book. I think that only advanced intermediate or experienced sock makers will appreciate this book. Even the easiest patterns call for some tough thinking. The book is beautiful to look at and has many wonderful patterns to knit. Without reservations, I rate it a '5'.

Showcasing more than 50 winning designs from the publishers international knitting contest, this collection of innovative, fine socks features patterns from around the world which include color work, cables, lace, Latvian braids, and toe-up and top-down designs. Complete with thorough instructions for socks that range from fashionable to traditional, this guide is not only inspirational but also a comprehensive survey of contemporary trends in sock knitting. Extensive charts and diagrams, illustrated explanations, and detailed photographs all round out this how-to for everything socks.

Issue 22 Containing more than 60 patterns, this book should keep sock knitters busy for a good while to come! It showcases the winning designs from a contest organised by Knitter's Magazine in the US. These range from the classic to the innovative; whether you like lace, colourwork or cables, there's plenty to choose from, while the section of 'novelty' designs features incredible embellishments, shaping and patterning. This book would make a great buy for anyone wanting to explore the endless possibilities and challenges of sock knitting. The Knitter Autumn 10 A sock worth \$6000! That was the first prize in this competition and the winner also picked up a further \$500 for a category prize as well. Modular knitting, Fair Isle, entrelac, cable, lace, mosaic (slip stitch), intarsia, and spot dyeing all feature in this collection of knitted socks. The socks are modelled on real feet and fit was one of the judging criteria. Several of the prizes were sponsored by sock yarn producers so that the majority of the patterns can be worked in any standard 4-ply sock yarn. So far, this is my book of 2010. SlipKnot Sept 10 Here's a book showcasing more than 50 winning designs from the Knitter's Magazine international knitting contest. The collection of innovative, fine socks features patterns from around the world and includes colour work, cables, lace, Latvian braids plus toe-up and top-down designs. Complete with detailed instructions for socks that range from fashionable to traditional, this guide is not only

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