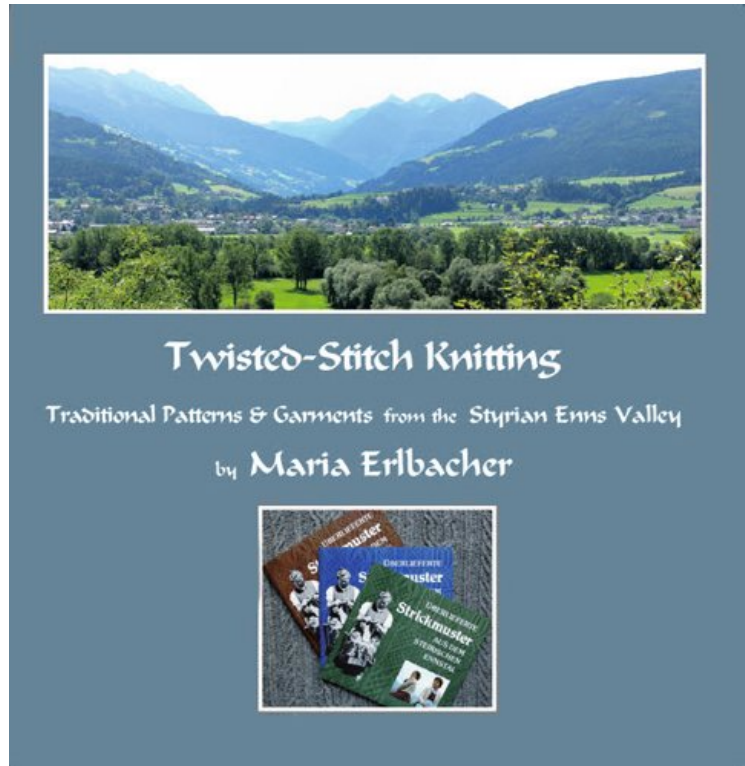


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Maria Erlbacher : Twisted-Stitch Knitting before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Twisted-Stitch Knitting:

48 of 48 people found the following review helpful. Need a twist in your life?By ShirleyIn today's mail was a lovely surprise! My copy of Twisted-Stitch Knitting, by Maria Erlbacher, had finally arrived.This was previously published in three small volumes as Uberlieferte Strickmuster. Now published in English, what a treasure trove this is, with 174 traditional stitch patterns, several pages devoted to explanation of techniques, plus patterns for men's and women's vests, sweaters and stockings. While there are no glossy colour photos, each pattern is accompanied by a black-and-white closeup photo of the pattern and/or garment, and a chart. There are no written out instructions, and although no line numbers are provided, the charts are easy enough to understand. In short, this is a no-nonsense book of twisted stitch patterns.I am so glad that I got it, as it will be wonderfully handy when I get the courage to design my own stockings, or something else equally gorgeous and elegant!9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. my precioussss....By gentlemama03Normally, I'm happy to share my knitting books. I pass them around, I let people look through them for inspiration (although, of course, I never copy patterns, but instead encourage them to support the author and buy their own copy.)This one is carefully hidden away in one of my knitting bags. I don't even want anyone else to touch it. The cables are amazing, and I've finally found a way to add texture to my knitting that doesn't add the bulk of more traditional cables.I will say that the charts are hard to get used to - they give instructions a row beneath the row you are supposed to make the change on, so I keep getting mixed up. I finally ended up grabbing a knitting font, and retyping the patterns I am using in a more traditional chart format - now I'm able to cruise right along.I will

say, though, that these cables make "just one more row!" an even more likely phrase for my family to hear, because it's so fun to see what happens next! 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Useful and interesting historical information

By Pluma This is a very worthwhile book on twisted stitch patterns used in traditional Austrian sweaters. The sweaters are made of solid-colored wool and look kind of like Aran sweaters, only the cables are smaller and finer, and there is a lot of emphasis on twisted stitches. The sweaters are handsome. The information is presented in a very clear and complete way. Charts and photos of the stitch patterns are given. There are photos of completed sweaters, so you can see how the stitch patterns fit into the garment design. A reasonably experienced knitter who likes to pore over charts and knitting information will not have trouble making satisfying versions of these sweaters and stockings. All in all, the book is a labor of love. This isn't a book for knitters who would like to be told how to handle every stitch in their size of a specific sweater design.

A classic trio of Austrian books (originally titled, *Überlieferte Strickmuster*) is now in English and amalgamated into one volume. 174 intriguing twisted-stitch designs plus instructions for a number of jackets/cardigans, vests and elegant stockings with separate motifs in the calf-shaping. Meg Swansen and Amy Detjen augmented the technique section, explaining more fully things that had stymied them.