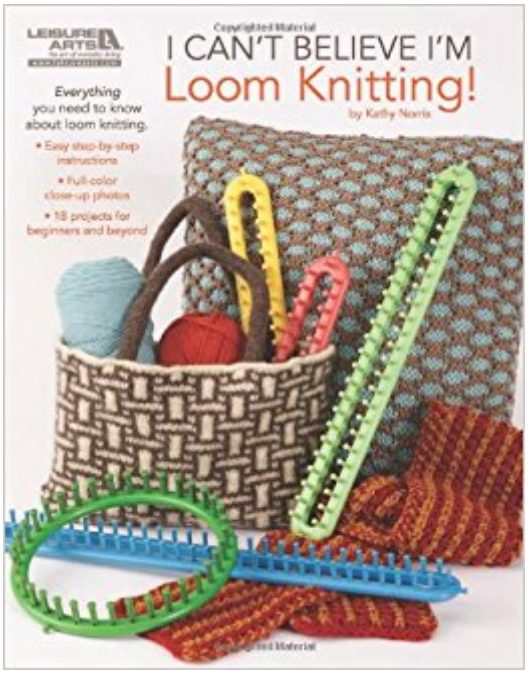
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I Can't Believe I'm Loom Knitting (Leisure Arts #5250)



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Synopsis

Have you discovered the hot tool that makes knitting easier than ever before--without knitting needles? It’s a knitting loom (also known as a knitting wheel), and using one is as simple as wrapping yarn around the pegs and lifting the yarn loops with a pick-like tool. Clear photos and instructions make it a breeze to learn everything you need to know. The 18 projects in I Can’t Believe I’m Loom Knitting include Beginner Knit Hat, Next-Step E-Wrap Knit Hat, Garter Stitch Brim Hat, Sampler Afghan, Corn on the Cob Hat & Scarf, Honeycomb Hat & Scarf, Felted Basketweave Tote, Hooded Vest, Lattice Pillow, Bejeweled Fingerless Gloves, Robin’s Hood, Garter Wedges Baby Blanket, Ridged Lace Hat, Lace Wrap, Felted Candy Cane Stocking, and Panda Hat.

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Customer Reviews

Kathy Norris says her passion for fiber arts began more than 30 years ago when she first started knitting with needles. In recent years, she taught herself to use a knitting wheel (loom) while teaching at an arts and craft store. Her first loom knit designs were created to use in her classes to teach others how to use the loom. Now her designs can be found in various publications. In addition to knitting, she is a bead and crochet artist.

I never could get the hang of needle knitting, so I was really happy to hear about loom knitting and find out how simple the process is. I ordered this book as a kind of Loom Knitting 101 course and have been pretty pleased so far.Since I’m a beginner, I can’t really say how innovative the designs

are or anything like that. I can say that I was able to get started right away and produce hats and scarves that were of professional-looking quality. I made a striped hat for my little boy and had friends ask where I bought it, so that was pretty good!The problem I have with the book is mainly with the instructions for cables and the pattern given for the basketweave section of the 12-square afghan. While the cable instructions say you must "loosely" knit, they don't really emphasize just how loose they should be and the best way to go about ensuring this. I wound up searching on YouTube until I found a video of someone knitting cables. Once I saw that you should use markers on your cable section and double-wrap those pegs on the row prior to the cable, I was able to produce beautiful stitches.The other thing is that the pattern listed for basketweave seems incorrect. Again, I'm a beginner and it's possible that I just screwed up. However, when I finished the square and bound it off and pulled it to examine the swatch, there were no horizontal lines. It was only vertical squares. In my thinking, if it was an error on my end where I missed a line of instructions, only a portion of the swatch would have been messed up. The swatch was consistent, though. Now, it's still a cute pattern. I kind of like it more than the basketweave. It's like a funky, retro look that brings to mind Flint Lockwood's "coolness enhancement" paint job from Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs. But, if someone is really wanting the basketweave, she would be understandably upset with the results.

Kathy Norris is one of the most innovative loom knitters around and her current book is a testament to this talented designer. Written for use with the plastic round and long looms, this is one of the best and most well organized loom knitting books for both the beginner and for those of us who want to learn new techniques and stitch patterns.The first part of the book lays the ground work needed by offering several versions of basic hat designs. Next is an overview of general stitches and techniques required to make more advanced projects featured in the remainder of the book. The basic hat designs are the only easy skill level projects in the book and are included mainly as an instructional module for beginners. The other projects are high quality intermediate skill level designs that anyone would be proud to create or give as gifts.The projects in this book include:* Three hat patterns that focus on teaching the basics for beginners. These are the only easy skill level projects.* A stunning sampler afghan that utilizes twelve different stitch pattern blocks with an attached I-cord edging that is loom knitted directly onto the afghan.* Two hat and scarf sets; one in a corn-on-the-cob stitch pattern and another in a honeycomb stitch.* A felted basket weave pattern tote.* A versatile hooded sweater vest.* A lovely lattice patterned throw pillow.* Fingerless loves with individually knitted "half" fingers.* A beautiful green hooded scarf called "Robin's hood" that

incorporates cables along the edge.* A striped garter stitch baby blanket worked in eight short row wedges.* A ridged lace hat with a picot hem.* A gorgeous lace wrap worked in a wavy lace pattern.* A felted candy cane striped Christmas stocking.* Finally, the most adorable panda hat that would delight any child.If you are looking for a loom knitting book with projects that will take you to the next level, I highly recommend this book.

Don’t waste your money on this book! It doesn’t show how to use the long looms - only the round looms. Very disappointed with this purchase!

I am really enjoying this! Since I frequently forget things that I don’t do as a frequent habit, the general knitting process has to begin anew every time I attempt to start a new project. This loom knitting process is much easier to follow and see success at soon after beginning the first project. Thank you for renewing my hope in doing craft projects again!

I made hats using the first three patterns ranging from the simplest to more difficult purl stitch. Can’t be more pleased with the outcome using the round loom from the Martha Stewart kit considering how inept I am at anything involving yarn. Found casting on using the chain stitch isn’t easy but was okay after several tries. Pictures are great, found them more help than written instructions at times. I had to reread sections and made mistakes but this is a good introduction to knitting.

This book is a nice book, but wasn’t that useful to me, turns out I’m not very good at reading the patterns, I do best with watching YouTube videos.

Excelent entry level book for the craft of loom knitting

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