

and all praised *My First Knitting Book: Easy-to-Follow Instructions and More Than 15 Projects* (Dover Knitting, Crochet, Tatting, Lace):

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By brsmith629
My First Knitting Book has a lot going for it. It is easy to read, has 15 easy projects and has fairly good graphics. The graphics could be better. The projects are geared to older children's skill level, but might not appeal to them. It is not the best book for beginners, children or otherwise. There is a nice variety to the projects and most have some flair within the design. The section on the various stitches (moss and seed) was the strength of the book. There wasn't much that dealt with troubleshooting. Knowing how to fix your mistakes (and everyone will have them) is an excellent way to help the whole knitting process come together. Referring to the book along with one-on-one instructions would be the best use of it. I received a free copy of the book from NetGalley in exchange for my honest review. Thank you.
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good Book for Young or Beginning Knitters
By Kindle Customer
My First Knitting Book by Hildegard Deuzo (Author), Marina Orry (Translator)
My First Knitting Book features clear, easy to understand instructions for new knitters. There are written instructions, diagrams and pictures to help any type of learner complete over a dozen easy projects. The basic knit and purl stitches as well as increases and decreases are detailed. The importance of gauge, which varies from person to person and is dependent on the type/weight of yarn as well as the size of needle you use is not addressed until the very end of the book. Hopefully readers will not just pick out a project before reading the whole book first. The project instructions include the yarn type needed, needle size and easy to follow diagrams to complete things like scarves, a pouch and a stuffed owl toy. This book is appropriate for older children (with help from an adult) to adults, but most of the projects are geared to children and younger teens. While *My First Knitting Book* has all the mechanics included, I don't find this book standing out from most other knitting books for new knitters.
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By Mommy of Many
I received a digital copy of this book free through NetGalley. I've been knitting for years (self-taught) and would consider myself at the high end of the intermediate skill level. I frequently have beginners ask me to teach them to knit or help them get started but true beginner projects are hard to come by. That's where this book comes in. The lessons at the beginning of the book are pretty good. The author defines some common knitting terms and presents a list of supplies. There are drawings (not photos) showing how to cast on, knit, purl, increase, decrease, change yarn, fix a dropped stitch (knit and purl), and bind off. Then there are patterns with drawings and photos for things like ribbing, moss stitch, seed stitch, stripes, etc. There are some additional tips for seaming (horizontally and vertically), buttonholes, tassels, and pompoms. There's nothing about the kitchener stitch or grafting but that's probably ok for an absolute beginner book. The author knits English-style (with the yarn in your right hand) so if you're a Continental knitter hoping to use this book to teach someone else, you need to be aware of that. The long-tail cast-on was the first cast-on technique I learned and the one I use most often but this author only shows the knit cast on. I was able to pick that up pretty easily looking at her pictures and instructions. For the actual projects, there are little bows, a super-cute little pouch and coin purse, a pyramid keychain, some adorable little stuffed owls, what the author calls egg cozies (in this house they're doll hats and scarves), coasters, mug sleeves, hearts that can be used on hairbows or pins or whatever, bracelets, "confetti" (little circles you could use to decorate other projects), a few different scarves, and two hats. With the exception of the full-size hats and scarves, an absolute beginner should be able to complete most of these projects easily in under an hour using just scraps of yarn. Because of the nature of these projects, gauge is not particularly important so you can just practice getting your stitches and tension consistent. The author recommends DK weight yarn for most of the projects but again, since size is not important, you can use whatever you've got as long as your needles match your yarn. The projects do give you plenty of practice with different stitches and patterns, increasing and decreasing, and seaming and embellishing. Knitting is definitely something that's easier to learn with a teacher and you may find yourself looking for videos online if you're stumped by a particular stitch, but overall, this is one of the better beginner books I've seen and definitely one that I'll recommend the next time somebody asks.

If you want to learn to knit, you only need a ball of yarn, knitting needles, some patience and this book! It's the ideal introduction to knitting, with easy-to-follow, full-color instructions for more than fifteen projects. Clear, step-by-step explanations of basic techniques make this guide great for beginners of all ages, especially those wishing to create handmade gifts. An introduction explains the how-to of knitting, from holding the needles and yarn to casting on, basic stitches, and finishing touches. Patterns start out as simple as can be and gradually become more challenging, although by no means difficult. Readers can advance from bracelets, hair ornaments, and pocketbooks to scarves and hats, in addition to a charming variety of household decorations.

About the Author
Hildegard Deuzo is the author of various children's craft books including two knitting books and

one book about making beaded jewelry.