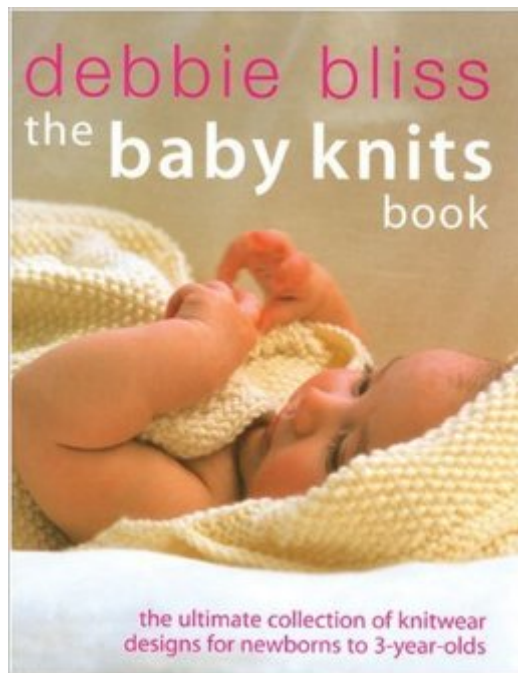


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The Baby Knits Book: The Ultimate Collection Of Knitwear Designs For Newborns To 3-Year-Olds



Synopsis

Best-selling author Debbie Bliss is back with a new collection of gorgeous knitwear designs for infants and toddlers--from sweaters and jackets to blankets, booties, and hats.

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Customer Reviews

I loved looking at the projects in this book. However, my first attempt, was very frustrating - cable & seed stitch jacket. There is an error in the beginning, and one of the cable stitches is wrong on the back. See row 17, pag 64 - make sure you do the cable on the K4. I thought it odd when I first started the row (since it's a repeat row for 7 more inches) but kept going -- but I had to rip it out at 5 inches when it looked very, very bad. If you are not experienced, you won't know how to finish the pockets either. The top of the outside appears in pictures to be seed-stitched, but no directions for finishing the pocket appears, EVER!!! see all the rave reviews, but while I love the pictures, I am amazed that there were such major errors or omissions on the first one I tried. I am hopeful because the projects are beautiful. I consider myself an experienced knitter, knitting for over 20 years; and this sweater should have been a snap. Instead, I was almost in tears with frustration. I am not sure if no one in previous reviews noticed this missing cable, or no one who reviewed tried this sweater. Make sure you do a gauge with your needle and yarn, because this one was off - suggested an 8..I used a 6.

I'm trying to make the cable and moss stitch jacket on page 67. The back calls for casting on 72

stitches for a 6-12 mos. If knit to gauge that is 16" across the back. The fronts call for casting on 36 stitches for each side. This is a pattern for one HUGE baby. Its big enough around for an average-sized woman! Also, the errata sheet on Debbie's website forgets to include the missed cable on the back of the sweater. This is not what I would expect from UK's so-called top knitting designer, especially when there are 4 other patterns with errors as well. Very frustrating.

She does beautiful baby clothes, traditional and delicate. But the pictures are more enchanting than the garments themselves. They are recycled, a habit with her. I love the pictures, but maybe I should frame and hang them instead of try to make them. It seems to me she should stop putting out books with overly similar patterns and fix the issues she's having with her instructions.

This book is just filled with absolutely gorgeous patterns. I have recently made the "alphabet block" baby blanket as a gift for a friend's new baby, and though it took quite a long time to make, the results were well worth the effort. The pros of this book include some very original, colorful, and beautiful projects that everyone will "oooooh" and "aaaah" over. Elaborately embroidered sweaters, a beaded fair-isle cardigan with matching mary-jane style shoes, textured sweaters, striped jackets, and so forth. However, I will say that this level of beauty and complexity does not come without some price. Rather than just relaxing with clicking needles in front of the television, I found myself closely following pattern charts with great attention. Most I read over several times before beginning the project, and made certain to read through again while doing any given step. But I fully agree with previous knitters that the projects are lovely, and can definitely be adapted (particularly the blankets) with less expensive yarns. I would whole-heartedly recommend this book for those looking to make baby clothing and gifts with a little more "flair", rather than some of the boxier, more simplistic baby things featured in "beginner" books. And while I don't think that any of the patterns are necessarily overly difficult per se, I would not get this as a first knitting book by any means. If you've made a few projects before, and are looking for a greater challenge, and/or to make something really special, then this book is for you.

I am slowly working my way through the patterns in this book and can't recommend it enough. The yarns are lovely and very soft for baby's skin. The patterns range from simple sweaters to more involved projects--but the book has something for every level knitter. One piece of advice--check the errata page on Bliss's website before beginning a project as two or three in the book have typos that will result in hours of frustration. Overall, a great book to purchase!

This is the first book of patterns I ever bought. I disagree with the other reviewer that these are not beginner patterns - they get progressively harder as you go through the book, yes, but compared to almost any other book they are incredibly simple! I have since bought many more books and pamphlets and this is still my favorite. I'm slowly making all of the patterns as I find an excuse (my baby is growing too fast!!). One of my favorite things about it is that it gives detailed instructions on how to do each of the techniques required for a pattern. Each piece highlights a specific technique and I have gotten to be a MUCH better knitter because of it. Granted, the yarn they want you to use is very expensive, but I've had good luck using other, less expensive yarns with the same gauge or using yarns with other gauges (I know, very bad) when it isn't meant to be an heirloom or doesn't really matter what the size is exactly - I figure, baby clothes sizing is so random (my 1 year old wears everything from 0-3 months to 24 months depending on the item and brand) that, especially if it is a gift for a newborn, it doesn't matter much if it is a little snug or a little larger than it is supposed to be for the size - at some point it will fit. This allows me to make a piece with \$5 or \$6 dollars worth of yarn instead of \$50 or \$60. In return, this makes the book much cheaper as you make more and more of the items. I LOVE this book!!

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