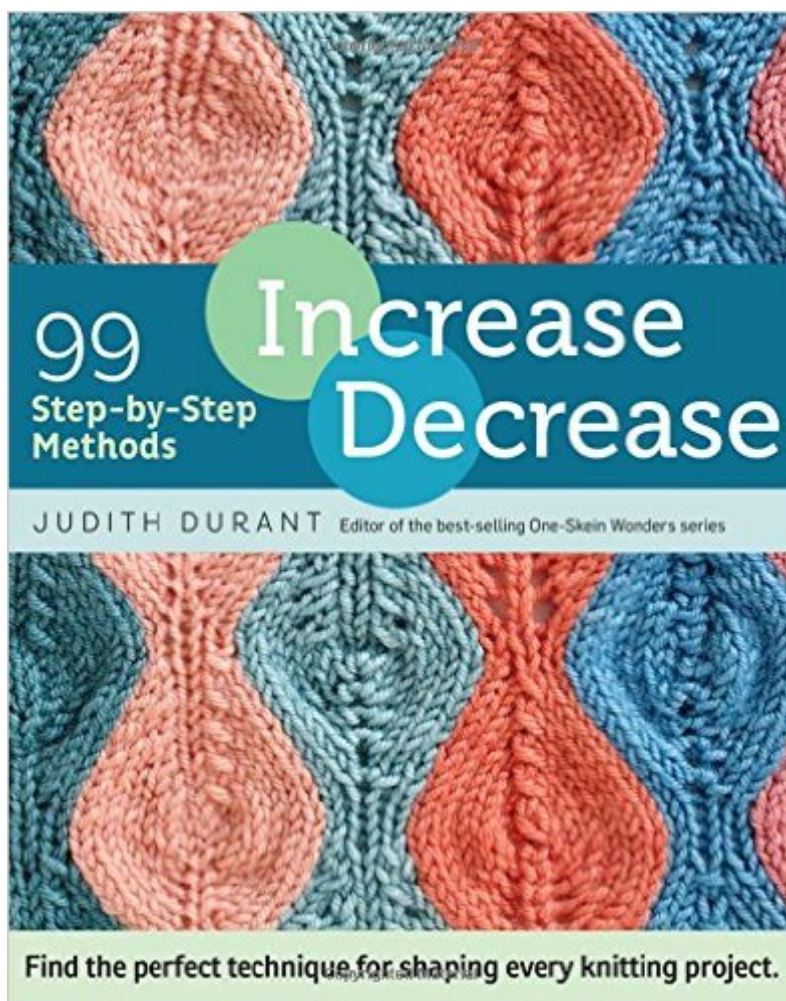


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# Increase, Decrease: 99 Step-by-Step Methods; Find The Perfect Technique For Shaping Every Knitting Project



## Synopsis

The secret to knitting great-fitting hats and shaping elegant sleeves lies in using the right increase or decrease techniques. Offering 99 different methods for widening or narrowing your fabric, Judith Durant shows you how to shape all of your knitting projects to perfection. Approachable and insightful, Durant provides clear instructions and step-by-step photographs that showcase swatches for each technique. From working shaped lace to adjusting necklines, you'll soon have a go-to strategy for successfully tackling knitting challenges of all shapes and sizes.

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## Customer Reviews

INCREASE DECREASE is the comprehensive knitting reference on this subject that I've been waiting for! Judith Durant gets everything right: spiral binding (so that the instructions stay open and lay flat); large, clear step-by-step photos; step-by-step written instructions printed in easy-to-read type; photographs of swatches that show exactly what to expect from a particular increase or decrease; and compact size (small enough to carry in a knitting bag). The short "Special Circumstances" section, on shaping cable, lace, and color patterns to best effect, is by itself worth the price of the book. The only increase/decrease that I could think of that is NOT shown, is the "nupp" used in Estonian lace knitting (lily of the valley pattern), which requires two rows. (Every time I pick up my lily-of-the-valley shawl project, I wonder whether any motif is pretty enough to be worth all the grief of picking up multiple yarnover loops in a single decrease.) The photographs illustrate the techniques with the yarn held to the left in "continental" (pick) knitting style. This should not detract from the book's value for knitters who hold the yarn to the right in "English" (throw) knitting

style. In either style, the yarn must be positioned on the needles in exactly the same way to get specific desired effects. Another book that deals with increases and decreases as they are used in shaping garments (and includes how-to instructions with small photos) is *The Shape of Knitting: A Master Class in Increases, Decreases, and Other Forms of Shaping*. However, *THE SHAPE OF KNITTING* is project-oriented.

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