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Sock Loom Basics (Leisure Arts #5651)





Synopsis

Everyone loves hand-knitted socks! And now you can knit custom socks for everyone on your gift list--even if you've never knitted anything before! The adjustable KB Sock Loom makes it easy. Just move the center adjustable slider to the desired setting, and create the perfect size sock. You'll love making the 11 great designs in this book. The exciting patterns range from tiny socks for preemies to roomy socks for adults. They include Mock Cable Socks, Beaded Socks, and Pedicure Socks for women; Ribbed Socks for men; and even a Preemie Hat. Along with the patterns, we've included handy tips on how to adjust the sizes to fit a larger or smaller foot. You'll be an expert in no time!

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

I purchased the sock loom a while back but the only real directions were on the DVD that came with it. I do much better with written directions so I put the loom aside until I happened upon this book. When it came in I was excited because I already had all I needed to begin. I sat down with the book and decided to try a simple pattern. While I am experienced with crocheting, have learned the very beginnings of knitting, and have done a bit of loom knitting, I figured I would be able to pick this up easily. I was wrong. While the directions are fairly straightforward, I didn't feel like they were written in the clearest manner. Sometimes the description left me going back to re-read as I wasn't quite sure which loop they were talking about. I am not saying that the directions are wrong or that you will not be able to knit socks. I am simply saying I have worked with a lot of different patterns over the years, from books, the internet, friends, and the inside of yarn wrappers. This is just not written as clearly as it could be, in my opinion. Considering this is a 'basics' book, the directions could be

much clearer. I ended up hitting on a web site that had very clear directions and it got me started so much easier. Then I was able to pick up the book and move along. The patterns themselves are a nice variety of basic patterns that had me itching to crank out socks. My kids all flipped through and had socks they wanted me to make and were picking out colors. This part of the review is only an observation and I didn't take the fact that I didn't think this through into my rating. Socks take a long time to make. All of the other things I have done on the loom (hats, scarves, purses), have moved along nicely. Needlework, to me, tends to have a nice flow. It is one of the reasons I enjoy it. On the sock loom, I found myself getting quickly frustrated. While it does get easier as you go, I don't feel like I would ever be fast enough to want to make many socks. The pegs are small and metal, as it the tool. Many of the stitches require you to lay the yarn either above or below a loop, slide the tool under the loop, grab the yarn, pull up a new loop, slide the original loop off of the peg and put the new loop on the peg. You will do this thousands of times with very little progress. As I looked down after an hour's work and had much, much less than an inch of sock, I laughed and said to myself, "Duh!" The yarn is thin, the loops are tiny, and this will take a long time. Why didn't I see this before? This is by no means intended to deter anybody. My husband's grandmother used to crochet doilies and the like with fine thread. She did beautiful work. I couldn't do that. I need to progress faster. It's just how I am. If you are looking for loom knitting like you would knit a scarf, wrapping the yarn and flipping the loops, a nice, heavy wool on your loom...this isn't it. If you have patience and don't mind some slow going, then this book offers nice patterns to get a good start to knitting socks.

This book is a must-have for the sock knitting loom. It gives very detailed and easy to understand instructions to knit a sock. Since this book is just for the sock knitting loom, there is no confusion about which loom you should be using (round, rectangle, long looms.) It explains how to measure your foot for your exact sock size. It also gives tips and hints for yarns to use and NOT to use! It has a world of information on sock loom knitting that really helps. I would definitely recommend this book to anyone who wants to knit a pair of socks on the sock knitting loom.

This book is a nice intro to how to knit socks with the pictured loom. Great instructions, some nice beginner sock patterns. The first sock I used a Deborah Norville Serenity Sock Weight yarn (cotton-no stretch) and the sizing was way too big. I think the sizing would work for a more stretchy yarn. I just took it apart and made it smaller. One think I am confused about.....no DVD. The description specificly states "this book, which comes with a detailed DVD to get you started" but it does not. I was disappointed that it stated it comes with a dvd but didn't have one. While the book is

good (no complaints about that) the decription needs to be changed if it does not include the material that it states it does.

Who knew that socks were so dog gone easy to make! I'm working on my first pair and they're coming along beautifully! Easy to follow pics and instructions! Can't wait to finish this first pair so I can start on the next pair! I use two looms and two row counters. I'm making two socks at a time. Each loom is at the same place in the pattern. Each row counter and corresponding loom are marked "1" and "2" with a sharpie. Making a pair at the same time assures that my tension is always the same for each row of each sock. Easy to do watching tv too. No problems and I'm past the heels on both already! Youtube has good videos of sock instructions with these looms too!

LOVED this easy to follow book for knitting with a loom. Being an avid knitter I have been boggled with the sock patterns that are out there...I have a hard time understanding the gusset and heel instructions? I have a mental block about it.....I think I may have purchased 3 books on how to knit socks...how to knit easy socks...how to knit with my eyes closed easy sock patterns...NOTHING clicked with me...so I saw this loom book and decided to purchase this with the loom and yarn and give it a try. Guess what....It worked! It's a tricky beginning but once you have to hang for it...I think you'll be making your own socks all the time! I can see in my future socks made from cashmere yarn...silk bamboo yarn...ultra fine marino yarn...the list goes on and on!

I received this book and the loom for my birthday. I love it and am currently working a pattern from the book with plans to make other patterns as well. I found this book ESSENTIAL to my success with the loom. The look kit comes with a DVD which is great, but I found the book to be the "icing on the cake". I have experience with looms, but not necessarily sock making. This book really helped me learn/understand the stitches required.

This is ok if you have no other method to make socks. It's extremely slow to work with and fiddly as can be. It's hard to keep the yarn from unwinding as you work with it. But it is better than nothing. If you know how to knit, I recommend that you learn to knit socks either on DPNs or a long circular needle. It's much faster and more satisfying than trying to work with this loom. I should have known better, but I took a chance and wasted my money.

Nice to have the book to refer to when you forget how to do something. Not good for actually

learning the stitches though. They need to add more detailed photos. Found the DVD much more helpful that came with the Authentic Knitting Loom Board. Still glad I bought it though, works well with the DVD.

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