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Everyday Lace: Simple, Sophisticated Knitted Garments



Synopsis

Simple garments and accessories for everyday life. Knitters love lace and want to add it to their wardrobe in pretty yet non-fussy ways. In this collection of 18 garments and accessories, using lace motifs for edging is only the beginning. Author Heather Zoppetti shows how lace can be easily incorporated into feminine garments meant for daily wear: as a simple panel insert, as edgings and bands, and in an increasingly all-over manner. Simple shaping and construction are the rule here, letting lace take center stage. Heather's work features thoughtful construction such as linen-stitch bands to prevent awkward stretching and shoulder slippage, mock cables to play up a raglan shoulder, and reversible stitch patterns on garments that show both sides. Hidden among the collection of lovely garments is a thorough introduction to the basics of lace knitting, including various cast-ons and bind-offs appropriate for lace knitting. Throughout the book, Heather offers tips designed to help the novice knitter.

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Customer Reviews

Everyday Lace includes 18 patterns, ranging from simple accessories to lush, all-over lace sweaters. I counted the following: (4) Accessories (headband, wrap, arm warmers, cowl) (10) Garments (pullovers, tunics, cardigan, cami, shell, shrug, vest, blouse), sizes roughly ranging from 30-35in to 45-60in (2) Socks (2) Hats It's broken into 3 sections: Warm, Transitional, and Cold, with projects geared towards those temperatures / seasons. There's also a nice intro section, Lace Knitting Essentials, including a discussion of tools, reading charts, lifelines, and blocking. Tips are also scattered throughout the different patterns. The Glossary also includes directions for various bind offs, buttonholes, cast ons, and more. Even if you didn't want to knit many of the patterns (which, given how lovely they are, I don't feel likely!), I think the concise, clear how-to instructions are very valuable. The design, layout, and photography of Everyday Lace is gorgeous and romantic, in keeping with the designs and Heather's style. Pattern photos clearly highlight the important details. One of my favorite patterns is the Millersville Blouse. This would be a great pattern for those who are a bit newer to lace, and just want to do some lace details. The little gathered flutter sleeves, with the layered lace, are so pretty. I also love the thoughtful woven-stitch top & arm strap border. This sweater also features flattering waist shaping. It's sized from 32-52in. Another favorite pattern are the Millway socks. They're worked toe-up with a reverse gusset and slipped stitch heel flap. The lace pattern reminds me of those I've seen in some of the Japanese stitch dictionaries; it's very lovely and intricate-looking.

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