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60 Quick Cotton Knits: The Ultimate Cotton Collection In Ultra Pima®; From Cascade Yarns® (60 Quick Knits Collection)



Synopsis

These 60 fabulous designs are must-haves for the many knitters who prefer cotton, whether it's because they're allergic to wool, opposed to using animal fibers, or just looking for a lighter material. A wide range of quick, creative, and on-trend projects—from sweaters and shawls to hats and bags—will entice knitters with their beauty and practicality, as will Cascade's high-quality, supremely soft and silky Ultra Pima yarn, available in a wide array of colors.

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Customer Reviews

Flipped through this book when I first got it. There are lots of pattern options, many very striking. But there are also three problems with Cascade's efforts. First is sizing. Most patterns come in (S, M, L) bust sizes which means a typical range of 32 to 42. Does Cascade know that the most prestigious yarn houses and their designers make patterns that range upward of 56"? In this book, samples are made in Small & the models are, well, at least from the photographer's POV, notably flat. A few, but not all, look a bit starved. So no need to show garment shaping. Second, most of the tops are sleeveless. That's fine if you are outdoors, but in the South, we have this thing called air-conditioning. South, heck: NYC & Boston have AC. I think there was only one sweater that had sleeves: full-length selves. No cap, elbow or 3/4 length sleeves. What century were these sweaters designed in? But of course, there are all those charming shawls to wear--truly lovely designs. But

most not deep enough to cover both shoulders AND elbows and not long enough to comfortably drape around your back, arms, front, and throw one end over your shoulder. Actually they are scarves, not shawls. A length of 58-60" and depth of 8-10" doesn't behave like a shawl. But there are lots & lots & lots of hats and mittens. Because everyone who has to drive home in a 130-degree car wants to wear a hat and mitts. Or, worse, stand on a sweltering subway platform adorned with sleeveless tee, scarf wrapped around neck several times, a slouchy hat, and cute mitts. Now that's cool! Cotton doesn't stretch much and a heavy cotton yarn makes a heavy garment. I can imagine wearing a loose fitting, flowing tunic with 3/4 sleeves knit from a light weight cotton or cotton blend. No pervasive lace, so I don't need a spandex cami under it. Then a shawl, perhaps with a bit of lace, to throw over my shoulders if the office is cold. Long enough that I don't have to wrestle with it all day to keep it in place. No hat, no mitts. The purse and grocery bag patterns are attractive; I'd go for those. But since there's not a flowing tunic with sleeves pattern & the shawls aren't proportioned properly, I'm pretty much left with a purse and a shopping bag pattern from this book. Cotton yarn isn't expensive. So why not design patterns with a comfy amount of ease & good drape, for a full range of sizes and body shapes? Not just all narrow strap, sleeveless, short, box-shaped tees/camis. In one photo of a white tee with a lace midriff, you can see the model's underwire bra wires through the lace holes. No joke. And leave out half the chintzy shawls; lose 75% of the floppy hats, and 95% of the mitts. Shawls are at least 15-18" deep and anywhere from 72-84" long. I enjoyed looking through this book again. My very most favorite sweater ever was cotton. However, I'm annoyed that 58 of the 60 patterns in Cascade's pattern book for Pima cotton are useless. Also, there's not a single page explaining how knitting with cotton or cotton blends is different from knitting with lace weight merino, cashmere, or silk; how cotton's relative stiffness requires different levels of ease; how stitches like ribbing may not keep their shape, how to care for cotton or cotton blend garments, etc.

This book is full of beautiful ideas for warm weather knitting and layering in transitional seasons. From cotton mitts to hats there is something for everyone. It is great to see someone finally making more than dish cloths out of cotton, it can be so much more, as this book shows us in clear easy to read patterns with well done photographs. A great book for any knitter's book collection.

Very disappointed. It feels like the patterns are designed to be complicated and difficult. I gave up on 2. I'm working on the tank pattern. I'm hoping that it will work out. So far it has been a very frustrating knit. I don't mind being challenged, but these patterns frustrate.

Ready to knit.

Probably a great book if you are knitting for a size 10 or smaller under 30 woman. Very disappointed. Description should include a warning to pass if you are over 50 or over size 12 or 14!

Some great patterns to try!

I like and would make about 25% of the projects. That makes it a good book with some good ideas.

Love it

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