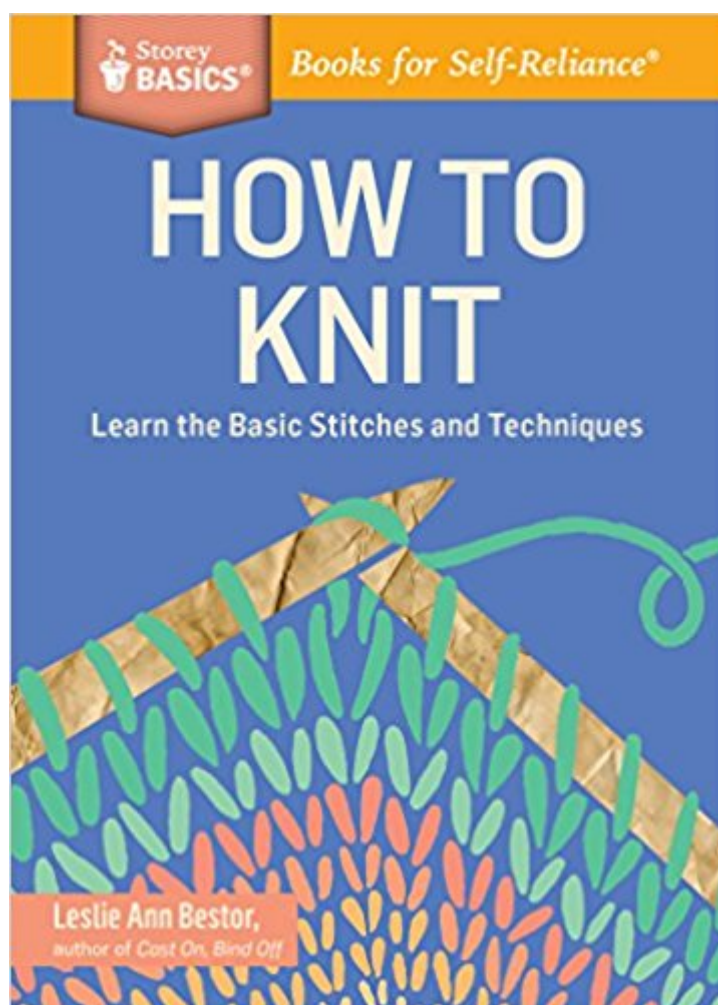


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# How To Knit: Learn The Basic Stitches And Techniques. A Storey BASICS® Title



## Synopsis

Leslie Ann Bestor makes learning to knit fun and easy. Bestor's simple, fully illustrated instructions lead you through the basics of knitting, from choosing the right needles and yarn to reading a knitting pattern. You'll quickly learn techniques for expertly casting on, executing knit and purl stitches, binding off, blocking finished projects, and much more. Even if you've never held a pair of knitting needles before, this easy-to-follow guide will have you knitting in no time!

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## Customer Reviews

**Exactly What You Need to Know** With more than 30 years of knitting experience, Leslie Ann Bestor is the expert and friend who will teach you how to knit. She leads you smoothly down the knitting path by carefully explaining the tools you need, how to cast on and bind off, how to knit and purl, how to shape using decreases and increases, and how to correct your mistakes. With these basic skills mastered and a handful of simple scarf patterns to practice on, your knitting success is assured. So pick up your needles and yarn -- it's time to get started!

Leslie Ann Bestor is the author of *How to Knit* and the best-selling book, *Cast On, Bind Off*. She is a knitting teacher and store manager at WEBS, America's Yarn Store, and her designs have been featured in books and magazines. She lives in Amherst, Massachusetts.

This is a fantastic little handbook that will get a beginner started with knitting. You can read it within an hour or so that show you how to get started with casting on to finishing a quick project. I highly recommend this book for a gift to a beginner.

Arrived on time as promised. Good basic reference.

I bought this book for a college girl who wanted to learn. I knit and have many books but this was short and simple but included everything she needed to know and more. I just bought another for myself!

Thank you

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Rating: 4.75 Stars  
Socks, Scarves and Baby booties and Layettes are about the only things I use knitting for. Except for the occasional toy, doll clothes or blouse, I personally prefer crocheting. I do know others that will do knitting before even looking at a crochet hook. The choice is yours, but both are great talents to know. There are so many things to create, afghans, clothing and household items. So many things to tempt you. Learn the basics that are easy to read and replicate. My rating of "How to Knit Learn the Basic Stitches and Techniques. A Storey Basics® Title" is 4.75 out of 5 stars.

Knitting is a fun and productive hobby, but it can be quite daunting to someone who has never tried it before. What kinds of needles and yarn should I use? How do I cast on? What are the basic stitches, and how can I tell if I'm doing it right? How do I fix a mistake? Leslie Ann Bestor has been knitting for many, many years, and she definitely knows her stuff; with Storey's new beginner guide "How to Knit," Bestor applies her experience and expertise to helping the newbie knitter find their footing. This cute little book, small enough to be easily tucked into your knitting bag, is not a complete guide by any stretch, but it does cover everything you need for understanding the basics of knitting. All of the above questions and more are answered,

while Bestor's conversational tone makes the information accessible; reading this book feels like talking with an old friend who just happens to know a lot more about knitting than you do. Topics are clearly explained with step-by-step instructions and effective illustrations. This is a fantastic beginner guide. Review originally written for San Francisco Book Review.

I really am the target audience for this book: I have no knitting experience whatsoever but have always wanted to learn. This book is friendly, has quite a few illustrations, tips and tricks, and how to correct mistakes. As well, understanding different types and sizes of needles, yarns, and reading patterns are discussed in depth. It's a great starting point for beginning knitting. The book is broken down as follows: Chapter 1: when you're ready to cast on. Chapter 2: The basic stitches: knit, purl, and slip. Chapter 3, Shaping up your knitting with increases and decreases. Chapter 4: We all make mistakes. Chapter 5: Getting down to the tools and materials. Chapter 6: Learning to decipher patterns. And appendices which include: knitting abbreviations, knitting needle size conversion chart, craft yarn council table of yarn weights and yarn label symbols. Then resources and an index. Within each chapter, information is broken down into helpful subsections, everything from changing to a new ball of yarn to What the heck is gauge? I have several books from Storey Basics and they are all very good. Illustrated rather than with pictures so the learning is clean and easy (photographs can be really problematic sometimes due to lighting issues or angles). The tone is always friendly and encouraging - it's like having a master sitting next to you teaching you what you need to know. I used this book to buy my first needles and with my 11 year old, together we knit our first few rows. It was pretty exciting for both of us and I want to thank the author for writing such a user-friendly tutorial and guide. With a bit more practice, we're going to try a simple scarf! Reviewed from an ARC.

I got the ebook ARC of this title for free from NetGalley to read and review, regardless this is my 100% honest opinion. This book would be good for knitting beginners. It's laid out a bit differently than other books I have read on learning to knit or crochet because it has how to make various stitches first, then it goes into tools and materials including yarn types and ending in some beginner patterns to make. Most of the books I have read start with the tools and materials first then get into stitches. Patterns are then either at the back or mixed into learning various stitches in the learn as you go method (which is my favorite and what this book lacks). The other reason I would mark it down stars is because it is a very visually simple book and some people may like that but I like a lot more pictures on how make the stitches as well as real pictures to see how the product should look as you go. For some reason the books with real pictures are easier for me to read from rather than

books with line drawings or diagrams such as this one. I will continue using it to learn how to knit because I now have the ebook, but it's not one that I would purchase for myself.

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