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7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Great idea but books fall flat on execution
By Terry
I bought the 3 books in this series, hoping to get some good tips on designing various styles of shawls. I was rather disappointed by what appear to be self-published books where money was not spent on editing, and will be returning them. While the idea for the books is great, the books suffer from a lack of professional technical editing. Charts are not print-quality having been created in software meant for the home knitter and not for print publication. Some of the charts are very fuzzy-looking and one chart key is unreadable. Some of the photos are pretty badly pixelated, and no detail of any kind is visible. Directional arrows for knitting direction are somewhat confusing, and make me wonder if the author is referring to direction of how the knitting is worked (which is the convention), or how the rows/rounds are worked.
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Book for the novice lace knitter
By Sandra Terp
I had hoped for something beyond the usual. There is really nothing here for anyone beyond beginner.

Are You Ready to Learn How To Design Your Own Shawls? Welcome to Shawl Design in Plain English, the Ultimate Crash Course on Shawl Design! Are you ready to discover how to create your own shawl knitting patterns? Are you ready to learn how to turn your ideas for shawls into knitting patterns that sell? If your answer is a resounding 'Yes!', then this crash course on shawl design is definitely for you. Maybe you are an amateur just getting started, or perhaps you already know a few things about this amazing craft and you'd like to reach the next level. Don't worry, this course will approach shawl design from both starting points. The idea is to get all the necessary skills to learn how to design shawls in almost no time. You will learn from the ABCS of shawl knitting (the necessary supplies that you need, all the stitches, all about yarn weights, and much more) to advance techniques that can help you to make your own shawl knitting patterns. Want to hear the best part? Every shawl shape covered in this book comes with a pattern template (a recipe!) you can use as a starting point for your own designs. You will be able to design shawls we can be proud of! The idea is very simple. You will learn shawl design from zero to hero. We will go from the root to the top of this amazing craft. And in the end you will have a special bonus! So let's go for it! Here Is A Preview Of What You'll Learn Inside... Welcome To Your Own Shawl Designs Rhomboid Shawls Polygon Shawls Vortex Shawls Shawls with slits Pattern Templates Much, much more!

About the Author
Dr. Julia Riede is a nuclear physicist in love with her knitting needles. She has been taught how to knit by her grandmother in her early childhood in Austria and never stopped since. After many years of following knitting patterns of others, she finally decided to start creating her own back in 2008 which led to the publication of over 40 knitting patterns, four books and countless blog posts on how to design shawls, create your own knitting patterns and how to improve your knitting skills. You can find her on Twitter as @jriedeknits and her website at www.jriede.com.