

Sweater Design in Plain English: Step-by-Step Instructions for 13 Classic Sweaters

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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. I love this author and purchased this book since she wrote ...By jandol love this author and purchased this book since she wrote it. I have not designed that many items, but reading the book and using it for a reference has aided me in creating clothing items from others patterns. Ms. Righetti is a very clear, concise writer and I appreciate her ability to describe knitting/crochetting procedures. She appears to have worked in this field, therefore, probably speaks from much experience. I would recommend it to anyone who is interesting in these crafts.36 of 38 people found the following review helpful. A Sweater-Maker's BibleBy Fairbanks Reader - Bonnie BrodyI love Maggie Righetti's book Knitting in Plain English, Updated Edition and I have the first

edition of her new book, *Sweater Design in Plain English, Second Edition*. The new edition is a real winner. If you are a knitter and love to make sweaters, this is a must-have book. No more will you be knitting sweaters that are too big or too small. You'll know how to do necks and sleeves, utilize the perfect bind-ons and bind-offs, and know just what you're doing the whole time. Part one goes into what to do before you begin your project. It covers what sweaters are, how to avoid costly mistakes, getting new ideas, understanding body shapes, getting the right measurements, and achieving the right marriage of fiber, fabric and fashion. It also covers gauge, estimating the right amount of yarn to use, and a refresher course on common knitting techniques. In addition, it covers the arithmetic of knitting and final preparation steps for designing your own sweater. Part two is called 'Doing It - The Actual Designs'. Topics covered include V-necked sweaters, cable sweaters, cardigan jackets, child's sweaters, adult raglan cardigans, neck-down pull-overs, icelandic yoke pullovers, diagonal sweaters, designing your own sleeves, designing your own necklines and collars, and creating your own interesting effects. This book has EVERYTHING a knitter needs to create a classic, beautiful sweater. I wouldn't be without it. It's a sweater knitter's dream-book and a must-have for anyone who wants to create their own sweater or modify a pattern. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Great resource
By Reston Reader
If you have decided to move beyond simply knitting sweater patterns exactly as they are written and begin to alter them to really fit you, this is a great place to start. I initially used it to get an understanding of how patterns are written so that I could reliably alter my patterns, but I soon took the plunge and just wrote my own pattern based on the information in this book. Although the graphics are dated, the information presented is sound and the writing is clear. If you don't want to draft patterns but want more information on getting the perfect fit, I recommend *Fit to Flatter* by Amy Herzog.

If you want to knit sweaters that look good and fit the way you want them to, let *Sweater Design in Plain English* come to your rescue. In this latest edition, completely updated and revised for today's knitter, Righetti and Shaw share their knitting know-how and good fashion sense. No matter what your knitting level you can overcome the fear of failure, avoid costly mistakes, and plan and create sweaters that really fit and look terrific sweaters that will be worn for many years to come. Topics and techniques include: Understanding the nature of yarn and pattern stitches Choosing the most flattering color and design Taking accurate body measurements Estimating the amount of yarn you'll need How to alter printed patterns so they really fit Start-to-finish instructions for 13 basic sweater designs that can be modified to make many variations And much, much more! Each technique is illustrated with clear diagrams, sketches, or photographs. Complete with a new introduction, more photos and illustrations, and a personal-measurements record-keeping section, *Sweater Design in Plain English* takes the guesswork out of every creative knitting effort.

About the Author Maggie Righetti, a TNNA-certified knitting and crochet instructor, is the author of *Knitting in Plain English* and *Crocheting in Plain English*. Her neighbor and knitting buddy, Terri Shaw, is a retired teacher, lawyer, and nonprofit CEO. Maggie and Terri both live in Southern California.