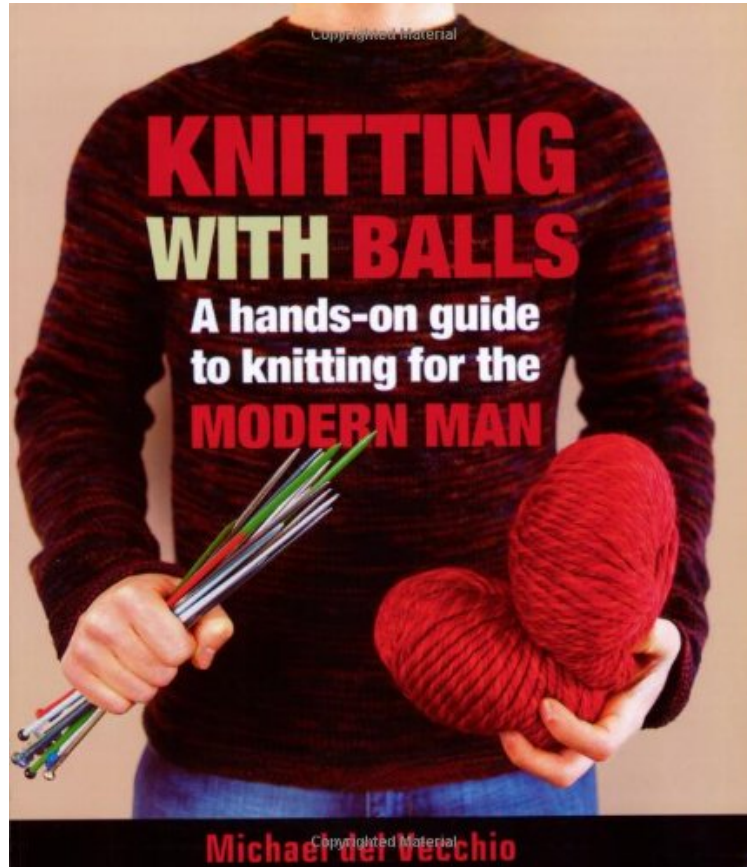


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. which is great, but if the brand isn't available By Customer The pattern instructions could be a little clearer. Especially with regard to the type of yarn needed. The book uses brand name yarns, which is great, but if the brand isn't available, getting the right substitution is a bit of a guess since the yarns aren't described beyond brand and color. And the pictures don't always tell the story. But still a great book. Glad I bought it. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Not what I expected; disappointed. By Mary A. Cavanaugh The title of this book lent me to believe it would have lots of "manly" projects. I really didn't find that. My husband didn't care for the styles. For example, one sweater that had great lines had a deeply plunging neckline that looked overly stylized for his taste. It has lots of accessories to knit that he thought looked silly. This one hasn't earned a place on my shelf and will get donated to Goodwill. Your mileage may vary. 0 of 0 people found the following

review helpful. GreatBy Jason BarnhartFinding anything to do with knitting that is remotely geared toward guys is unusual to say the least and this book is both good and geared toward male knitters. It's not terribly complex or deep but gives a more than adequate overview of both the basics and some of the more advanced techniques that will give the guys some idea of what they might be capable of producing. We need more books like this.

Packed with modern styles, tips on how to create your own designs, and a history of the surprisingly close tie men and yarn have shared through the years-this original craft book is perfect for the growing band of male knitters and women who crave more cool patterns for men.

From Publishers WeeklyCo-founder of menknit.net, an online resource for male knitters, del Vecchio's print version is an excellent sourcebook for knitters of any gender. After a comprehensive introduction to knitting basics, including cast-ons, how to read yarn labels and how to tie a slip knot, del Vecchio offers detailed instructions for everything from a business card holder and iPod case to sweaters, throws and a knee-length coat, keeping projects practical and stylish. A standard sweater is jazzed up with an eye-catching tribal design, and he offers patterns for everyday manly items such as hiking boot socks and a watchman's cap and scarf. Each design comes with detailed instructions and, in true DK fashion, the book is loaded with photos and diagrams, making del Vecchio's projects practically foolproof for knitters of any skill level. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist\*Starred \* Debbie Stoller's *Stitch 'n Bitch* oldly announced knitting was no longer for grandma. Girls everywhere were picking up their needles and stitching, reclaiming this "domestic art" as hip and modern. Well it's time to shake things up again and dispel the myth that knitting is a girl thing. Men knit and they have for ages. Sailors knit aboard fishing boats, cowboys knit while tending cattle and surgeons knit to keep their fingers nimble. Men have knitted from the beginning of knitting. When the stigma of knitting as a women's craft began is unclear, but it hasn't kept men from knitting. Still, resources for male knitters are limited. Most pattern books are filled with projects for women and children, providing only a few patterns for men (usually a hat, scarf and raglan sweater). Del Vecchio has collected a wonderful selection of modern patterns for men, giving the book appeal not just to men interested in knitting but also to women looking for more patterns for men. Readers are encouraged to spread the word that men knit--knit in public, start a men-only knitting group, participate in online communities. Resource lists of books, Web sites, and yarns, as well as advice on how to start your own knitting group, are provided at the end of the book. An essential addition to any knitting library, not just because it challenges our ideas of his-and-her crafts but also because of the stunning, modern patterns inside. Jennifer Palmer Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved ". . . maybe the book's double-entendre title will help persuade guys that knitting isn't just women's work." -- Miami Herald, December 2006