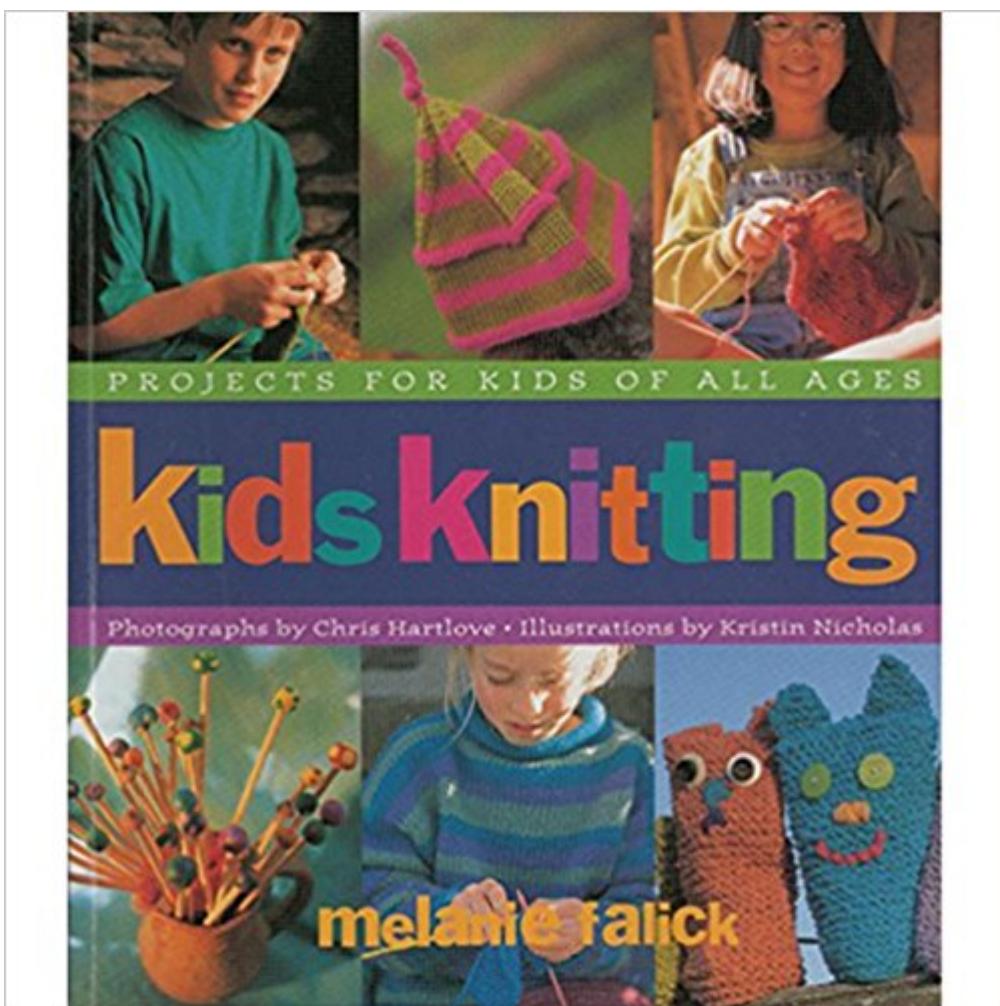


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# Kids Knitting: Projects For Kids Of All Ages



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## **Synopsis**

In fifteen easy projects, from bouncy bean bags to a rolled-edge sweater, author and knitting expert Melanie Falick teaches kids of all ages how to knit. Through step-by-step instructions and candy-colored illustrations, beginners learn the fundamentals: knitting tools, finger-knitting, and basic stitches such as knit, purl, mattress, overcast, embroidery, and stockinette. *Kids Knitting* emphasizes fun in every step of the learning process. Sunny paintings by Kristin Nicholas illustrate the individual steps of each technique. Bright boxes of blues, greens, and reds explain everything from button-sewing to tassel-tying. Charming photographs by Chris Hartlove feature finished projects modeled by the creators themselves--all kids who knit. Best of all, kids get to keep and use whatever they make: bookmarks, backpacks, bracelets, even their own set of customized knitting needles, topped with acorn caps or polka dot balls.

## **Book Information**

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Grade Level: 3 - 6

## **Customer Reviews**

Kindergarten-Grade 6-Appealing, full-color photographs and a dynamic layout will draw readers to this book, but the careful crafting of instructions will make them successful knitters. Beautiful photos show a group of young people having fun making and wearing attractive hats, socks, and sweaters. Not only are projects and skills arranged in an orderly progression of difficulty, but the directions

also begin explicitly and gradually move toward the standard abbreviations used in commercial patterns (e.g., "knit 1" is written out instead of abbreviated as "k1"). Additional material sets this title above the few others available on the topic. There's good information on proper blocking and laundering of finished garments, dyeing wood with Kool-Aid, making wooden needles, felting wool, sewing knitting bags, the multicultural aspects of knitting, and (most importantly) finding other knitters to help with the inevitable confusions of acquiring a new skill. By following the clear directions, 10 year olds with a mechanical bent can learn the basics unaided. With some help from an experienced knitter, kids as young as five could have a rewarding new hobby. Only a small flaw mars this exemplary workThere is a reversed diagram, but an errata sheet correcting this error is available. A terrific resource.Torrie Hodgson, Burlington Public Library, WACopyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Gr. 4^7. Knitting may not be the first free-time activity kids think of, but this very attractive book is just the thing to get them interested. Special care has been taken with the book's design--everything from the typeface to the layout to the bright background colors and occasional original artwork makes the book look hip and fresh. Dynamic color photos show both boys and girls knitting away at appealing projects--among them, backpacks, hats, puppets, scarfs, and a sweater. The instructions for knitting basics, such as casting on and the garter stitch, are given both in writing and visually, and are so clear that adult books on knitting could pick up some pointers. A list of yarn sources and information on caring for hand-knits round out the treatment. Not your grandmother's knitting book. Ilene Cooper --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I was a bit disappointed in this book. I needed a book that really took on the task of teaching kids in clear, concise detail. Maybe my expectations were off base with this book, I am starting a knitting/crochet club after school and wanted a book I could recommend to the parents. I found a couple of other books that seem to fit the bill better.

I knitted a little as a child but never got to the point of socks or sweaters. This book starts with the basics and leads children to their very first major projects. It throws in history, gives some projects to get started before knitting such as how to make your own knitting needles! I was beyond impressed, it explained what seemed impossible for me to decipher. I often find many craft books such as knitting and crochet presume a lot of knowledge, there is little out there for beginners to decode what the master patterns are talking about. This book teaches you how to do things in layman's

terms and then by the end goes through what typical books expect you to already know and provides an exercise with a key for understanding the terminology. Brilliant! As a teacher, I'm going to bring this book to class... and start projects of my own. I've always found that if I'm bringing my craft projects such as sewing to my classroom and working on them during my free time, the children see this and get curious and start asking their parents for the resources to begin themselves. Best way to get your kids interested? Learn yourself and show your own interest in the project (even the all boys classes get interested in my projects and request me to make things to show them. They also learn appreciation of the effort that goes into making clothing and helps them respect their own). This book is well worth buying. I'm very inspired for myself and for my students... and when I have children, they'll be learning from this.

This book presents knitting in a colorful interesting way. The illustrations are easy to follow. One of the many things I love about this book is that it shows two ways to cast on -- the "single cast on" which is often known as the loop cast on as it creates a row of loops, and also the "knit-on cast-on." I like that includes the old poem for teaching children to knit: Under the fence, catch the sheep, back we come, off we leap -- with a description of each step. Basic knitting stitches are well illustrated, including basic bind-off, knit and purl stitches, basic knit patterns such as garter & stockinette & ribbing & simple cable & seed stitch, also yarnovers, knitting in the round on circular and double-pointed needles, I-cord, picking up dropped stitches, decreasing & increasing, blocking, and how to read a knitting pattern (complete with abbreviations and what they mean). The basic projects in this book are: the basic bean bag, pocket scarf and hat set, patchwork afghan, garter stitch dolls (cuter than knit dolls in some books), owl & pussycat bath puppets, crazy caterpillar, wraparound ribbed scarf, backpacks, eyeglass/pen case, purse/wallet, wizard's cap, magic spiral tube socks on double-pointed needles (no heel turning for children), swatch scarf, fuzzy felt balls, Curly-Edge Pullover. Also included: how to sew a kids' knitting tote bag from fabric, making tassels, how to donate your projects such as through Caps for Kids or Warm Up America, sewing on buttons, and embroidery stitches with yarn. There is a section on dying your own yarn with Kool-Aid, sections on "sheep to shawl" which shows the main processes involved with turning wool to yarn. There is also a section on "knitting around the world" which briefly highlights knitting from places such as Ireland, Scotland, Shetland Islands, Russia, Scandinavia, Latvia, South America, the Middle East, and the Salish Indians of Washington State & British Columbia. The last two pages include a list of yarns and places that sell this yarn mail-order along with a sample letter. Overall, this is a pretty terrific kid's book, and not bad for adults, either.

This is the book my 8-year-old daughter and I used together to learn how to knit. As the subtitle says, it's a book for kids "of all ages". When you read through this book you will not only learn how to knit, but you will have a deeper appreciation of needlework in general. The author covers what basic supplies you need to get started, how to make your own knitting needles (yes! And it is a lot easier than you may think), how to decorate your needles, why you should start using two different color needles, what to do when you don't have any needles (you can still knit with your fingers, the book shows you how!), how to make "kool-aid" yarn in super-fun colors, and where yarn comes from. The instructions were much simpler to understand than those in the traditional "adult books" and after finishing a few of the basic projects, I actually felt inspired to learn more, as did my daughter. If you are looking for a terrific alternative to TV and video games then definitely buy this book. There are plenty of photographs of girls AND boys from all different races and creeds who seem to be enjoying their time spent knitting, and the pages are splashed with fun colors and typeface. 5 Stars. This is the very best beginners book on the market!

This is a lovely book that will get kids excited about knitting. My son (age 8) was excited to learn and to try some of the projects in here. The photos show boys and girls and many bright colors and a variety of fun projects. I bought this so my son and I could learn to knit together. Unfortunately, the instructions are not clear enough (or detailed enough?) for a beginner to learn from. We had to give up and are waiting for a friend who can teach us in person!

It is a great book for kids and adults as well.

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