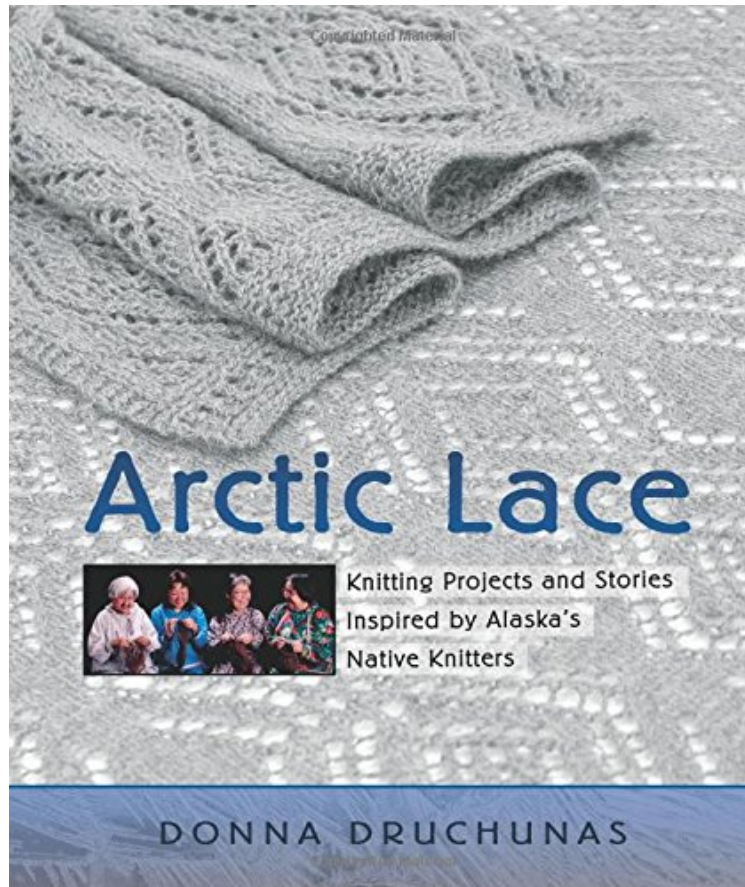


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16 of 16 people found the following review helpful. Attention combination and new knitters!By ChicagoMomDon't be afraid to try lace! Even if you've never picked up a pair of needles before, you can start knitting lace with just this book alone. It includes clear, complete instructions with pictures of how to cast on and off, work even the most basic stitches, backgrounds, and borders. There is a very helpful discussion of pros and cons of yarns suitable for knitting lace, then a lace knitting "workshop" discusses straight and circular needle materials and size, yarn weight, full chart reading instructions, and leads you through 3 progressively harder lace swatches. All patterns are charted which is very combination knitter friendly.This wonderful book is full of tips to practically ensure your success in learning to knit lace even if you've never knit before. One of the best features is that it includes full instructions for making your own lace patterns with a library of lace stitches to use and tips on making your own charts. A variety of easy projects

will get you started if you're not feeling adventurous enough to try designing your own yet. There is a lot of interesting information about the native Alaskan co-op and musk oxen where the luxurious qiviut yarn comes from, as well as pictures (but not patterns) for each village's signature lace pattern. Although the pictures are black and white, it really doesn't detract from the book and the high contrast makes the lace patterns are very visible. This is one of my most treasured knitting books. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Nice book. By Customer Very nice overview of Alaskan knitting and qiviut. I only wish there were more charted designs and projects. Photos are not in color but it doesn't detract. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good knitting history, but patterns are for small items. By Tearose This book is about knitting in Alaska, primarily using Qiviut (musk ox) fiber. The fiber is marvelously soft and warm, but also quite scarce, so the projects are for small items, and in the original fiber, are more costly than I could hope to purchase. That said, the book is worth having just for the knowledge's sake.

Qiviut, or musk ox down, is a world-class fiber—luxurious, warm, and lightweight. People who experience it become obsessed. Qiviut makes perfect hand-knitted lace, as demonstrated by the Alaskan artisans of Oomingmak Musk Ox Producers' Co-op. This book presents how-tos for knitting and designing lace, projects suited to new as well as experienced lace knitters, yarn sources, and comprehensive cultural background.

I was so sucked in to reading this book that it went everywhere with me until I was finished. -- Jillian Moreno in Knitty.com Winter 2006 Overall, this book is an excellent resource . . . suited to both the beginner and experienced knitter. -- Janel Laidman, Spindlicity, Winter 2006 [A]t once a history and present-day virtual tour . . . -- Library Journal, December 1, 2006 [T]his book has something for everyone. It is clearly written and accessible to fiber artists of all levels. -- Miriam Felton in Spin-Off, Winter 2006