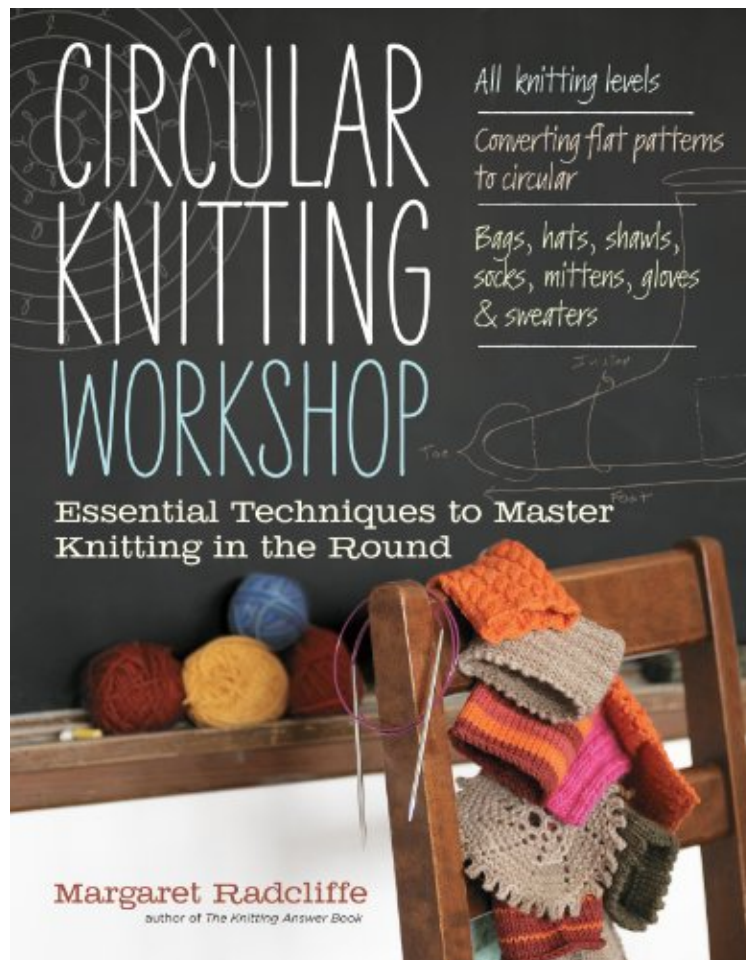


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Margaret Radcliffe : Circular Knitting Workshop: Essential Techniques to Master Knitting in the Round before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Circular Knitting Workshop: Essential Techniques to Master Knitting in the Round:

128 of 130 people found the following review helpful. Encyclopedic Information About Knitting in the Round By Fairbanks Reader - Bonnie Brody Circular Knitting Workshop: Essential Techniques to Master Knitting in the Round by Margaret Radcliffe is a book for all knitting levels and for all knitters who wish to knit in the round. The patterns include sweaters, vests, hats, socks, mittens, gloves and shawls. There is a nice review of the types of needles required for knitting in the round. Types of casting on and joining are covered, along with ways to avoid tight cast ons and loose cast ons. Five basic cast ons are covered: the half-hitch cast-on, the knitted cast-on, the cable cast-on, the ribbed

cable cast-on and the long-tail cast-on, all of which are useful for knitting. There is a nice section on finishing techniques and a nice section on ways to convert flat to circular. The projects are versatile and useful but the main strength of this book is the encyclopedic information it provides for knitting in the round. Whether you're new to knitting in the round or you are an old-timer, there will likely be information in this book that will be helpful to you. I recommend the book based on this information rather than on the patterns which are basic and can be found most anywhere.

200 of 203 people found the following review helpful. Techniques to Boost Your Knitting from Excellent to Outstanding
By Phyllis Staff
My grandmother taught me to knit on straight needles, but, when I discovered that circular needles were so much more useful, I gave away all my straight needles and never looked back. It wasn't all chocolate and roses after that, however. There were certain imperfections I just lived with - after all, knitting in the round was much more pleasant than knitting and joining flat pieces. But now, after devouring Margaret Radcliffe's newest work, "Circular Knitting Workshop," I've upped my knitting skills by several levels. Wow - from good to great! Here's my take on "Circular Knitting Workshop."

PROS:

1. This is a book about techniques - lots and lots of techniques that will boost the quality of your finished products. Of course, there are patterns, many of which are very cute, but their main function is to demonstrate how to use a specific technique. Most are quick and/or small, so you can try them out immediately. I've already learned several techniques to get rid of that pesky "jog" that shows where a round starts anew. That's always bothered me, and I am so pleased to learn how to avoid it.
2. Knitting with double-pointed needles has never been a favorite with me, but sometimes it cannot be avoided. You'll find a good section on using double-points that will be invaluable when, for example, you want to make seamless sleeves or flat round objects. The color photographs take you through each step so you'll come out with excellent results.
3. Binding off is covered in depth. There are many instances where a tight bind-off detracts from the quality of your finished garment, but now you can choose from a number of stretchy bind-offs that will enhance quality and making wearing the garment a pleasure rather than a trial.
4. If you're like me and like seamless garments, you'll love the section on converting flat patterns to circular. Isn't it great to come to the end of a pattern without having to do all the finishing work? And, be sure to see the section on knitting in loose ends - more ways to avoid that annoying finishing duty.
5. I've always carped about knitting books bound as paperbacks, but the paper in this book is so heavy that, when you open the book, it will stay open where you're working. Overall, the quality of the book itself is excellent, and the photo illustrations are truly helpful.

CONS: I find nothing to object to in this book. It's filled with "essential" techniques that I'm pleased to master.

OVERALL: This book belongs in every knitter's library. Get it. You'll be so glad to have it as a handy reference! Don't even ask to borrow my copy; it resides in my library permanently.

Five Stars Plus!

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Not What I Expected
By Lee Livingood
I bought this based on the rave reviews, but I can't say I've learned a lot from this book. I can't quite determine the intended audience. In some places it focuses on things that are almost too basic, but elsewhere it's over my head because it feels like pieces of information are missing. I wish I could be more specific about why it didn't meet my expectations, but I can't quite define it. That's probably more my shortcoming than the author's. It does seem to focus more on using double pointed needles than on using circular needles.

Discover the pleasures of knitting in the round! Margaret Radcliffe presents classic circular knitting techniques including Fair Isle, helix, and tubular in detailed step-by-step photographic sequences. This comprehensive guide provides directions for 35 demonstration projects, so you can practice each technique on a miniature hat, mitten, or sweater before applying it to a larger project. With tips on how to adapt any straight-needle pattern for use with circular needles, *Circular Knitting Workshop* opens up endless possibilities.

Circular knitting can seem intimidating to beginning knitters, but author Margaret Radcliffe soothes those fears. *Circular Knitting Workshop* discusses every aspect of circular knitting, from cast on methods to converting patterns written for straight needles to circular. Beginners will appreciate the simple pain-free lessons in knitting in the round using circular needles, double-points, or the Magic Loop method. Lessons in Fair Isle, twined, helix, and tubular knitting are also presented for advanced knitters. Mini projects are included for you to try out your new skills before tackling full-sized projects. Whether you're just starting out in circular knitting or looking for a quick answer, this book will quickly become your go-to guide for knitting in the round.