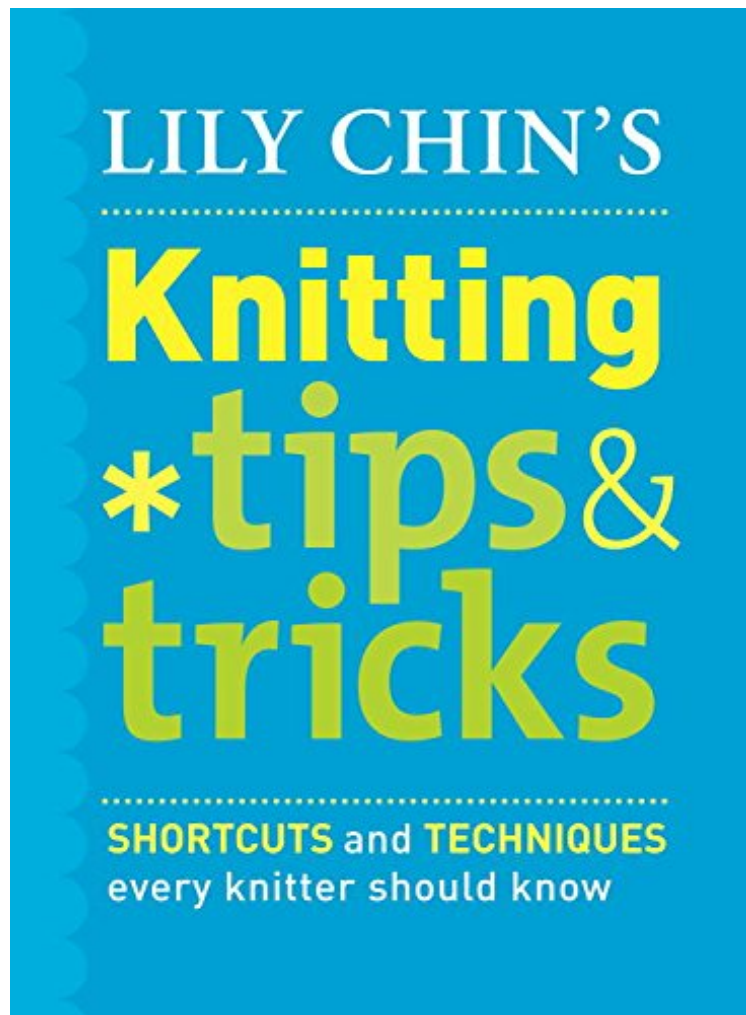


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Lily Chin : Lily Chin's Knitting Tips and Tricks: Shortcuts and Techniques Every Knitter Should Know before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Lily Chin's Knitting Tips and Tricks: Shortcuts and Techniques Every Knitter Should Know:

9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Makes knitting easierBy CustomerI read this in one sitting. It's very easy to understand and it gives fixes for many mistakes that I always thought I would have to rip out and re-do to correct, such as incorrectly crossed cables. There were a lot of "why didn't I think of that?" tips as well, such as going and getting one skein only of the yarn you'd like to use for a project, then using a grid to figure out how many of your swatches it would take to make a sweater the size you want and using that information to figure out how much yarn to

buy. Thus, you are able to get what you need all at once in one dye lot. You don't run short and you don't end up with skeins you don't need that you can't return because they've been wound into balls. While there was a lot of information in there I already knew, in almost every section, there was at least one method of doing something or resolving a problem that was new to me. I normally check knitting books out at the library to determine if I want to buy them. I don't typically buy crafting books if I'm not going to use them repeatedly. Frankly, even if I never crack this book again as I've now read through the whole thing, I'm happy to have bought it as Chin deserves the royalties.

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Lilly's Knitting Help By Verna J. Greenan I have been reading through this excellent book. Her tips on swatches alone is well worth the price of the book. I had not thought about how wool, cotton etc. can stretch when worn and the tip to hang the swatch to check for stretching is excellent. She goes on to explain in great detail how to hang, measure and figure out how much yarn is needed if you are trying to design a sweater of your own with a favorite stitch of yours instead of the stitch of the pattern. I believe I would be successful in designing a sweater now. I have a lot of stitches that I would like to try in a sweater. I believe now I would be successful using her method and directions. While reading through the book I feel like she is in the room talking to me in a way that I can understand. She is so straight forward with her directions. You can tell she has helped many people and understands how to explain things to them. Thanks Lily for the book I will be carrying it with me on every project.

9 of 10 people found the following review helpful. You think you know it all--and then you turn to Lily Chin By D. Boyken This is one of those books that is deceptively simple. Oh, yes, knitting tips and tricks, sure. Gee, look, she talks about casting-on, casting off, and the fan-favorite, right-leaning decreases....(Yawn.) Because, yes, you would be forgiven for thinking that everything in here has been done and said already, somewhere else. How many basic knitting references does one person need, anyway? Except ... this is Lily Chin, a woman whose hobby apparently is to rethink everything about basic knitting. "Knitters do it this way, but what if they did this instead? Is there a better way? Faster? Different? Do we have to do this at all?" I'll tell you, I have a nice collection of books of knitting techniques, suggestions, tips, advice, and guidance, but reading through this one, I still learned things I didn't know before, or had concepts presented to me that I hadn't expected. Was every tip or explanation an unheard-of gem? Well, no. There's definitely some overlap between this and other books. And Lily Chin definitely has her own opinions about the way things should be done. It's possible you won't always agree with them. However, since she gives you her reasons for them, you can make an educated decision. "I don't like to do decreases that way, but I'll file that away for future reference." The book is thorough. It covers a lot of material, from basic knowledge about yarn weights and terminology to the best buttonholes. Like I said, there are definitely techniques in here that I did not already know, and even if I had, visiting with Lily Chin's way of thinking for a while can only be beneficial. There's a reason she has a reputation of being a master, after all.

Toss Lily into your project bag and bring her stitching savvy, troubleshooting techniques, and no-frills know-how wherever your knitting takes you! Are you one of the thousands of Lily Chin converts who swear by her legendary Tips Tricks classes? Or are you an avid knitter in search of a portable, accessible technique guide? Knitters of every level will love Lily Chin's Knitting Tips Tricks for its simple solutions to everyday knitting problems. Covering everything from knitting standards and conventions to working with various types of yarns to fixing stitch mistakes, Lily's book is a comprehensive distillation of her decades of experience, and by the end of it she will have answered knitting questions that you didn't even know you had. From the Hardcover edition.