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June Hemmons Hiatt : The Principles of Knitting before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Principles of Knitting:

201 of 204 people found the following review helpful. Comprehensive and Worth the Wait By Anastasia McPherson I have been eyeing very expensive used copies of this classic of knitting technique for years. I was overjoyed to learn that it was going to be re-issued and immediately pre-ordered this item. I was stunned when the book arrived. Complete and comprehensive doesn't even begin to describe the contents of this book it is that overwhelming. Beginning with self-teaching methods and all of the different cast-ons and knitting techniques it progresses to stitch patterns, decreases, increases, making adjustments in fit and design based on stitch patterns, finishing techniques - just everything. Circular knitting, knitting with beads, double-knitting, making allowances for patterns with a slant or an unusual shape are just a few of the techniques and problems surveyed. Solving problems to knitting in general and specific techniques is a part of each section. Color knitting is extensively covered, not only the usual stranded and intarsia knitting but all of the different Nordic and other methods of color knitting. It is all here and more. Lavishly illustrated in clear line drawings that demonstrate the techniques this book encompasses a lifetime of

knitting expertise. For every knitter who has struggled to master a new technique or fix a seemingly insoluble problem or who has created a garment or item that bore no resemblance to the photograph on the pattern, this book shows you how to troubleshoot and fix. Principles of Knitting covers all of the technical information without which the finished product is not what was intended or envisioned. Other books cover patterns, projects and stitches, this book ensures that the patterns are completed as intended. Other books show the knitter inspirational photos of lovely garments and items, this book ensures that those projects become a reality. A must for any knitter's library and a wonderful gift for the novice knitter. Highest possible recommendation. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Fantastic resource for a serious knitter, but for the novice look elsewhere. By Carrie VI am an obsessed knitter and love great reference books. This definitely falls in this category. It's a wealth of information on not just how to knit, but how knitting works, yarn, fiber and covers techniques I had until not heard of until now. Ms Hiatt's discussion of how to get an accurate gauge is second to none. (yes, I'm a knitting geek) I have two criticisms that keep me from giving it 5 stars. 1) In the second edition Ms Hiatt decided to "clarify" the subject by using language that isn't standard in other knitting books or classes. (At least not books or classes I've come across.) For example it's standard to refer to how the stitches are mounted on the needle as eastern mount or western mount, but she chooses to call it standard mount and turned mount with no mention of the traditional terms. I consider myself an advanced-intermediate to intermediate-advanced knitter and I am confused at times. My digital edition is peppered with notes like "x term = y term" I'm afraid that a beginning knitter will be left adrift if using this book and then tries to speak with other knitters or teachers, or just looked at another reference book. It seems her efforts at clarification in some areas may have just muddled the matter more. Also, for a reference book the cross referencing is poor, especially for the digital edition (hello links are a reader's friend). Through out the book Ms. Hiatt refers to material that she has already covered or material she will cover in greater detail later. However, there are no page numbers within the text for quick reference. I'm constantly going back to the index or table of contents or using the search function which can be a bit unrefined to find what it is she's talking about. What links there are will get you in the general vicinity of the text. This just doesn't seem efficient. Despite these drawbacks, I'd highly recommend this book for intermediate - advanced knitter who really want to delve deeper into the craft. And I love having it on my tablet so I don't have to carry around the tome as I find myself referring back to it for this or that. 13 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Verbose! By Elisa Kindle version leaves one feeling like a computer being programmed step by step for each and every knitting technique. An exhausting experience. Not the best book for those who learn best by watching knitting techniques in action.

Now featuring new instructions, new illustrations, and new information, The Principles of Knitting—beloved by knitters everywhere and one of the most requested out-of-print books for years—finally gets the revision that fans have been clamoring for! A treasured guide beloved by knitters everywhere, the classic book The Principles of Knitting is finally available again in a fully revised and updated edition. This is the definitive book on knitting techniques, with valuable information for everyone from beginners to experienced knitters. June Hiatt presents not only a thorough, thoughtful approach to the craft, but also a passion for carrying on the art of knitting to future generations. She has repeatedly tested the various techniques and presents them with clear, easy-to-follow instructions—as well as an explanation of what each one can contribute to your knitting. Informed by decades of experience and thousands of hours of practice, this comprehensive resource offers a variety of ways to approach every skill and technique and offers solutions that can help solve the most challenging aspects of any knitting project. The Principles of Knitting has been totally rewritten—new instructions, new illustrations, and new information. While the basics of knitting have not changed much, June's understanding of the material has deepened over the last twenty-five years, and she's eager to share what she has learned with the knitting world. In addition, the book has been reorganized to make it easier to use and has a gorgeous new design. Reading The Principles of Knitting is like having a knitting mentor by your side who can answer any knitting question you have in an honest, intelligent, informed manner.

About the Author June Hiatt is a renowned knitting teacher and the author of the classic book THE PRINCIPLES OF KNITTING, considered the "bible" of knitting instruction books. She lives in San Francisco with her husband.