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KNITTING BAG OF
TRICKS**

Over 70 sanity saving hacks for
better knitting

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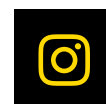
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PATTY LYONS is a nationally recognized knitting teacher and technique expert who is known for teaching the “why” not just the “how” in her pursuit of training the “mindful knitter”.

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ABOUT PATTY

PROFILE

Patty teaches nationally at guilds, shops, and knitting shows around the country as well as hosting her own retreats. Her popular classes can also be found on DVD and online on her [education site](#). Patty's designs and knitting skill articles have been published in Vogue Knitting, Interweave Knits, Knit Purl, Knitter's Magazine, Cast On, Knit Style, Creative Knitting, and Twist Collective. Patty also is a regular contributor to Modern Daily Knitting where she writes a knitter's advice column: "Ask Patty." Patty's designs have also been included in pattern collections from Classic Elite, Noro, Cascade, Tahki Stacy Charles, Sugar Bush, and Willow Yarns. Patty has been a repeat guest on PBS's Knitting Daily TV and even quoted as a subject-matter expert in the Wall Street Journal. Patty loves to knit, crochet, spin and has even dabbled on the knitting machine. She is currently attempting not to get sucked into another yarncraft, but weaving is looking pretty interesting. Patty lives in Brooklyn with her husband, a room full of yarn, and her garden.



ABOUT THE BOOK

- A knitting troubleshooting book from expert, Patty Lyons.
- Patty Lyons is a well-known knitting designer and teacher and this is her first book based on her online course and popular 'Ask Patty' column for Modern Daily Knitting.
- Packed full of Patty's 'purls' of wisdom and the humorous observations that have made her so popular amongst knitters.

Do you wish your knitting was better and that you had an expert knitter by your side to help you when it goes wrong?

Then this is the book for you. Patty Lyons is an expert in all things knitting-related. She will help you solve all of your knitting problems—from edges that won't behave to adjusting your yarn tension—with the 70+ hacks in **Patty Lyons' Knitting Bag of Tricks**. Featuring dozens of brand new how-tos and the most popular tricks from author Patty Lyons' beloved advice columns, this handy guide goes far beyond your typical knitting tips.

Knitters of all levels will discover both why and how various techniques work and improve both the look of their knitting and their command of stitches. It's sure to take any knitter's skills up to the next level. With more than 30K followers on social media and name-checks by everyone from the Wall Street Journal to popular television show, Late Night with Seth Meyers, Patty is a well-known name in the knitting community.

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Build A Better Fabric: Knitting Technique

What if you change needle sizes but your gauge doesn't change much? Don't despair. Here's another secret nobody talks about: we are not machines and we do not always knit using the optimal technique. Did you ever wonder why some knitters always have to go down three needle sizes while others go up three needle sizes? It's all about how you use your needle and where you form your stitch.

As with most things in my life, I want to do that with as little effort as possible, so let the tool do the work!

THE PERFECT TOOL: YOUR MEASURING CUP

We have in our hands the perfectly designed tool to create the perfectly sized stitch every, every, every time. We have the humble knitting needle, but we have to use every part of it correctly to create a perfect stitch. Your needle has a narrowed tip and your needle has a shaft. Each has a job to do. The lovely, tapered tip of the needle is there so we can advance the stitch we are about to work to the tip of the left needle (or giving needle), giving us room to enter it with our right needle (or receiving needle), without stretching out our stitch.

The shaft of the needle is what sizes the stitch. We wrap the yarn around the shaft of the right needle to create a new stitch. Needles come in different sizes so we can select the one that gives us the size we want. Think of it as your measuring cup.

FUNDAMENTAL TRUTH #1:

Every mistake in knitting is an advanced knitting technique you didn't mean to use at that particular time.

When I was a new knitter, I used to think I made way too many mistakes. Now I understand that all those mistakes I made were just me being VERY advanced. Trying to knit rib and I forgot to move my yarn into position before inserting my needle, and I made accidental yarn overs — look at me knitting lace! Those times I changed directions in the middle of the row — who knew I could short row? I wasn't missing the stitch and accidentally working into the row below — I was doing brioche.

The chances are that you're doing this, too. Slow down, before you rip out your mistakes, really look at them. Figure out why you did what you did. Consider if your way is better or if it can be used somewhere else in your knitting. Learn from your mistakes. You might find your mistakes lead you to a better way to build a mouse trap.

FUNDAMENTAL TRUTH #2:

There is a conspiracy of silence among knitters.

One of the hardest things for me when I first started knitting was getting used to the conspiracy of silence that I encountered. Knitters pretend certain things in knitting just work or that they are easy to do, when sometimes NEITHER is true. One day you believe that everyone but you can close that last short row in the round without that little gap, or bind off without that weird loop at the end, or knit a tiny swatch with a garter border and have it predict your gauge without making you want to stab needles in your project like it was a voodoo doll. They all just pretend that everything's fine, nothing to see here, show's over, keep moving. When the truth is...

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