



**This kit contains items that may be choking hazards for small children. We recommend this kit for Ages 7+.**

Knitting is a craft that is great for kids, teens and adults! While it can feel intimidating to start knitting, we hope this kit and these resources will motivate you to jump in and learn a new skill.

## GETTING STARTED

- Lay out all of the tools in this kit and learn their names. You will find:
  - Knitting Needles of different sizes
  - 1 Ball of Yarn, called a **Skein**
  - Measuring Tape
  - Tapestry Needle (large sewing needle)
  - Stitch Markers
- All you need to start is a pair of Knitting Needles and Yarn. The rest of these tools can be used for different types of knitting projects.

## LEARNING TO 'CAST ON'

- YouTube is an excellent resource for learning different knitting techniques from professionals. Learn how to get started by "casting" the yarn "on" the knitting needles: <https://youtu.be/Wd0BPAtQpNQ>

## 'K' AND 'P'

- Reading a knitting pattern, like the one included in this kit, can be daunting. Just remember, the single letters stand for a single knitting technique. The two most common stitches are Knit and Purl. Once you know how to Knit and Purl, you can learn almost any pattern!
- K = Knit stitch: <https://youtu.be/esEtUaa-Pwg>
- P = Purl stitch: [https://youtu.be/bbtnjHrb\\_Hg](https://youtu.be/bbtnjHrb_Hg)



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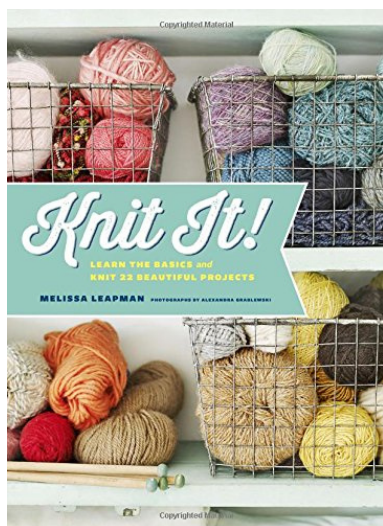
# KNITTING KITS

# RESOURCES

## FINDING AND READING PATTERNS

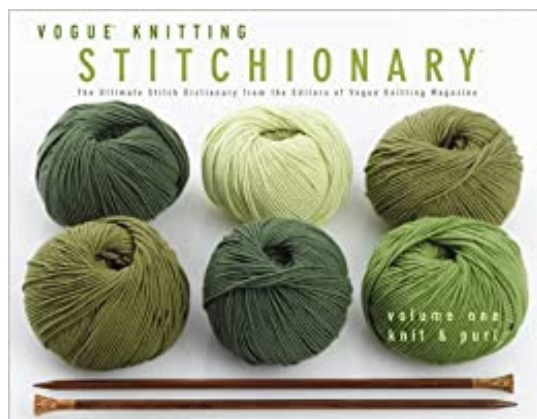
- **Ravelry.com** is a community website where knitters share their work and their knitting patterns! There are **tons** of free and inexpensive knitting patterns on Ravelry, making it the perfect place to start finding things that you would like to learn how to knit.
- **The Library** also has **hundreds** of knitting books that have patterns for all ability levels. Go to **catalog.losgatosca.gov** and search '**Knitting**' to see everything that we have available for you!

## KNITTING BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY



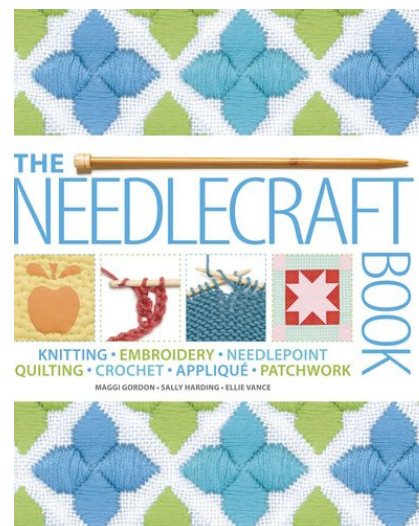
**KNIT IT!**  
MELISSA LEAPMAN

- Simple instructions for beginners
- Informative images
- 22 patterns of varying difficulty



**THE VOGUE STITCHIONARY**  
VOLUME ONE

- Intermediate level instructions with informative images
- Row by row patterns for 265 types of stitches
- Beginner - Expert level stitches



**THE NEEDLECRAFT BOOK**  
GORDON, HARDING & VANCE

- Step by step images for casting on, binding off, and several techniques
- Details range of yarns, tools and how to read patterns

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