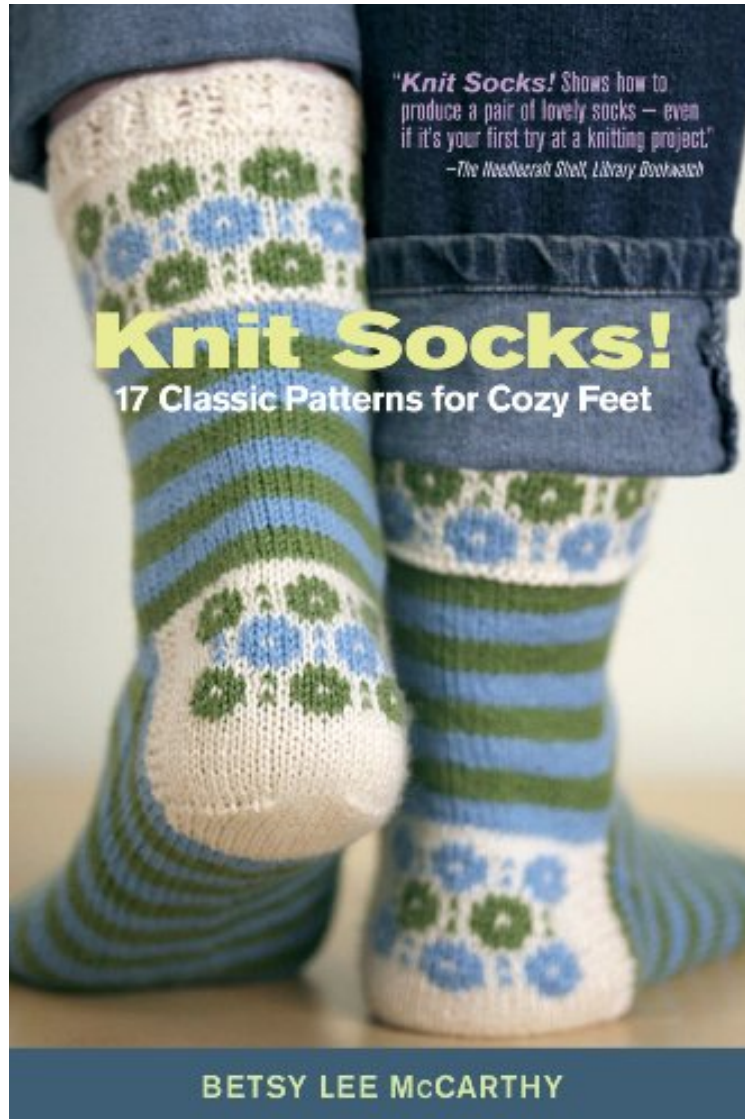


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In this best-selling knitting guide, Betsy Lee McCarthy offers 17 classic sock patterns guaranteed to keep your feet stylishly warm. Choosing the right material for your project is made easy with plenty of helpful advice on the qualities of different yarns, including what feels best, what holds its shape, and what really lasts. You can also take advantage of fiber substitution charts and make your own creative variations on these timeless patterns. Slip your toes into one comfortable and cozy knit masterpiece after another.

From the Back CoverPractical and Pretty, Cozy and Colorful With the friendly instruction of knitting teacher Betsy Lee McCarthy, you can produce a pair of beautiful socks on your first try. Covering everything from choosing yarns to adapting patterns to any type of needle, *Knit Socks!* gives stitchers the confidence to get started and the skills to tackle more challenging projects. Wear them yourself or give them as gifts; handmade socks never go out of style.