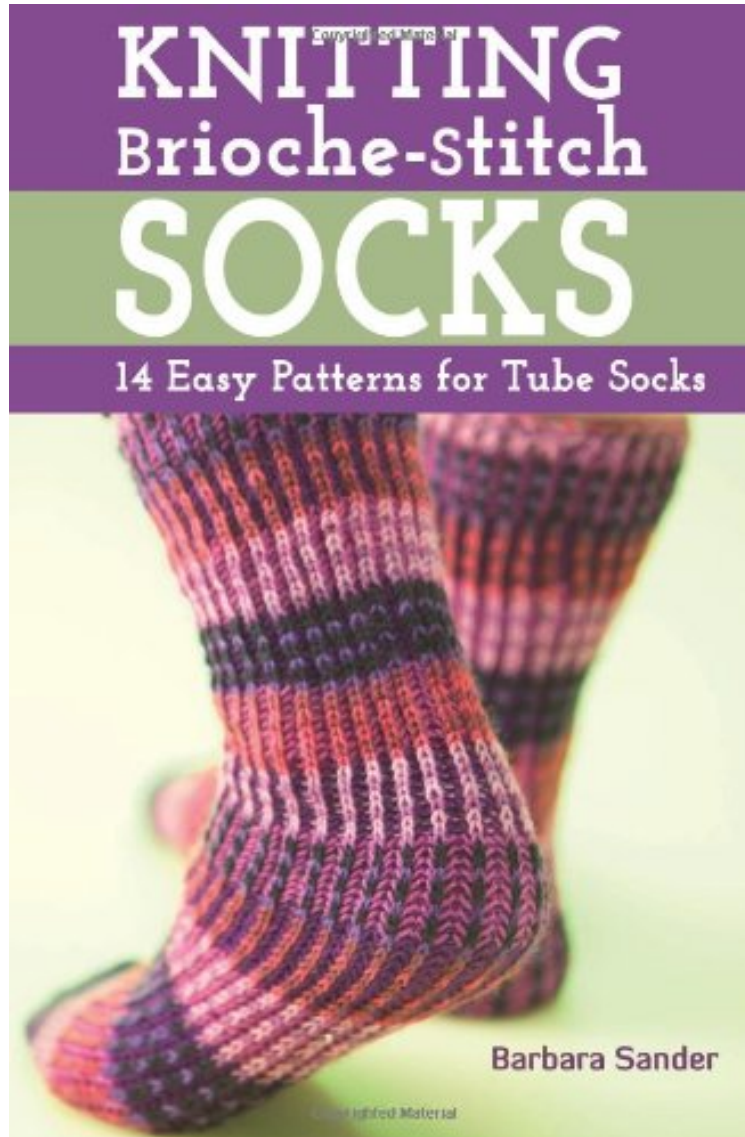


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Barbara Sander : Knitting Brioche-Stitch Socks: 14 Easy Patterns for Tube Socks before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Knitting Brioche-Stitch Socks: 14 Easy Patterns for Tube Socks:

27 of 27 people found the following review helpful. Patterns for Heel-Less Tube Socks Knitted in Brioche, Half-Brioche, Garter, and Honeycomb Stitch By Lynne E. This slender little book (6" x 9"; 46 pp) offers 14 different patterns for tube socks knit in brioche stitch and half-brioche stitch. The advantage of tube socks is that there's no heel to turn--

the only shaping required is for the toe. However, tube socks themselves have a disadvantage: they don't wear as well as socks with standard heels. The advantage of brioche stitch is that it creates a stretchy fabric that shapes itself to the leg, heel, and foot, making it perfect for tube socks. Half-brioche stitch is easy to knit, once you get into the swing of it. In the first row you make pairs of yarnovers and stitches slipped purlwise; in the second row, you purl the yarnovers together with slipped stitches. Brioche stitch is almost as easy, but it has an extra repeating step on the second row. Tube socks are knitted in the round. This book gives complete instructions (written-out and illustrated by full-color photos of stitches on the needles) for knitting both brioche and half-brioche stitch in the round on double-pointed needles. It includes useful sock sizing/sock knitting charts (based on Regia 4-ply, 6-ply, and Kids yarns) for brioche-stitch tube socks in multiple sizes (Child's S,M,L,XL; Women's XS,S,M,L,XL; Men's S,M,L,XL,2X). For each sock size and yarn weight, the charts give (1) the number of stitches to cast on; (2) the number of stitches to place on each of your four stitch-carrying needles; (3) the leg length in inches; (4) the number of sole and instep rounds; and (5) the number of rounds for the toe. The patterns in this book did not bowl me over. Because brioche stitch produces a ribbed-look fabric, most of the 14 patterns produce socks that resemble the ones shown in the cover photo. The patterns are varied (1) by using more than one color of yarn, in horizontal or vertical stripes; (2) by adding texture with garter stitch bands or garter stitch on the sock "tops"; or (3) by using netted (honeycomb) brioche stitch. The skill level for the patterns is easy (6), intermediate (5), and experienced (3). Overall, this is an attractive, well-done book with full-color photos printed on glossy paper. However, I rate it at 3.5 stars, rounded down to 3 stars because the content is so limited. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Book: very good. Technique: still don't know. By Pauline The book is clearly written, the instructions are easy to follow, and each pattern has a clear photograph, just one photograph, sometimes not revealing all the detail I wanted. The pages are printed on heavy paper and bound so that the book stays open, very useful in an instruction book. It's smallish, easier to carry with you. The fold-over flaps on the cover make dandy bookmarks. I'm still unsure about the content of the book because I've made little progress on my socks, my fault, not the book's. I like to work brioche stitch flat with its easy flowing rhythm, much more flowing than standard ribbing. But it takes longer to develop that rhythm with skinny fingering weight yarn on size 2 needles. And the stitch changes every row from yo, k2tog to p2tog, yo, and it's hard to 'read' your work for the first few rows. So, I've done a lot of ripping and restarting, eventually ending with knitting two socks at once, toe up, on a circular needle using a magic loop. I have completed her star toes, if they fit right it may be my standard sock toe since it's so easy, and done 4 or 5 rounds of basic brioche, enough to be able to 'read' the stitches and know if I'm on a k2tog or p2tog row. I'm very close now to feeling the flow of the stitches. I did it Barbara Sander's way my first two+ tries, cuff down on 5 double point needles, but kept making mistakes and ripping back or completely frogging. Her first round after casting on is k1, p1 single ribbing, then start the brioche. I've pencilled in to try two rounds of single ribbing to see the pattern more easily but gave up on cuff down and switched to toe up construction before I tried it. Somewhere I read that brioche stitch uses more yarn (than what?) so I wanted to work toe up to use every bit of yarn and better my chances to make the socks mid-calf length. Also, stretchy bind-offs are more numerous than stretchy cast-on. I'm feeling optimistic about these socks but until I can wear them I can't rate the concept of brioche stitch tube socks. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great Brioche Sock book By CustomerLove this book. Full of great brioche sock patterns. The patterns are written well and very easy to follow. If you want to make Brioche socks, I highly recommend this book.

The heel has always been a challenge for sock knitters, so sidestep it! Learn a great new technique and discover how simple sock knitting can be. Select from 14 easy-to-knit patterns for all ages Use this clever technique to create elastic socks that adapt optimally to the foot Discover surprising pattern ideas and a wide range of options for new styles

About the Author Barbara Sander has been fascinated with handcrafts since childhood. She turned her passion into a profession and now designs for various book and magazine publishers, exploring her creativity in crafts such as weaving, spinning, sewing, and crocheting.