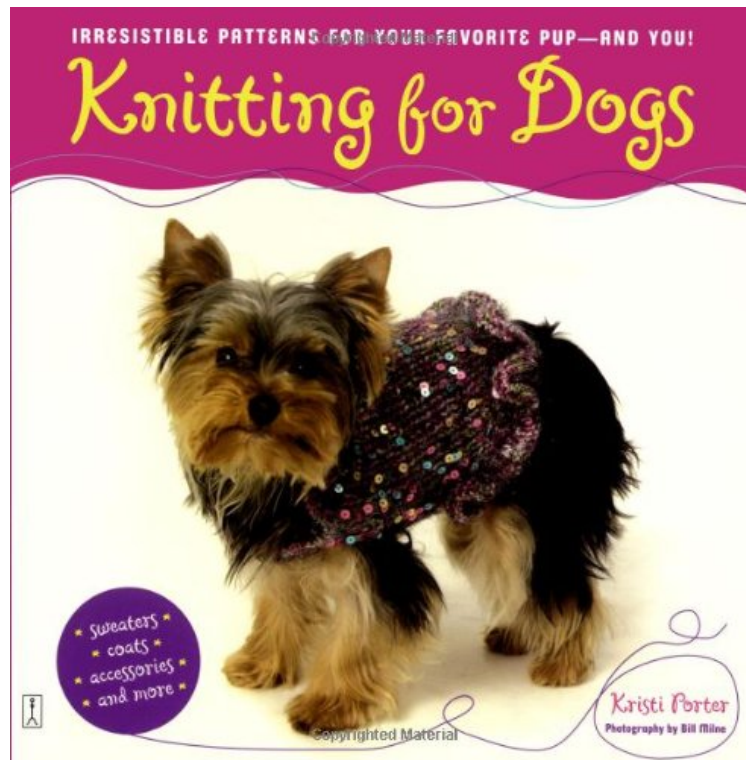


## Knitting for Dogs

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**Kristi Porter : Knitting for Dogs** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Knitting for Dogs:

17 of 17 people found the following review helpful. Don't waste your money By j crain I bought this book based on the reviews and browsing the book online. I have been knitting for years and am very disappointed in the book. It does have very cute patterns, but that's about as far as it goes. The author instructions are vague even making reference to looking on the internet to learn a stitch. It's nice to know what's used for the pattern in the photo, however unless you have ready access to a large yarn shop you are pretty left on your own to figure ply and weight. I've made two sweaters from this book, I won't be making more I'll be using my other books. I rarely write reviews but really feel this one needs to be commented on. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great For Beginners By BahaQueen Book received in excellent condition. I may never make items from this book, somewhat basic and is an EXCELLENT project book for beginner/intermediate knitters. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Some modifications needed but I was generally pleased By Customer Type of Dog: 60 lb. Labrador/Irish Setter/German Shepherd/Backyard Bounder Mix with long legs, deep chest, slim "waist", and slender neck. Type of Sweater Wanted: A warm sweater that is easy to get on and off. Although he is very cooperative about wearing clothes, my dog's long legs make dressing him challenging. My Knitting Level: Advanced. I am very comfortable altering existing patterns. Pattern from this book that I used: Essential Puppy Pullover I started by measuring my dog. Because of his figure (think greyhound, very

chesty with a tiny tummy), most sweater patterns end up either too tight around the chest or with excess material around his middle. This pattern has the back and sides knitted in one piece and a small triangle used to pit to the front of the chest. The diagram provided in the book was very helpful. I recalculated the pattern for stockinette stitch rather than garter stitch. The measurements worked quite well, though I did shorten the triangular front piece a little. Overall, the knitting went very quickly and simply. I incorporated a Norwegian fair isle pattern from *Knitting in the Old Way: Designs and Techniques from Ethnic Sweaters*, stars and "lice". Because of the rectangular shape of the back/side piece, it was very easy to add in the pattern. Another change I made was to attach the front piece at only the top of the chest. I sewed on buttons and made loops so the sweater buttons on the sides. This makes dressing my dog a task that takes only a minute and I don't have to worry about tangling his legs threading them through dog sweater "sleeves". All in all, I think this book has good basic patterns that can be easily modified by advanced knitters while beginners will find enjoyable and attractive patterns that can be knitted as-is. I just wish some of the cuter patterns were available in larger sizes. Part of the reason why I knit my dog's sweater is that there are not a lot of cute sweaters available for dogs over 30 lbs. Verdict: A good purchase overall, though I am not getting as much use out of it as I would like.

Who loves you, baby? Your dog does, that's who, and there's no creature more deserving of a hand-knit expression of that love. Plus, he'll look darn cute in any number of the more than twenty easy-to-follow patterns in *Knitting for Dogs*. It's the perfect way to spoil the pet that spoils you with affection. You'll find designs here for every kind of dog, from sequined sweaters for your toy dog princess to a handsome sport coat with racing stripes for your L or XL big boy. But why stop there when you can knit a hat with Fair Isle trim or fingerless Aran gloves to match your pet's jaunty sweater? And because accessories make the dog, there are patterns for everything from a cat-shaped squeaky toy to a walk-in-the-park shoulder bag for carrying keys, doggie treats, and the all-important plastic bags. With foolproof instructions on how to properly measure a dog so that the project comes out just right, *Knitting for Dogs* will provide hours of entertainment for you and turn even the average pooch into the envy of the dog-run set. So whether you're a beginner or expert knitter, on the cutting edge of fashion or all about what's practical, you'll find something here to please both you and your canine companion.

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