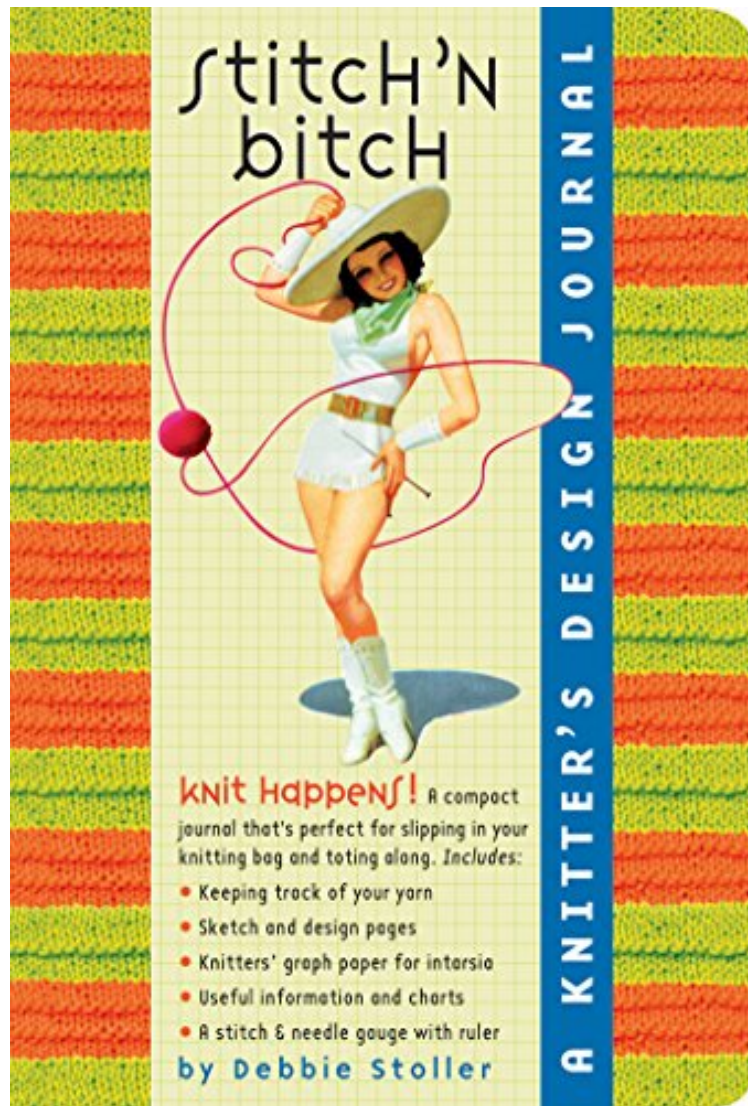


Stitch 'N Bitch: A Knitter's Design Journal

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Debbie Stoller : Stitch 'N Bitch: A Knitter's Design Journal before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised **Stitch 'N Bitch: A Knitter's Design Journal**:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great for a designing knitterBy K. RichardsonThis is perfect for the knitter who likes to design his or her own stuff. In the first section, there are drawn bodies on graph paper, so you can sketch clothing on them and draw out measurements and write notes. Then there is a section of blank knitter's paper, which has wider squares than tall, just like a knit stitch. The next sections include how to make sweaters, needle inventory, forms where you can fill out what you've made, and projects you want to make. And last, but certainly not

last, a list of abbreviations and cheat sheets, like how to do cables and the dreaded kitchener stitch. And it fits right in your pocket! The spine is a little tight, so it doesn't stay open when you lay it down. Maybe if it were spiral bound, but hey, for \$5, it's almost perfect. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Handy Little Book By The K man I recently went through my yarn to write down what I had and just how much I had of each. My friend asked me what I'd done with the information. She suggested the S and B Journal as a place to keep all of my yarn info. It's small enough to carry in my knitting bag and large enough to FIND in my knitting bag! I also like the grid paper section and have already used the body drawings to sketch designs onto. The book is very sturdy for a paperback. The cover is strong enough to handle the pressure of drawing with pencils. This is not a feature I'd even thought about, but really appreciated when the book was put to use. Four stars, not five because the body drawings are not blank, they have a faint bra and panty drawn on. Handy place to keep track of finished projects too. This is a helpful, private knitting journal. 19 of 20 people found the following review helpful. Great for getting organized, and planning new projects! By C. Wallis Davenport A Knitter's Design Journal really is a terrific aid to those knitters who want to go beyond following patterns, to also designing their own patterns. It also helps you keep track of your stash, and patterns you'd like to make. Oh, there is also this handy stitch gauge and ruler in a nifty pocket in the front of the book. Basically, this lovely little journal is divided into several parts, which I love. The first, has lightly-drawn little pictures of several women of various body types, from super thin, flat-chested, to average build, to rounded and buxomy (my shape!). These are provided over a two-page spread so that you can sketch pattern designs of sweaters you've always longed to make. Very handy, if like me, you have trouble drawing sweaters to proportion. On the downside, there are no lightly-drawn sketches of children, or men. Maybe in the next book? (Hint, hint, Ms. Stoller!) There is also a section with design hints - basic knitting techniques are laid out, as well as the "magic decreasing formula", which I never knew before, and well, really is magic. Stoller presents ideas for sweater shaping, as well as such things as ease - all important for sweater design. The next section of this handy little book is one where you can record all your needles. This is where I discovered I had 4 sets of 8's and no 9's. Maybe you will make your own revelation. Another section allows you to snip from your stash and either glue or tape swatches into the book, along with details such as yarn weight, gauge, content, maker, etc., as well as how much you have in your stash. (a little note here - you may prefer to glue your swatches in, as tape is not acid-free). I do worry, though, that as I add swatches, the book's spine may grow weaker, but it is bound with a linen-type material. The next two sections are projects you want to do, and then projects you already have done. I like the projects you want to do, as it's helped me keep on track. In the past, shamefully, I've bought plenty of yarn, only to let it falter in the closet for years while I skip giddily onto another project. It's nice to be reminded that, oh, yeah, I really DID want to make that Hat with the Bobbles and Matching Scarf with the size 17 needles! Likewise, the finished projects section is just wonderful as a record, especially, if like me, you tend to give away all your finished projects. I love this little notebook. I've always been planning on making such a little notebook for myself, but laziness, and indeed, lack of knowledge prevented me from doing it.

America is on a knitting roll (thanks in no small part to Stitch N Bitch). Now comes the essential journal for chicks with sticks. From the author of the tour de force* *Stitch N Bitch*, and *Stitch N Bitch Nation* (together with over 335,000 copies in print) and guru to an ever expanding movement of edgy young knitters, comes a *Stitch N Bitch* journal. Hip in design and compact enough for a knitting bag, this user friendly journal is packed with valuable information. Features include yarn required for basic knit items, pages to keep track of supplies, a glossary, and something no other journal has: design aids such as templates, pre-drawn knitters models, and graph paper. Plus a die-cut ruler to measure knitting gauge and check needle size.**The San Francisco Chronicle*

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