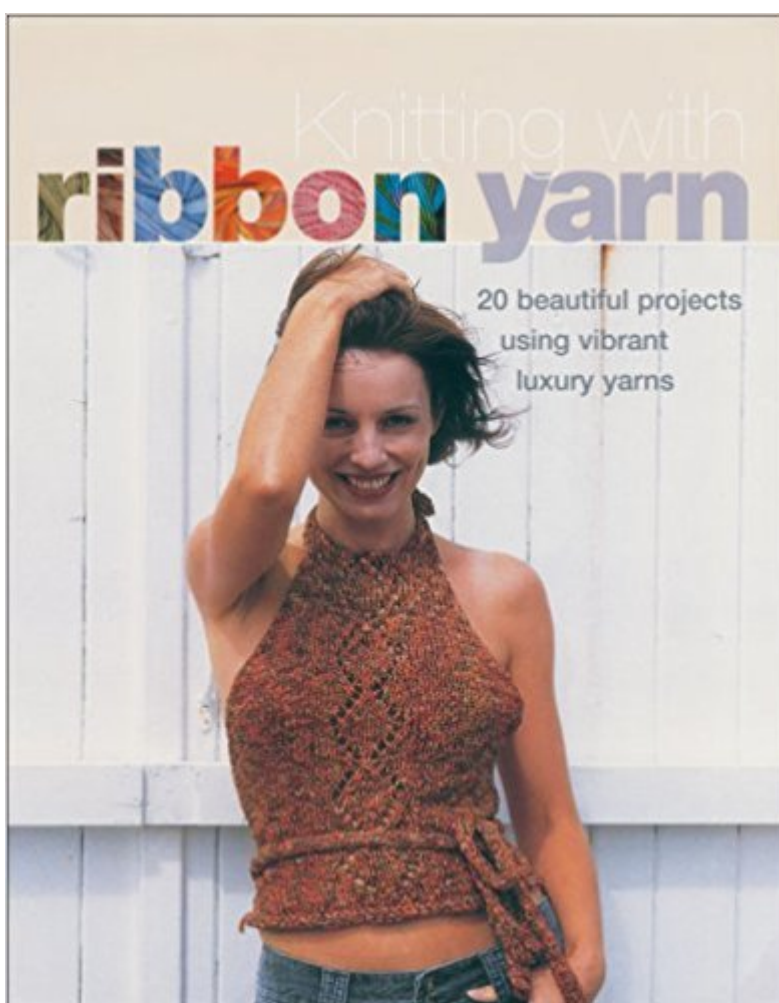


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# Knitting With Ribbon Yarn: 28 Beautiful Projects Using Vibrant Luxury Yarn



## Synopsis

Make head-turning garments and accessories using gorgeous ribbon yarn. This stylish guide features 20 step-by-step projects, from sweaters and camisoles to bags and belts.

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## Customer Reviews

The upsurge in knitting as a pastime has been accompanied by a great range of yarns, equipment, and patterns. Here, British designer Chapman selects a relatively new kind of yarn--ribbon--to showcase her talents and the possibilities. Although many experienced stitchers might grumble that the 28-item collection features simple classic styles, it's the care and detail of instructions that differentiate this from all other pattern books. Who else, for instance, stresses not only the importance of knitting to gauge but also pictorially shows the differences between too-loose, too-tight, and just-right gauge--and the remedies? Or inserts, in the appropriate pattern, instructions for fashioning the a-bit-unusual, such as how to change yarns, knit bobbles, and loop stitches, among others? Color photographs are plentiful; step-by-step details, more than sufficient. An almost-sure "best-borrowed" book. Barbara Jacobs Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

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The Book is perfect, the only draw back is, that it is several years old, and most of the yarns these designs require are not available any more. It is hard to find the perfect replacement.

I love this book. I plan to make many of the patterns, either with the ribbon recommended or with substitutes. Lots of advice on how to use ribbon--I have used it already. Knitting that I felt might be difficult or knotty was not with the tips and hints inside.

great ideas

This is one of the most disappointing knitting books I've ever purchased. I expected patterns that would highlight the beauty of ribbon yarns but all I got were a bunch of basic patterns for purses, halter tops, square cushions, etc. Author assumes that her reader does not know how to knit; at least a quarter of the pages in the book are how-tos that apply to any kind of yarn.

The book has several different styles. Some are very mediocre others are better. Have other ribbon books with more stylish items.

Knitting with ribbon yarns provides a variety to knitting with traditional wool yarns. Ribbon yarns produce a special look that makes your knitted product look unique and different. However, working with ribbon presents its own challenges even to an experienced knitter. I picked up this book after working with ribbon yarn on my own and it definitely helped me solve some of the issues I encountered (e.g. best way to finish off without adding bulk) and provided many useful ideas and inspirations. The book is useful to both experienced and inexperienced knitters. Below is a summary of content with my annotations. Hope you will find it useful.

The basics section:

1. How best to work with ribbon yarn to avoid tangling
2. How to clean garments with ribbon yarn
3. How to substitute one type of ribbon for another when needed
4. Samples showing correct, too loose and too tight weave

The basics chapters below have detailed step by step instructions, with each one having an image. They are very clear!

5. Casting and knit/purl basics
6. Binding off and connecting two sections
7. Shaping: increasing and decreasing garment width
8. Adding liners and zippers
9. Crochet embellishments
10. Crochet bind off
11. Finishing off - do's and don'ts
12. Sewing seams
13. Reading patterns, including common abbreviations

Clothing Collection section:

1. Sleeveless top with scalloped bottom. Great project, simple yet pretty I made this one. I loved the large scalloped bottom design. My modification was to add sleeves, as I don't like sleeveless shirts.
2. Halter-neck

camisole 3. Shawl, decorated with tassels 3. Raglan sleeves top 4. Halter-neck top with back-wrap 5. Designer wrap, very elegant 6. Classic round-neck cardigan 7. Sleeveless polo-neck pullover. I really like how the color rolls on this design. 8. Super casual single-button vest. Simple design and this pattern really shows off the ribbon texture 9. Long-sleeved wrap-front sweater with pretty scalloped edge 10. Camisole top. I did not particularly like the design, but has a description of an interesting technique for twisted cords. 11. Summer poncho

Accessories section: 1. Cozy socks. Very cute! I plan to make them as a gift. 2. Hop belt. 3. Peruvian Hat 4. Hat and scarf. Useful technique for the scarves to make it two sections to make sure that designs on both ends match perfectly. I also liked the edging around the scarf.

Bags section: 1. Beaded tote 2. Handbag 3. Argyle bag 4. Clutch bag 5. Long handled shopping bag (waaay too pretty for a shopping bag!) 6. Duffel bag 7. Dual-identity bag 8. Flower bag

Home decor section: 1. Pillow 2. Cushion 3. Floor cushion 4. Wall hanging

Ribbon embellishments I really liked this section as I can see combining these ideas with some of my other project for a unique touch 1. Variety of knit ribbon flowers. 2. Variety of tassels 3. Fringing 4. Bows I already made one project out of the book, and have plan to use several more. I learned several new techniques and got a bunch of ideas for how to use the embellishments from this book in my projects. Can't ask for more to get out of a book!

Ali Julia review

This is another book that I saw in a shop and thought the price was ridiculous. I only liked a few of the patterns so I wasn't going to spend over \$25 on 2 - 3 patterns. So I looked it up on , saw a much better price and purchased it. I am glad I did. I made 2 of the patterns in the book and was very pleased. If you like to knit with ribbon, you will like this book.

Superbly illustrated throughout, *Knitting With Ribbon Yarn: 28 Beautiful Projects Using Vibrant Luxury Yarns* by needlecraft expert Tracy Chapman is an informed and informative collection of do-it-yourself projects working with ribbon yarn to knit high-quality garments in short time. Inclusive of instructions for summer-weight sweaters, vests, wraps, bags, silken camisoles, and halters, *Knitting With Ribbon Yarn* covers many fun and inventive aspects of self-knit clothing. *Knitting With Ribbon Yarn* is very strongly recommended to all women who knit as a hobby, as well as those anticipating a new innovative and exciting wardrobe as product of their own easy labors.

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