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Beth says

This is very useful, a great addition to any knitter's library. I would wonder if it's a little dated, but her explanations are so clear, and applicable to making all kinds of sweaters and socks, that I think this will stay a classic.

Patti says

good directions on knitting from the top down

Miryam-Chavah says

i'm not a fan of Ms. Walker's projects per se (her color choices and patterns seem to not be my own style) but her methodology is genius...

the techniques she teaches make much sense with regards to ease of construction, repair of the used-garments, and also saving money and wasted yarn..

a must-have for a full-time knitter...

penny shima glanz says

Barbara Walker writes with a clarity and humor that had me turning pages and feeling that she was sitting across from me and teaching me to knit as I wish my mother had been able to (mom can crochet, not knit). The lessons are sensible and practical and as Walker has said it best "There is a purpose behind this... the purpose is to teach you not just *what* to do, but *why* to do it".

Personally I don't always like knitting from patterns that tell me exactly what yarn and needles to use, which of the various cast-on methods to use, and spelling out each and every step of the way. I don't abhor hand holding patterns and more often than not knit them, but I also want to be able to just knit a sweater and have it fit with minimal fuss and intervention between the needles and yarn. Walker generously gives those lessons.

Now if she could only teach me how to warp space/time so I could finish my husband's top-down, vneck, set-in sleeve, hemmed, and dk-weight birthday sweater before it's due!

Martha says

"need to own" if you knit sweaters

yoli says

Another book I would like to own. She is a knot advocate, which makes me distinctly uncomfortable, but I like how she's grouped the patterns by basic construction and than variations at the end. I'm going to try the top down sleeve construction on my purple jacket because the sheer amount of math required to figure out all of the sleeve cap decreases makes me want to cry. I've got all the other decreases figured out and I can just read my notes backwards substituting increases for decreases. Cross your fingers and hope it works!

Ann Johnson Davis says

The definitive book on top down knitting. Classic. No "patterns" but is a how to do whatever you want. Teaches you skills and theory, and sets you free to do your own thing. Every bit as good as her stitch dictionaries. There's a reason she's revered as a knitting guru.

Amberjean says

Good, clearly written, non-cookbook stuff. Really, though, all the stars? Those are because there is a clear formula for set in circular sleeves from the top down--which means I never have to sew in another sleeve. That's worth a few stars!

Marie says

This is the technical resource for knitting garments from the top down. It's not glitzy or pretty but it will walk you through the math to make pretty much anything you want from the top down. A good reference book to own.

Kitchengeek says

There are definitely some dated aspects (knitted pants? Seriously?) but this book really helped me understand the structure of different types of sweaters, and the tips in the last chapter are worth the price of admission. I would say that this is good for an advanced beginner or maybe intermediate knitter. I have made one sweater and one pair of socks (and read a lot about both garments) and I think I would not have understood it without some experience with shaping under my belt.

Maylin says

haven't read it yet but it is there for reference whenever I need it. Barbara Walker was a knitting pioneer :)

Bookish says

OK book. There are SO many knitting books out there. Some good instruction, and some OK patterns. Get it from the library before buying it.

Sandy says

I used to make lots of sweaters from the top down. Loved them. Good book but haven't tried any of the patterns yet.

Suzanne says

Great techniques in knitting from the top down.

Lil' Grogan says

Great reference for general principles of top-down knitting. Her slight snark is pretty funny. Greatly appreciated for discussion of knitting instead of the usual book filled with patterns I will never knit and a couple pages of discussing technique.
