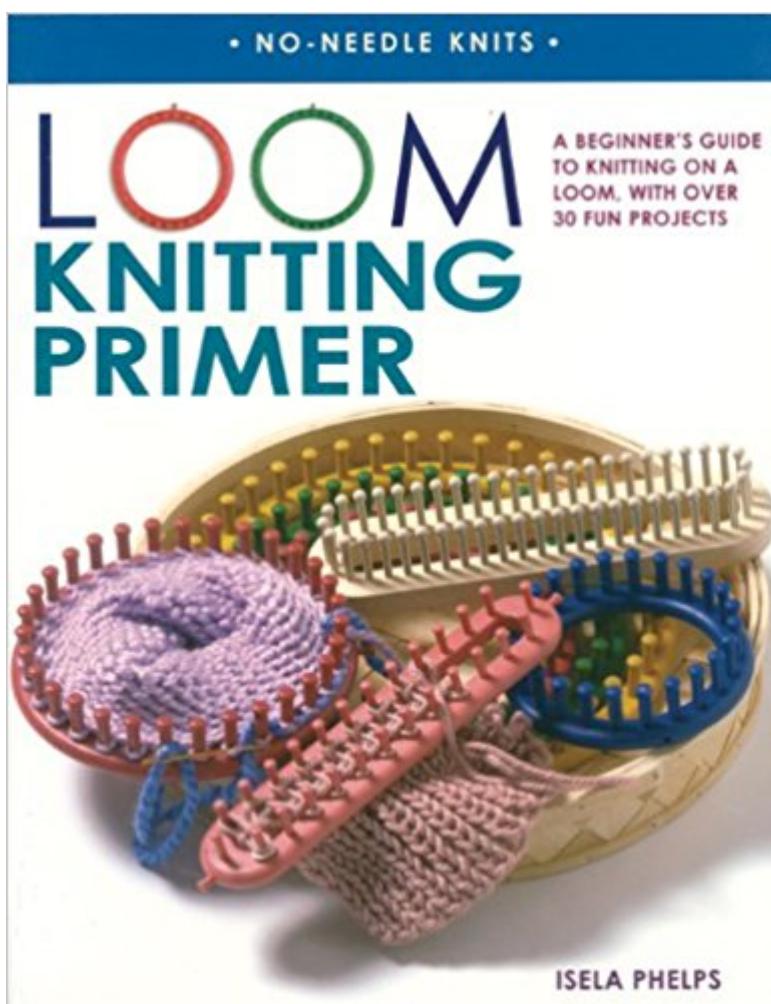


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# Loom Knitting Primer: A Beginner's Guide To Knitting On A Loom, With Over 30 Fun Projects (No-Needle Knits)



## Synopsis

Knitting looms are flying off the shelves in craft stores because loom-knitting is such an easy craft to take up—it can be learned by both children and adults alike in just a few hours. If you have fond memories of spool knitting (a round wooden spool with a central hole surrounded by four small nails) when you were a child then you know how easy it was to create yards and yards of knitted tubes. Today's loom are just as easy and fun to use! Widely available in craft stores, looms come in a variety of shapes and sizes, some are circular, others rectangular, some tiny and some large. The size of the loom dictates the size of the knitted piece although you can easily join smaller panels together to make larger items. This book is designed as a hands on project resource as well as an essential reference for the growing band of loom knitters. Clear step by step illustrations throughout show how to cast-on, bind-off and knit a wide range of stitches on both round looms and knitting boards. Practice projects are provided for each technique, and there are more than 30 attractive patterns to get the crafter started. - the first book to provide patterns for an increasingly popular tool- comprehensive techniques and information provide the essential back-up manual to supplement the minimal instructions that come with the looms - over 30 quick and easy patterns for sweaters and accessories- written by an expert in the field

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## Customer Reviews

ISELA PHELPS is the author the bestseller Loom Knitting Primer, and other titles in the popular

series, including Loom Knitting Pattern Book and Loom Knitting Socks. She is an active member of the online knitting community, where she promotes looms as an alternative to needle knitting. Isela is also the editor and publisher of Loom Knitters Circle, an online magazine for loomers.

This was a very helpful book for an absolute beginner to loom knitting. I had tried regular knitting in the past and failed epically at it, so someone suggested I try with a loom. I wanted some instruction and saw this had good reviews. I like that it includes a glossary of terms that sometimes can be confusing. She also takes the time to explain what each of the tools are, a lot of common concepts, and provides a project to work on with each concept. There are extra projects as well to do that aren't attached to a lesson. While most of the time instructions are clear, I sometimes had to look up videos or alternate explanations online for some stitches. This may have been because I'm a better visual learner or the stitches were particularly difficult, but be aware you may need to do the same. The other problem I had was that the writing was sometimes a bit cutesy for me. This was particularly a problem in the introductions (or at least that's where I noticed it the most). I found this bothersome and distracting at time, but obviously not everyone will. Overall still a great choice. You'll be knitting in no time with this book!

Highly recommend to all those who are brand new or almost brand new to loom knitting. Just received this book today & have already learned a lot. There are a lot of patterns for circle looms & some patterns for long looms. I have both kinds. I just began this wonderfully satisfying loom knitting less than a month ago so I'm still quite new to this. I admit some of the patterns look a little difficult for me to try yet so I'm starting with the easiest first & working my way toward the harder ones. I love this book! Easy to understand, colorful & practical items that I want to knit. I'm very pleased with my first loom knitting book purchased. Note: I looked at a lot of loom knitting books at the craft stores but they were all overwhelming & too advanced for me. I didn't see this book in the stores so I took a chance & bought this book here on & I'm glad I did.

As a Knitter, I recently picked up the long looms to help ease some of the carpal tunnel. Decided to pick up this book as a help. Not exceedingly happy. I spent a few years as a professional proofreader. As someone mentioned before this book is horribly organized. I simply can't believe this book got by a professional agency. Before you all nit pick on me, please understand I'm attacking the publisher first. Secondly, if you are looking for just Long Loom patterns, just skip this. This book is primarily devoted to making things on the round loom and making socks. Great for

those that round loom. I was looking for the long looms. Not a single afghan pattern in the book. The author loves the round loom, as is her choice, but to advertise it as for both is wrong. You get a lot of illustrations that require you to look very very closely as to what is going on, photos are abysmally lacking, unless you are looking at a finished project from a distance. I found a lot of help on you tube. Sad I had to pay money for a book that left me wanting to figure out something when I could have easily gone to other sites that are free. Luckily I know how to knit anyways, so the book wasn't in complete greek to me and I was able to discern some of what the author was saying. PRO: If you want to learn to knit on the round looms it's the book for you. If you don't mind getting additional help from other sources, then definitely buy this. If you are a long loom knitter, you will have to look very closely to find your directions, because they are scattered. But the baby blanket and scarf are nice. If you wish to make socks, this is awesome, there are pages and pages of sock patterns. Felting is also included. CON: do not buy if looking for an afghan project, it's not there. Do not buy if looking for patterns for the long boards, the patterns for the long board are short, you have to look at the round loom patterns in order to figure out how to do it on the long loom. The info is there, just badly organized. If you like your glossary and index in the middle of the book, it's awesome. Three stars because the general information is good, you really have to want to do this and be willing to spend hours digging for what you need by flipping the book back and forth.

I started using the round knitter in the 1990's but when I recently went back to this craft, I found the patterns and possibilities with new stitches and patterns were beyond my simple one-stitch beginner's understanding. I bought several books at the craft store but found them to be inadequate in giving instructions. Then I got smart and bought this book by Isela Phelps. Finally, a substantive overview with so much clear information as well as tricks of the trade that has brought my work to new levels and made this such a fun and creative craft. It covers both round and straight loom work and handy information about yarns as well as basic equipment and so many other aspects of this craft. It has helped me to realize that I also would like to work on finer gauge looms for those lovely fine knits that we all know and love. As a crocheter and knitter for almost 60 years, I am excited to add this craft to my yarn creations tool kit. Isela Phelps sets the standard for instruction in this craft,

Some of the instructions are easy to understand, but for the novice the codes in the patterns are really hard for me to comprehend. I think I just have to keep rereading and take note of what the codes stand for, but I still think the patterns are geared towards people who have experience reading knitting patterns.

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