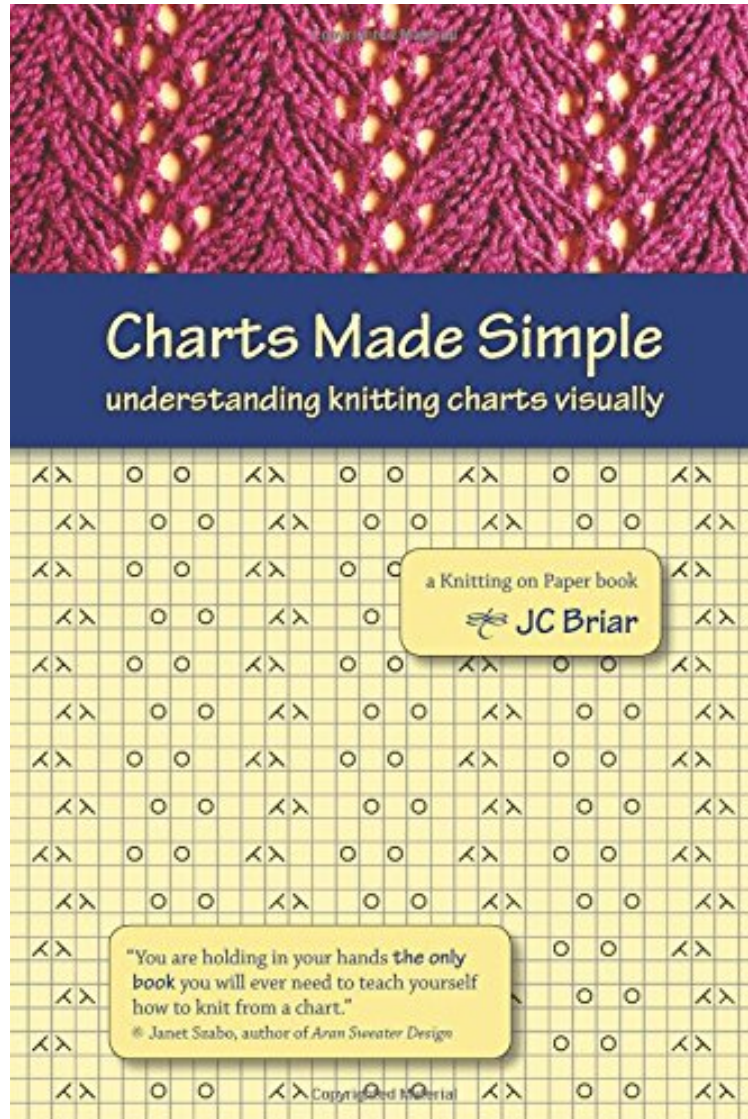


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JC Briar : Charts Made Simple: understanding knitting charts visually before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Charts Made Simple: understanding knitting charts visually:

82 of 82 people found the following review helpful. An Absolute Must-Have Book for Every KnitterBy Fairbanks Reader - Bonnie BrodyI am so happy to see this book in print. It is about time that a book on making chart reading simpler became available to knitters. I've struggle with chart reading for years and have avoided patterns that utilize charts like the plague. This book helps me understand charts and how to read them. That is a huge accomplishment in itself.The first chapter is called 'The Big Picture' and it illustrates how charts show you the big picture and how

symbols look like stitches. It emphasizes that charts read in the same direction you knit. This is of absolute importance. Charts also show the right side of the fabric, never the wrong side. Blank squares or spaces keep clutter to a minimum and since there are always exceptions, special charts come with special instructions. There are ways to tweak charts to your liking. One way is to use a highlighter to make some symbols 'pop' off the page. You can customize symbols to your liking and you can use "highlighters that mimic the yarn colors you plan to use, bringing the colorwork pattern into view." You can also redraw the chart with colored pencils. The second chapter is called 'Staying on Track' and it focuses on the following: Notice How the Design Elements Line Up - Look the chart over and get an idea of the types of stitches used, where they are and how they line up in relation to one another. "Cover the rows you have not yet knit". This is an absolute must. Keep Track of Each Chart Separately. Since some patterns utilize more than one chart, don't get them confused. Compare Your Knitting to the Chart. Do this frequently to see whether you're on track or whether you've goofed. Teach Yourself to Read Your Knitting. Learn what each stitch looks like and what stitch you've just knit. Get Back on Track. If you lose your place, use your chart to help you find your way back. There are chapters on Cable Symbol Sensitivity, Charts that Show Shape, Counting Stitches, and Repeated Stitches. There are exercises to practice with and there are keys to charts and a list of abbreviations. This is a must have book. It is an ABSOLUTE RESOURCE that should be in every knitter's library and it is clear, clear, clear. I commend J.C. Briar for this book and thank her for publishing it. I know that it will get a lot of use from me. Bonnie Brody 2/16/11 308 of 311 people found the following review helpful. GPS for the knitter's brain By Cat Bordhi I teach over a thousand knitters a year, most of them very advanced. Yet in my workshops I hear again and again, "Where am I? Help!" These otherwise excellent knitters can't tell if they are on an increase round, if their lace is lined up, or why a pattern repeat suddenly spans a needle intersection when it didn't before. I do teach my students several preventive strategies for bouts of knitting blindness, but I have never had anything like JC Briar's new book to offer. I plan to carry her book from now on and wave it at my knitters, for it is the cure for their confusion, a sort of knitter's GPS they can install in their brains for clearer vision. You might wonder if a book on knitting charts would be dull and put you to sleep. Quite the opposite. JC has designed her book like a series of tasty snacks served 1-2 pages at a time. All those light bulbs going on in her well-lit cafe will keep you happy and eager for more. If you dine your way through the whole menu, you will earn the ability to see your knitting as a chart and your charts as knitting, and feel as if you are knitting with enhanced reading glasses. The "menu" includes this and much more:--Matching knitting to chart and chart to knitting, including tricky situations--Tricks for tracking lines of knitting--Identifying and repairing mistakes using the chart as a map--Organizing and working cable strands and crossings (these illustrations are particularly eye-opening)--Understanding charts that show shape--Pirouetting on pivot stitches (one of my favorite sections!)--Changeable stitch counts and how to account for them--Repeats with shifty behavior--And for dessert: Engaging exercises, with answers and explanations in the appendix, to help you check your understanding. I consider JC a sort of topological genius. I once sent her my most fiendishly difficult swatch, and she had it charted out correctly in 5 minutes, while most knitters flounder for hours trying to decipher it. JC would make a great spy or code-breaker, but lucky for us, we have her as a knitter, one whose uncommonly clear thinking is available in this, her first, and I trust not her last, book. 22 of 22 people found the following review helpful. Chart's Made Easy is a good read By Just An Arizona Grammy I'm a 54 year knitter, but have not had much dealings with "charts". I've been told that most all knitting patterns are now going to go to charting. I did understand them, but they sometimes drove me crazy. This book showed me that I didn't have to hate charts, and told me how to work with them. I was going to give this book to a friend, as a gift, but decided to keep it for a while longer. Very well written and easy to understand what you are being told to do.

Charts Made Simple teaches knitters how to read charts and, better yet, how to make the most of them: to see that a chart is a picture of knitted fabric; to make sense of the symbols in a chart without being tied to its key; to use charts as guides for minimizing and recovering from mistakes; and to handle chart quirks no stitch symbols, repeated stitches, changes in stitch count, and more with ease.

Using eye-opening materials proven in her workshops, master teacher JC Briar reveals exactly how charts reflect knitting, enabling readers literally to read their knitting and work with new-found confidence and clarity. This unique book should be part of every knitter's basic education. --Cat Bordhi Charts Made Simple provides a progression of clear, step-by-step tutorials and is packed with visuals--some of the best I've ever seen. You will be happily and confidently knitting from charts in no time! --Margaret Fisher Charts Made Simple guides you through the basics of how charts operate, explaining the whys as well as the whats to make charts your favorite knitting language. My only regret with this book is that it wasn't around when I had to figure out charting on my own a long time ago. --Joan Schrouder