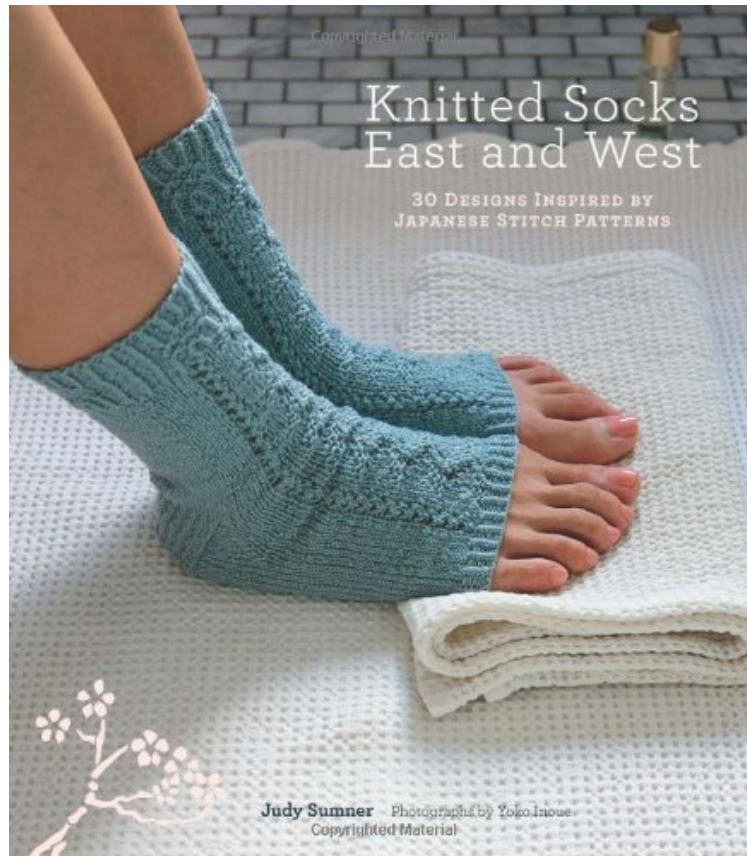


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Judy Sumner : Knitted Socks East and West: 30 Designs Inspired by Japanese Stitch Patterns before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Knitted Socks East and West: 30 Designs Inspired by Japanese Stitch Patterns:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great patterns, substandard prose By Amber S. I have not yet knit any patterns from this book. I usually read through the book first before beginning a project. My first impression is that the patterns are very unique yet not particularly complicated. However, if you are someone who actually reads the prose in pattern books, you may find the prose/story in this book off putting. The author appears to have not done any real research into Japanese culture (as it relates to knitting or generally). The book is based off of her experience attempting patterns from Japanese stitch books. I expected that the prose would reflect some moderate level of Japanese knitting culture. Instead, the author admits her resources for writing the book were "Japanese Scrabble words and the Internet" and that when it came time to name the patterns, she just made a list of Japanese words she knew. As a result, the patterns have stereotypical names without deep meaning connected to the pattern, such as: Sayonara,

Geisha, Haiku, Ninja, Samurai, Karaoke, and Sumo. Additionally, some of the samples I found a bit unrealistic in materials used. For example, one sock is knit loosely in a very fine baby alpaca/silk blend. That said, the book is more than worth the money for the patterns alone. Also, I like that the patterns featured include a range of yarn weights, not just fingering.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. GREAT BOOK FOR JAPANESE KNITTING STITCHES
By Linda Likes to Learn Love the knitting patterns - especially all the stitches. Book was in good shape and I received it quickly.

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By Rocky Mountain reviewer I bought this on an impulse because 's price had it marked down so low (below three dollars, and free prime shipping). Even though I'm an avid bargain hunter, for once I can safely say I'd have been glad to pay full price. Unusual stitch patterns and unique socks. Some are especially interesting in the patterns on the back of the leg, which differ from the main pattern on the front. Pay no attention to the grumpy review. The author never stated they were Japanese socks; just that she was inspired by Japanese stitch patterns. As I have a few Japanese knitting stitch pattern books, I am thrilled to find someone who has taken some unique stitch patterns and placed them into a sock pattern for me. And the photography is beautiful. The other reviewer is completely wrong to state that the photos were taken from the vantage point of the sock wearer - there isn't a single photo like that in the entire book.

In *Knitted Socks East and West*, author Judy Sumner compares knitting a sock to writing a haiku: both challenge you to create something beautiful and original within a sparse, strict format. In this, her first book, she recounts how she came to study hundreds of exquisite Japanese stitch patterns and then apply her new knowledge to the sock designs showcased here.

About the Author Judy Sumner, a lifelong knitter, has been designing socks for over a decade. Her designs have been published by a myriad of magazines, including *Interweave Knits and Knitters*, and by yarn companies. She teaches sock design and sock knitting in Knoxville, Tennessee, where she lives.