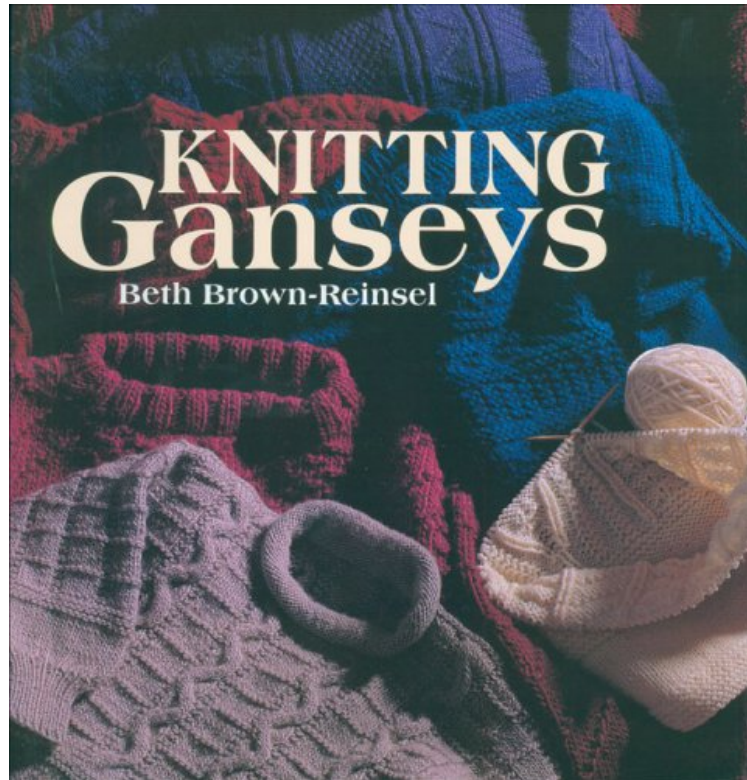


Knitting Ganseys

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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. While that book was a great book on the history of the GuernseyBy suzannaI was trying to recreate a guernsey that my grandmother had knitted for my grandfather. I had ordered Cornish Guernseys and Knit frocks by Mary Wright. While that book was a great book on the history of the Guernsey, and had great charts, I found the instructions a bit intimidating. Then I found this book that has very good explanations of the stitches. Between the two books, I feel confident that I can recreate my grandfather's guernsey.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Practical and handsome sweaters that work, and work, and workBy Pat in ColoradoIf you can knit at all, you can make this kind of fisherman's sweater from the pages of this book, which is a how-to for designing and making your own, plus a handful of actual patterns. For making a sweater in which one can actually do physical work (from playing the violin to hauling in lobster pots to mountain climbing to taking out the garbage), this is a peerless guide. The sweaters are made in the round, with gussets under the sleeves that prevent the body of the sweater from riding up.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Fantastic, thorough look at traditional ganseysBy D. BoykenAs any good historic-technique book should, this begins talking about the history of the gansey, and then dives into the details about shaping, pattern stitches, preferred cast-ons, how the underarm gusset works ... all the detail you need to know to appreciate and recreate a gansey of your own.One of the best parts is that, in addition to telling you all these things, she acknowledges that tackling a full-size project might be intimidating. So, she has you

make a small version sampler of a gansey. A stroke of genius, don't you think? (Not to mention quite the coup for some doll of your acquaintance later on.) By the time you've knitted your way through the sampler, you should have no qualms with making a full-sized version for yourself. I'm not exaggerating when I tell you that this book is full of information. Mostly, of course, details specific to gansey sweaters, but lots of tidbits useful to all your knitting. She walks you through the construction of a gansey (sample-sized and full-sized), provides stitch motifs for you to use in your own, and then gives you all the knitty-gritty information you need to design one of your own. (And if you don't want to do all that work, there are 6 fully-written patterns for you to knit.)

Ganseys are sweaters that developed in 19th-century England as hard-wearing garments for hard-working fishermen. Characterized by their dense, dark yarns, rich pattern combinations, and dropped shoulders, these simple square garments provide the modern knitter with a template for a wide variety of classic designs. Detailed, step-by-step line drawings and photographs, sidebars, and formulas help the reader build a foundation of skills. Pattern graphs and instructions for six of the author's own designs are included.

"Includes some amazing knitting information not found in many places, such as the Channel Island and knotted cast ons. This is the first place I have ever seen three ways of working a right twist, 2 st cable with a full explanation of the differences of each." Knit Together