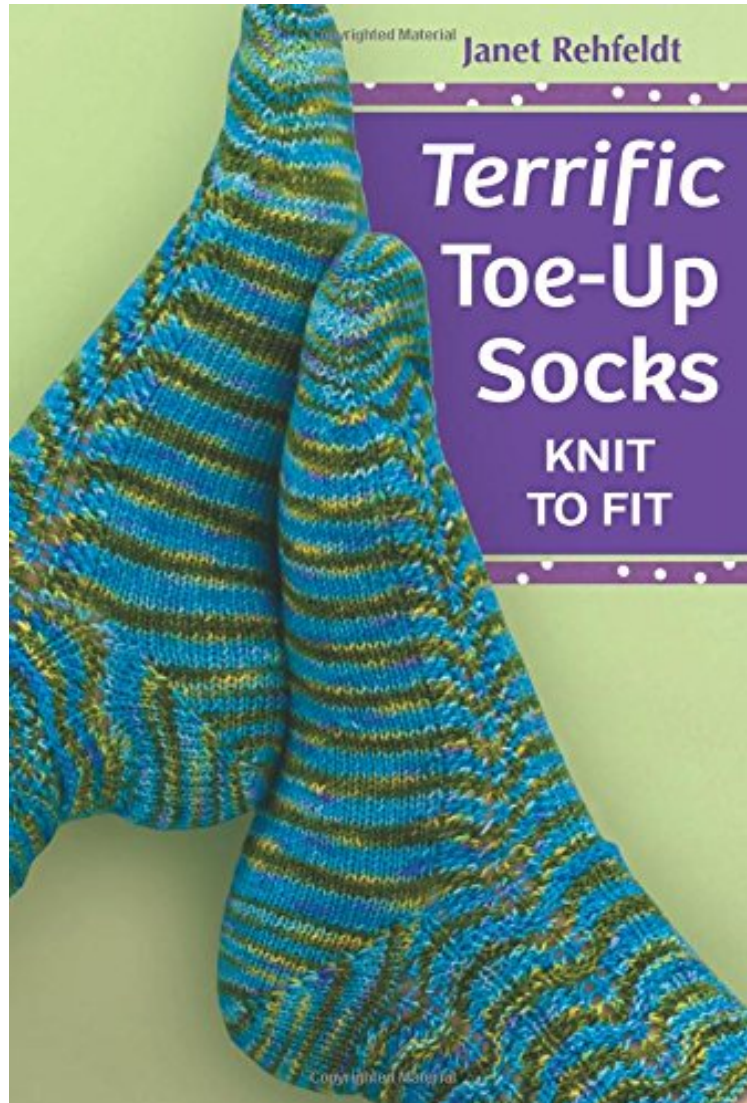


## Terrific Toe-Up Socks: Knit to Fit

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**Janet Rehfeldt : Terrific Toe-Up Socks: Knit to Fit** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Terrific Toe-Up Socks: Knit to Fit:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Marla Crowell Was a gift, and I am told it was exactly what the knitter needed for her project. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great Instructions By Customer Great instructions for the novice sock knitter. I appreciated being able to "get it" with these instructions. Some other sources were so vague that I think they assumed you knew the tricks already. I like the projects possible in the book. As soon as I finish the first pair I will pick another and go on! 0 of 0 people found the following review

helpful. This book is well written and illustrated for toe up socks! By Julie Birnbaum This book has good instructions and pictures that make learning how to knit socks from the toe up easy! A fun knitting book.

The author of the popular *Toe-Up Techniques for Hand-Knit Socks, Revised Edition*, is back with even more stylish socks! Knitters will be glad to find the same helpful techniques they relied on in the previous book--plus the Mediterranean cast-on, three-needle bind-off, and more. Features 10 all-new designs, including lace, cables, ribbing, beads, and Fair Isle. Includes fully illustrated instructions for three cast-on methods, three different heel styles, and tips for the perfect fit. Slips easily into your knitting bag for toting your sock projects anywhere.

Janet Rehfeldt's *Terrific Toe-Up Socks: Knit to Fit* provides an outstanding set of stylish socks knitters will enjoy. Ten new designs cover lace, cables, ribbing and Fair Isle alike and provide illustrated instructions for three cast-on methods. Knitters who already have the basics down will relish this fine collection! --Midwest Book Knitting socks from the toe up has become quite popular lately, with lots of books suddenly available on the subject. Working socks "from the bottom" is a good idea for a lot of reasons, but the most popular include that you can easily try on the sock as you knit for a perfectly custom fit and that if you divide your yarn right you can just keep knitting until you almost run out of yarn. Your leg will be as tall as it can be and you won't have to guess or worry about running out of yarn with two rounds left to go on the toe (it happens!). Janet Rehfeldt shares the basics of knitting from the toe up as well as 10 patterns worked this way in *Terrific Toe-Up Socks: Knit to Fit*. The beginning of *Terrific Toe-Up Socks* runs knitters through the basics of knitting socks from the toe up, including different methods for casting on and a discussion of why she prefers the method she uses (a "closed toe" cast on using the long tail cast on and picking up stitches to make the other side of the toe--she likes it because it's tighter than the Turkish or wrap cast on). She offers a variety of ways to increase from the toe to the number of stitches needed for the foot and has a nice, detailed section on ways to work the heel on a toe-up sock, which is probably the part that confuses people the most (much like on top-down socks). There are also tips for preventing the all-too-common holes on the sides of the socks where the heel meets the leg, and a bunch of great options for loose bind offs that will make it possible to actually wear your socks. With all this information, knitters should feel confident choosing one of the 10 patterns in the book to experiment with. One thing that's really cool about *Terrific Toe-Up Socks* is that it offers instructions for different sizes based on the circumference of the leg and the foot. Different patterns have slightly different sizes, but the smallest is 6.25 inches, which would fit an older child, and the largest is 11 inches, which would fit a largish man's foot or a woman with a very wide foot. My one complaint about the sizing is that the numbers are given with no real indication of who might fit that size; I guess that's because they're all supposed to be for women, just with narrow, regular, wide or extra-wide feet, but it seems like some would fit kids and men as well if you altered the length. Though the number of patterns is small, there's a nice variety, from basic ribbed socks to easy lace, textured stitches and faux cables, even a little stranded knitting and beading. If you're new to toe-up sock knitting and want to get the basics without being overwhelmed by a huge book or hugely intricate patterns, *Terrific Toe-Up Socks* would make a nice starting point. None of the patterns are too horribly difficult that they can't be accomplished by someone with a little experience knitting socks, and the wide range of sizes available means you can make these for gifts or simply knit yourself a pair of custom-fit socks you're sure to love. --knitting.about.com

About the Author Janet Rehfeldt has been knitting and crocheting since the age of seven. She is the owner of Knitted Threads Designs, LLC. As an instructor, designer, and author, she teaches on both a local and national level. Her work has been featured in magazines such as *Cast On*, *Crochet Today!*, and *Crochet!* as well as in several Martingale publications.