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Harmony Guides: Cables & Arans (The Harmony Guides)



Synopsis

Offering clear, concise knitting instructions, this series has served as a classic reference for handcrafters for more than 30 years. Featuring 250 texture-friendly designs for knitters of all skill levels, this handbook gives techniques for cable, ripple, knot, and twist stitches. The reference provides a multitude of new knitting patterns both for the home and to wear--such as a honeycomb afghan, medallion-rippled sweater, and twisted-arches scarf. Beautifully photographed swatches are displayed with the latest yarns and include easy-to-follow instructions and design tips. An all-in-one guide to creating textures and cables, this crafting resource is the perfect knitting companion.

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Customer Reviews

"This is a real treasury of cable stitches." [Knitting News](#) "I like that the new guides are cataloged by stitches . . . the originals were full of a little bit of everything." [knitty.com](#)

"This is the ultimate reference library for those knitters who like to explore different textures and designs." [Yarn](#)

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the instructions are easy to follow and the pictures are lovely, other than those two things the book leaves a lot to be desired. it's disorganized, I can never find anything unless I write the page

numbers down. A better way, in my opinion, to organize it would have been to separate the cables by type, smaller rope-like cables and braids in the front, repetitive panel cables like the honeycomb in the middle and the complicated cables like the Double Spiral Cable in the back. every cable or panel has it's own page (one page has two cables on it), but some of the cables are so small it seems like a waste of paper to give them a whole page. some of the cables are repeatedly used through the book, it seems unnecessary to dedicate a whole page to a C2B cable, another whole page to a C4B cable and yet another page to a C6B cable. It also would have been nice to see examples of some of the panels put together to make a whole project. I don't know that I will be able to find another reference point for cables like this book, but overall, I'm not impressed

I totally agree with above posters that this book is totally disorganized. Additionally I'd like to add that it would be very helpful if all the photographs were taken of the same gauge so one could determine exactly how big/small the pattern actually is. The patterns should be categorized by either # of stitches, rows, or alphabetically. Instead, it's a hodge podge collection of many repetitive patterns. Lastly, the page numbers are so small and in such a light color, you need a magnifying glass to see them. The book does have a lot of great patterns to inspire any knitter, but definitely needs modifications before a re-print is done.

I am so disappointed by these guides (this one especially) - I splurged and bought three books all at once. If I'd looked through them in a bookstore I would certainly not have invested in them. My problems are: * There are many missing charts - but there is plenty of empty space on the pages. Some charts are included but not others. * There are also duplicated patterns that are identical apart from the name - why bother including the same pattern twice? Or the same pattern on a stocking stitch background, that is listed separately to one on a reverse stocking stitch background. * Some photos are inserted upside down, so the pictures simply don't reflect what's in the instructions. * Some examples have not been blocked properly and been ironed instead. This means that the stitches are flattened and distorted. But worst of all - there are many glaring knitting errors in the pictures! Even my non-knitting husband can spot mis-crossed cables. It's such an amateur mistake, and I'm very disappointed that a professionally published book could include pictures like these. I'm sad that I've wasted my money on these books. I strongly recommend you don't buy them.

This book has beautiful cable panels! I highly recommend this book, but know that you are not getting full patterns - only the pattern panel. You need to be comfortable with modifying or writing

your own patterns in order to use these. The cable panel patterns in this book can easily be used to make scarves or afghans, or you can use them in sweater patterns if you have an understanding of how to orient them on a piece of clothing.

Like the rest of the Harmony Guides, this guide has beautiful photos of some very pretty stitch patterns. In this case, it's cables and arans. Many of the patterns have both written and chart instructions, but more than I'm happy with do not have the charts. I also don't see rhyme or reason to why some have and others do not have charts. Second, there is a distinct lack of organization to the book. This also makes it somewhat challenging to compare and select similar, but not quite the same options.

Indispensable resource

Everything arrived in a timely manner and in excellent condition. We can always depend on to do it right. It arrived in a timely manner and in excellent condition. I have recommended and this book to my knitting group as it is an excellent source for learning the fine knitting of cables..

Great book. Nice quality. I would have hoped to have no stickers on my book,. However, once I removed those, the books looked like they just left a top bookstore's shelf.

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