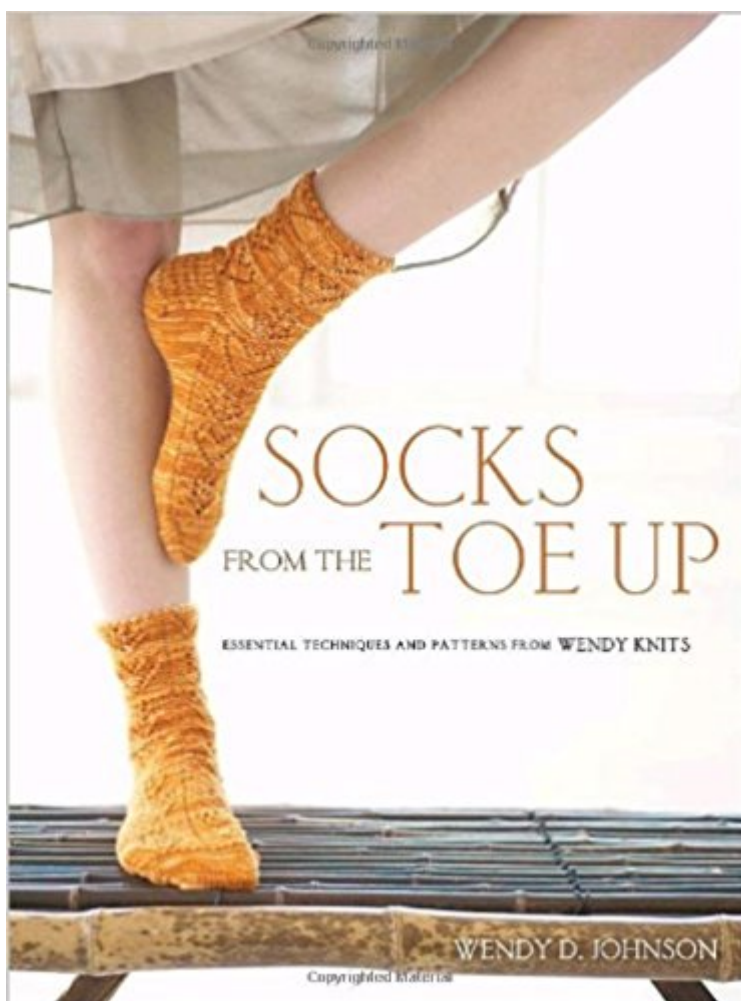


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# Socks From The Toe Up: Essential Techniques And Patterns From Wendy Knits



## Synopsis

Discover a new approach to sock knitting with Wendy D. Johnson and *Socks from the Toe Up*. This approach, made famous by her popular blog [WendyKnits.net](http://WendyKnits.net), will turn even the most reluctant knitter into a toe-up nut. Knitting a sock from the toe up saves yarn and always gives a perfect fit. And? No grafting! Wendy provides all the how-tos, tips, and techniques you need, as well as the pros and cons behind all of the cast-on, toe, heel, and bind-off options, gleaned from her years of experience. With more than 20 fun and beautiful patterns, *Socks from the Toe Up* has a sock for every foot. Whether you like bold textures or hearts and flowers, delicate lace or Bavarian cables, you (and your feet) will be covered here. Even if you're casting on your first sock, or have been a top-down sock knitter for ages, you'll find patterns and projects here that'll keep your needles humming. *Socks from the Toe Up* is the hands-down best guide for toe-up socks.

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## Customer Reviews

Adult/High School • As readers of Johnson's blog are aware, in the summer of 2007 the author set out to see how many socks she could design and complete as part of the online knitting world's "Summer of Socks." The result is the genesis of this book. Johnson is an advocate of the toe-up method. She starts with the essentials and goes on to include a range of patterns from easy to challenging. The socks are shown in beautiful photographs featuring young models wearing kicky clothes. The patterns are written for two circular needles but can be easily adapted to double-pointed needles or a long circular one; the variations are described and shown. The

techniques section includes clear diagrams and illustrations. Standard abbreviations, definitions, and resources are included as an appendix. Errata are available on the blog. A solid resource with interesting patterns and clear instructions. — Sarah Flowers, formerly at Santa Clara County Library, CA Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Knitting socks from the toe up has a few advantages: you can try on the sock as you knit, and you can adjust the height of the cuff to the amount of yarn you have. Johnson provides five different techniques for starting a sock with the toe; three different heel techniques; several cast-off options; as well as instruction on knitting using double-pointed needles, two circular needles, or one long circular needle. The ballerina photos show off each sock pattern from multiple angles. The three basic sock patterns allow knitters to experiment with their own creations. Solid or heather-colored yarns are recommended to best display the lacework or textured design (no color-work patterns are included). Half of the socks are lace patterns, and all but three use fingering weight yarn. Socks are a popular knitting project because of their size, portability, and variety; they can be as simple or as complex as you like. This attractive collection of 23 sock patterns ranges from very basic to more challenging designs; both first time and advanced knitters will find projects here. --Jennifer Palmer

This is for the Kindle version. I clicked "kindle" and then "buy" before I noticed that the "kindle version" is NOT the kindle version of the book, as IS THE NORM ON EVERY OTHER BOOK ON , but rather, ONE SINGLE PATTERN!!!! That is absolutely ridiculous! It should not be on the same page/listing as a full BOOK. I returned it for a refund, as soon as I noticed the PROBLEM. This needs FIXING!

I just purchased this kindle version and although the reviews for the book and the kindle version are lumped together they are very different. The "kindle version" is only one short pattern. I feel very ripped off.

Very nice sock patterns and seems like it will be a great book for improvising. The reason I took a star off is that there are only two sizes for each sock, M/8" or L/9", and it isn't always a simple adjustment to grade to another size. I have small feet, so I'm pretty used to adjusting patterns for that, it isn't a deal breaker, it just takes a bit of extra work before I can start knitting.

I have recently become obsessed with knitting socks. Once I learned the magic loop method and discovered knitting socks from the toe-up, I've been hooked. This book is a fantastic book for beginners up to experienced sock knitters. There is a wide variety of patterns included. She discusses the basic makings of a sock, and goes into a little detail on different cast-on and heel types, including examples of some of them. All of the socks can be adapted to whatever you chosen knitting style is, magic loop, 2 circulars, or double pointed. All of the patterns in the book are beautiful, but look completely do-able. I cannot wait to make all of them. There's about 25 patterns, all of them completely original. The photographs of all the socks are beautifully done and highlight all the beauty and intricacies of the socks. A little over half the socks seem to be of the lacy style, with beautiful shapes and motifs. I think that these will be perfect spring, summer, and fall socks. Overall, if you're thinking about a toe-up sock book, this one is for you!

I've been trying to knit a sock for months now. Three Craftsy classes, one additional online class and THREE BOOKS. There is nothing wrong with any of the teachers or writers. They just were too advanced for me to make any progress. I am not on the last leg of my second sock from this book. What made this book work for me was two things. Clear directions on how to choose a sock size including explaining negative ease. The reasons the last project before this one failed was that it ended up HUGE. This set of socks fit. The second thing this book has that neither of the other books had were THREE PLAIN VANILLA socks. Two kinds of toes. Three kinds of heels. Several cast ons, none of which I'd ever tried before. I made a figure eight cast on toe and a short row heel, and like I said. Success! My next project is to fill in the holes in my knowledge of lace knitting. I've just ordered Wendy Johnson's book on the subject. It should arrive just as I am casting off on this sock.

This seems a very pretty pattern but I was expecting "Socks From The Toe Up" BOOK. After all, if you're looking at a hard cover book & it says PAPERBACK or KINDLE, wouldn't you expect both choices to be the same "book"? I'm very disappointed.

This book is perfect for the person who already knows a few basic techniques for toe-up sock knitting & wants some basic patterns to get started on using the toe-up techniques. If you want good photos of the toe-up techniques & worksheets to plug in the number of stitches for that technique, I would recommend *Toe-Up! Patterns and Worksheets to Whip Your Sock Knitting Into Shape*. Between these two books, you will have everything you need to become a great toe-up sock

knitter. Just be prepared that most of these sock patterns require a solid or semi-solid colored sock yarn to show off the stitch patterns. There are a few that you can use the very popular self-stripping or variegated yarn if you don't mind that the pattern doesn't show up so well. If you are more advanced & confident in your sock knitting, you may want to try *Knitting Socks with Handpainted Yarn*. Beware that this book is not a toe-up or beginner book. I just ordered it, so I do not know how many patterns that you would have to convert to toe-up. If you are looking for more advanced patterns, Wendy Johnson has a new sock knitting book coming out soon. I just pre-ordered it. The book is *Toe-Up Socks for Every Body: Adventurous Lace, Cables, and Colorwork from Wendy Knits*. I can't wait to challenge myself with these more complicated patterns! In conclusion, the variety of good, basic, easy to knit patterns makes it impossible for me to choose a favorite. There are so many I can't wait to knit! The photos of the socks & their stitch patterns are amazing. You can see exactly what the patterns are supposed to look like. This book is definitely a great addition to your sock knitting library as are any of the other books I mentioned.

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