



Southborough LibGuide: Knitting Resources

Do you want to learn to knit? Or have you tried before and given up? Knitting is a great hobby and once you get over the first “growing pains” it can be soothing, reduce stress, and can be very rewarding. You don’t have to be incredibly crafty or have lots of dexterity, you just need to have a bit of patience and time. So, give it a try and use these resources to help you get started or learn new techniques!

Classes: If you enjoy learning with others and like to be taught by someone, [check your local libraries](#), senior centers, and local knitting stores for classes. Many offer free classes while others may charge a fee.

Shopping: You have many options to purchase yarn, needles, and other knitting supplies. Stores like *Michael’s* offer a wide selection of yarns but offer little guidance. If you need a little hand holding, a couple local spots I like are *CraftWorks* in Northborough and *The Fabric Basement* in Natick but I’m sure there are many more.

Online Resources: If you prefer to teach yourself or need reminding of a certain knitting technique, there are many online resources. Here are a few popular sites where you can watch tutorials, get free patterns, purchase yarn and connect with other knitters. Most yarn brands have a website offering free patterns so be sure to check their site as well.

CreativeBug: www.southboroughlib.org. Use your Southborough library card to access **Creativebug** free. [Creativebug](#) provides unlimited access to thousands of video classes including knitting.

Ravelry: www.ravelry.com. A free social networking service and website for knitters, crocheters, and fiber artists. They offer free patterns and tutorials and can connect you to other knitters.

Purl Soho: www.purlsoho.com. Offers free patterns and great tutorials. Can also purchase yarn and patterns.

e-books: www.southboroughlib.org. Use your Southborough library card to access **Hoopla** and **Libby** free. Simply go to our website, download the app, and browse available e-books and magazines to borrow.

Books: Southborough boasts a diverse collection of knitting books that includes children’s books. Remember, if you cannot find what you’re looking for on our shelves, you have access to books in the entire CWMARs network. Simply go to your account, browse the book selection, put your choice on hold and it will be delivered to Southborough for you to pick up.

Donate Knitting Projects: There are many organizations to which you can knit items and donate. Check with your local hospitals and check on line to find a cause meaningful to you. There are many options and these are just a few local sites:

Greater Boston Knitting Guild www.gbkg.org/community

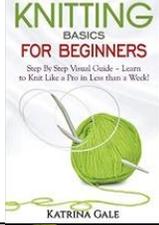
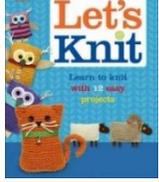
Circle of Stitches www.circleofstitches.com/charity

Caps for Kids Beantown weloveyarn.com/giving-back

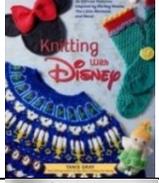
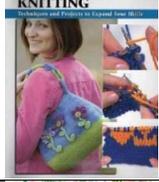
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Remember, this is just a small sampling of what Southborough has on our shelves. We encourage you to go into your library account and browse the many books available:

Beginner Knitters:

	<p>Knitting basics for Beginners: step by step visual guide - learn to knit like a pro in less than a week! Gale, Katrina</p> <p>746.43 GALE</p>
	<p>60 quick knits for beginners: easy projects for new knitters in 220 Superwash from Cascade yarns</p> <p>746.432 SIXTY</p>
	<p>Let's knit. Dorling Kindersley, Inc.</p> <p>J746.43 DK</p> <p>Note: This is a children's book.</p>
	<p>Baby knits for beginners Bliss, Debbie.</p> <p>746.43 BLISS</p>

More Advanced Knitters:

	<p>Knitting with Disney: 28 official patterns inspired by Mickey Mouse, The Little Mermaid, and more! Gray, Tanis</p> <p>746.43 GRAY</p>
	<p>Beyond basic knitting: techniques and projects to expand your skills</p> <p>746.432 BERRY</p>
	<p>Knitted animal friends: over 40 knitting patterns for adorable animal dolls, their clothes and accessories Crowther, Louise</p> <p>746.432 CROWTHER</p>