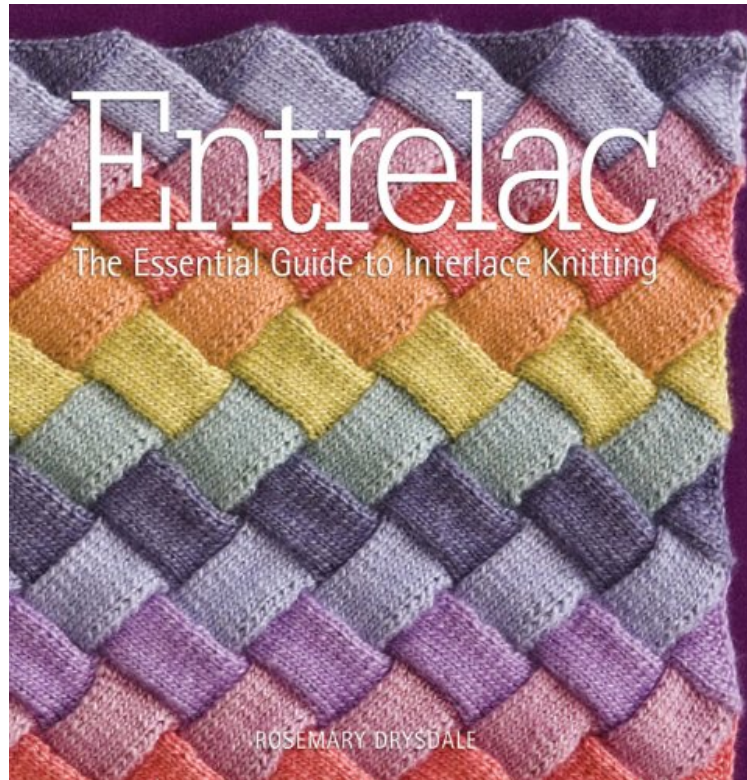


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**Rosemary Drysdale : Entrelac: The Essential Guide to Interlace Knitting** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Entrelac: The Essential Guide to Interlace Knitting:

220 of 221 people found the following review helpful. Best Entrelac Book Yet: Includes Instructions for Technique, "Designer" Rectangles, Attractive Garments By Lynne E. Far and away the best book yet on entrelac knitting! This is the book that I wish I'd had, when I first attempted entrelac. It has big, beautiful photos that illustrate each step in the entrelac process, and it includes detailed information on things like how to avoid holes where the triangles and rectangles are joined. It also explains how to knit backward (for increased speed), how to pick up stitches (from garter and stockinette edges), and how to knit entrelac in the round. But it gets better. It also includes written-out pattern instructions (no charts, sad to say) for knitting fancy, non-stockinette rectangles that can be combined with plain stockinette rectangles to add interest to entrelac fabric. The "designer" rectangles incorporate lace patterns, cables, relief designs, geometric designs, colorwork, beads, felting, embroidery, and "melange" techniques such as two-color garter stripes. Each "designer" rectangle pattern is illustrated by a large full-color swatch photo. By my count, there are more than 50 patterns for different fancy rectangles. And it gets even better. There are attractive patterns for garments that use entrelac accent panels (highly-textured entrelac fabric can be overpowering if a garment is knit entirely in entrelac). There are also patterns for pillows, socks, purses, blankets, cowls, scarves, shawls, and long mitts. The garment patterns include: (1) uptown poncho, (2) rose garden baby cardi, (3) Edwardian cardigan, (4) shades of gray vest, and (5) garden path jacket. I particularly like the baby cardigan, which has an entrelac border with embroidered

roses, and the garment patterns that use stripes in combination with entrelac sections. All of the patterns are basic enough to have general appeal, without being boring. Moderately experienced knitters should have no trouble knitting the patterns, because the entrelac technique is easy to master, even though it appears complicated. Finally, there is a brief chapter on entrelac designing that includes a discussion about figuring out gauge. I really love this book, which belongs on any serious knitter's reference shelf. Another good new book on entrelac knitting is *Entree to Entrelac: The Definitive Guide from a Biased Knitter*, which has quite a bit of technical how-to information, but is primarily a collection of patterns which mostly use plain stockinette rectangles. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Cyndi Beaudin Love this book. It really helped with learning the technique of entrelac knitting. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful book By Ellen J. Johnson This is a beautiful book on entrelac. I already figured out how to do entrelac from a Knitty.com pattern so I can't say whether this book could've taught me how to master the basic technique. I will say that it has many beautiful variations and color schemes worth looking into and trying. There are some nice patterns too, but I would reference this book more as a stitch sampler. It certainly takes entrelac to the next level beautifully.

One of today's hottest knitting trends is entrelac, a modular technique that results in striking basketwork designs of rows within rows and interlocking diamond patterns. Using only simple knit and purl stitches, knitters can create eye-catching pieces with incredible texture. Entrelac introduces both the history and how-to of this fun style, along with 20 patterns for a variety of garments, home decor items, and baby accessories. Comprehensive instructions and a wide array of swatches provide endless possibilities in lace, colorwork, and much more.