

Resources for Traditional Knitting of the British Isles

Books: good online source for new & used books – www.addall.com

50 Fabulous Knit Aran Stitches, Rita Weiss 2009 (no charts)

Aran Knitting, Alice Starmore (2 editions, 1997 and 2010, charts)

Aran Lace, Annie Maloney <https://www.needleartsknitting.com/knitting/product/aran-lace/> (charts, I think!)

The Best of Knitters: Arans and Celts, 2003 (charts)

The Cable Knitting Handbook, Annie Maloney – see above

Cable & Arans, ed. Erika Knight, 2007 (very few charts)

Cables, Volume 1: The Basics, Janet Szabo, 2007 (charts)

Cables, Diamonds & Herringbones, Secrets of Knitting Traditional Fishermens Sweaters, Sabine Domnick (charts)

The Celtic Collection, Alice Starmore (more modern designs based on tradition, charts)

The Complete Book of Traditional Aran Knitting, Sheila Hollingsworth, 1982 (no charts)

The Complete Book of Traditional Guernsey and Jersey Knitting, Rae Compton, 1985 (some charts)

Dutch Traditional Ganseys, Stella Ruhe, 2013 (charts)

Fisherman's Sweaters, Alice Starmore, 1993 (charts)

The Great American Aran Afghan, Knitters Magazine

Aran Sweater Design, Janet Szabo, 2006 (charts)

The Harmony Guide to Aran and Fair Isle Knitting, 1995 (charts and written)

Knitting Around the World, Threads magazine

Knitting from the Netherlands, Traditional Dutch Fisherman's Sweaters, Henriette van der Klift-Tellegen, 1985 (charts)

Knitting Ganseys, Beth Brown-Reinsel (two editions, 1993 and 2018, both have charts)

Knitting in the Old Way, Priscilla A. Gibson-Roberts, 2005

More Traditional Dutch Ganseys, Stella Ruhe, charts

Norah Gaughan's Knitted Cable Sourcebook, 2016 (charts and written)

Patterns For Jerseys, Guernseys, and Arans, Gladys Thompson, 1971 (gansey charts, no aran charts)

Refined Knits, Jennifer Wood, 2016 (charts)

Traditional Knitting from the Scottish & Irish Isles, Debbie Bliss 1991

The Very Easy Guide to Cable Knitting, Lynne Watterson, 2010 (charts and words)

Shetland Lace

The Art of Shetland Lace, Sarah Don

The Best of Knitters Shawls & Scarves

A Gathering of Lace, ed. Meg Swansen

Heirloom Knitting, Sharon Miller

Knitting by the Fireside & On the Hillside (history only, lace chapter) – **out of print**

Knitting Workshop, Elizabeth Zimmerman

Mary Thomas's Knitting Book, Mary Thomas (1 Shetland lace chapter)

A Shetland Knitter's Notebook (mostly Fair Isle, 6 lace stitch patterns) – **out of print**

Shetland Lace, Gladys Amedro

Shetland Lace Knitting from Charts, Hazel Carter

A Shetland Lace Workbook, Elizabeth Lovick (e-book, available on etsy.com)

Stahman's Shawls & Scarves, Myra Stahman

Fair Isle colorwork

Alice Starmore's Book of Fair Isle Knitting, Alice Starmore

The Art of Fair Isle Knitting, Ann Feitelson

The Complete Book of Traditional Fair Isle Knitting, Sheila McGregor

Fair Isle Sweaters Simplified, Ann & Eugene Bourgeois

Arans, Ganseys, Fair Isle & Lace – all together!

Classic British Knits, Madeline Weston oop but republished as Country Weekend Knits, 2008 (few charts)

The Complete Book of Traditional Knitting, Rae Compton

Jamieson's Shetland Knitting (also 2nd & 3rd vols.)

Simply Shetland (also 2nd, 3rd, 4th vols.)

Traditional Island Knitting, Pam Dawson

Michael Pearson's Traditional Knitting, Aran, Fair Isle and fisher ganseys, 1984 (other editions, too – charts)

Traditional Knitting: Aran, Fair Isle and Fisher Ganseys, Michael Pearson

General Knitting & Yarn books:

The Book of Yarn, Clara Parks, 2007

The Book of Wool, Clara Parks, 2009

Fleece & Fiber Sourcebook, Deborah Robson & Carol Ekarius, 2011

The Field Guide to Fleece & Fiber, Deborah Robson & Carol Ekarius, 2013

A History of Hand Knitting, Richard Rutt, 1989

Knit To Flatter, Amy Herzog, 2013, also - Knit.Wear.Love, You Can Knit That, Ultimate Sweater Book

The Knitters Companion, Deluxe edition with DVD, Vicki Square, 2010

Knitting Without Tears, Elizabeth Zimmerman, 1973

Any books by Margaret Radcliffe, Cap Sease

Yarns:

Blacker British Yarns: <https://www.blackeryarns.co.uk/>

Frangipani 5 ply gansey yarn <http://www.guernseywool.co.uk/index.html>

Peace Fleece (Aran designs and yarns) <https://peacefleece.com/shop/>

comparable to Peace Fleece but softer – Cascade 220, Cascade Aran, KnitPicks Peruvian Highland wool yarns

Schoolhouse Press (Meg Swansen, EZ's daughter, books, patterns, yarns): <http://www.schoolhousepress.com/>

Solitude Wool: <https://solitudewool.com/> Breed specific yarns, primarily wool.

WEBS (Valley yarns, close outs, All The Yarn): <https://www.yarn.com/>

Woollie Thistle (lots of UK yarns including Jamieson & Smith) <https://thewoollythistle.com>

Virtual Yarns (Starmore designs and yarns): <http://www.virtualyarns.com>

Ravelry & online magazines, pattern sources

Ravelry (social network, the ultimate resource for knitters): <http://www.ravelry.com/>

Knitters Review (Clara Park's newsletter, forum): <http://www.knittersreview.com/>

Knitty (online magazine, free patterns): <http://www.knitty.com>

Modern Daily Knitting – <https://www.moderndailyknitting.com> - subscribe to Snippets weekly

Twists and Turns (Aran knitting newsletter): <http://www.bigskyknitting.com/>

Gordon Reid's Gansey Nation - www.ganseys.com

Vintage Fair Isle <https://susancrawfordvintage.com>

Cables: Improving & Troubleshooting article - <https://www.moderndailyknitting.com/cables-improving-and-troubleshooting/>

Fitting drop shoulder sweaters: <https://amyherzogdesigns.com/2020/02/11/now-in-customfit-drop-shoulder-sweaters/>

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Grist article - <https://www.moderndailyknitting.com/grist-secret-measurement-substituting-yarn/>
Working With Two Yarns/Yarn Dominance article by Beth Brown Reinsel: https://s32071.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/Working_With_two_Yarns.pdf
500+ free vintage aran patterns: <http://aranpatternarchive.com/>
The Red Shawl - Faroese Shawl from Shetland by Martha Owen: email Martha to purchase the pattern at marthaowenwoolens@gmail.com
Dark and Stormy: <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/dark-and-stormy>
Fisher Lassie: <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/fisher-lassie>
Rogue Hoodie: <http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/rogue>
Must Have cardigan: <https://www.yarnspirations.com/patons-must-have-cardigan/PAK0129-001227M.htm>
Faery Ring jacket : <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/faery-ring>
Purl Soho Baby Colorwork Cardi : <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/baby-colorwork-cardigan>
Melissa's Ravelry queues (I am peaceweaver on Ravelry)
Arans: <https://www.ravelry.com/people/peaceweaver/queue?set=aran&view=thumblist>
Colorwork: <https://www.ravelry.com/people/peaceweaver/queue?query=colorwork&in=tags&view=thumblist>
Ganseys: <https://www.ravelry.com/people/peaceweaver/queue?query=ganseys&in=tags&view=thumblist>

Melissa's YouTube channel for weaving videos and 280+ traditional song videos:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCSsdMuR6cWc34IVfvJWB_A

Facebook knitting groups:

Fair Isle Knitting & other color work <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1403003430005419>
The Fair Isle Fisherman's Kep page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/602312566589772>
Norwegian sweater eye candy: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/koftegruppa/?fref=nf>

Print Magazines

Interweave Knits: <https://www.interweave.com/store/knitting/knitting-magazines/knitting-magazines-interweave-knits>
Piecework Magazine often includes knitting content: <https://pieceworkmagazine.com>
Traditional Knitting, and Folk Knitting – back issues are available from Long Thread Media:
https://shop.longthreadmedia.com/collections/piecework?q=knitting%20traditions&hPP=10&idx=itm_shopify_products&p=0&is_v=1
Vogue Knitting: <https://www.vogueknitting.com/>

Shetland Wool Week: <https://www.shetlandwoolweek.com>

Akerworks Swatch Gauge: <https://www.akerworks.com/collections/swatch-gauges/products/swatch-gauge>
Susan Bates Finishing Needles: <https://www.yarn.com/products/susan-bates-finishing-needles>
Highlighter tape: <https://www.yarn.com/products/highlighter-tape>
Stitch Repair hook tool: <https://www.yarn.com/products/cocoknits-stitch-fixer>