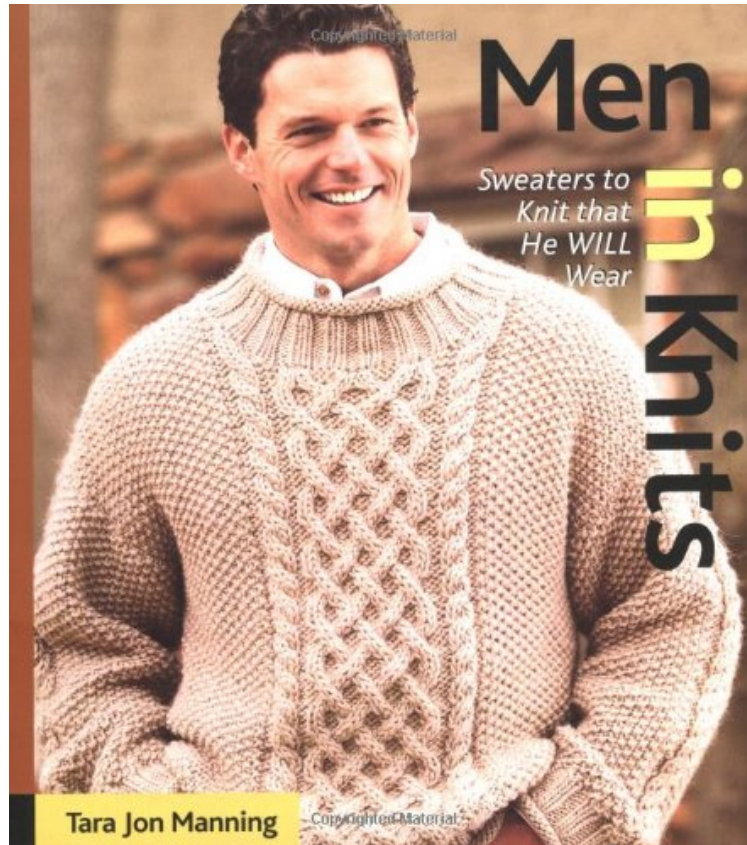


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**Tara Jon Manning : Men in Knits** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Men in Knits:

21 of 21 people found the following review helpful. A great book, almost foolproof, and really fun, with gorgeous resultBy J. MullallyI have not knit for 25 years, and certainly never did anything like arans in my whole life, but have been able to make the most fantastic pullovers and cardigans for my boyfriend as a result, ones he not only wears, but proudly brags about (and so he should, the Debbie Bliss Cashmerino I use does NOT come cheap!!)At the same time, though, if you are going to take the trouble to do these lovely designs, go for the best yet most practical yarn you can afford. The patterns like the one on the front of the book knit up really well and swiftly if you use your markers and good wool, and don't go for anything too fussy that a guy will balk at-the texture and pattern really does all the work for you to make it gorgeous. I have made sweaters in black, navy, mid blue, charcoal gray, regular gray, and the traditional Irish oatmeal since I bought the book last year. The cardigans and pullovers also are very similar in patterns, strategy, like the diamonds, so once you get the pattern into your head, don't stop, go for another sweater.The fit is perfect, the instructions clear, for the most part, if you make sure you read the whole thing through before you start the pattern, and make notes to yourself as you go.Also, I strongly recommend photocopying the pattern several

times per panel of the sweater or sleeve, to use as scratch paper, because they are repeating patterns based over like 30 rows or so. With the copies, you can just cross off one row so you don't get lost in the pattern. For the more complicated aran and color work ones, you can even cross them off one stitch at a time if need be. One other recommendation, if you are going to invest this kind of time and money to create a fab sweater like the ones in this book, if you can find a knit store that will help you finish off the garment professionally, by all means do so. It is really the difference between handmade and exquisite, or homemade and kind of silly. The chart at the front, what is your guys style, and match it to the pattern, is really the best part of the book! Now I have to knit for my step-dad and brother, they have been so wowed by the sweaters they've seen me making! Enjoy!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Thank God for this book  
By Veronique from KnitwearPatterns  
I wanted to share the love and knit a jumper for my husband. The problem was... finding a pattern he liked! He is so unbelievably fussy. There are a lot of patterns for men out there which look really nice to me but not to him!!! So I was intrigued by the promise that this book contained patterns that "he will wear". I thoroughly read the psychological guidelines and these were great help and worked a charm. My husband decided he liked the pattern on the book cover. The next thing was the yarn, but that's another story.... I don't know if all men are like this (I only have one husband) but if they are, you are in for quite a bit of a process in deciding what pattern to knit for him. I now realise I don't have to feel guilty about knitting lots for myself and very little for my husband. He is too fussy with patterns. We agreed one jumper per year. The important thing is that he actually wears what I knit for him with love. The book delivers on its promise and goes into details on how to approach a reluctant man when proposing to knit something for him. A very valuable insight into men's knitwear psychology.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Book  
By W. Byrd  
I am a guy who knits as well as crochets. For the past several years my focus has been on crocheting, yet greatly admiring Aran style patterns and being inspired by a friend who is an excellent knitter, I decided to get out my knitting needles, and also to order this book. You know those books you order that may have one or maybe two patterns that you might use? Well, be prepared for a book full of really great looking pullovers, cardigans, vests ... many in sizes for boys as well as men. Just for the record, my favorite, if I had to choose .. is the one on the cover .. Jack's Aran Pullover. It's hard to choose because they all look so good, but as soon as I am finished with my present project, that is the one I will be doing. One more thing ... her patterns are very clearly written and her charts are very user friendly. I don't believe you will be disappointed if you purchase this book.

This collection of men's sweater projects presents classic designs and trendy fashion-forward pieces, forgoing the stereotypical Mr. Rogers and Bill Cosby variety of sweater. Offering tips for overcoming men's reluctance to wear sweaters, this book provides the tools needed for making the right choices in fit, color, texture, and style to create beautiful, masculine knitted sweaters. Explored are how to understand his personal style and which colors and textures flatter particular physiques so that the sweater will be both enjoyable to knit and a favorite to wear. Patterns for Arans, Argyle, basket case, and cable rib are included for knitting cardigans, pullovers, V-necks, vests, and accessories such as scarves and gloves. Although intended for men, these sweaters have great unisex appeal and were developed for both new and seasoned knitters.

"Lives up to its subtitle: sweaters to knit that he WILL wear." - Knit Together