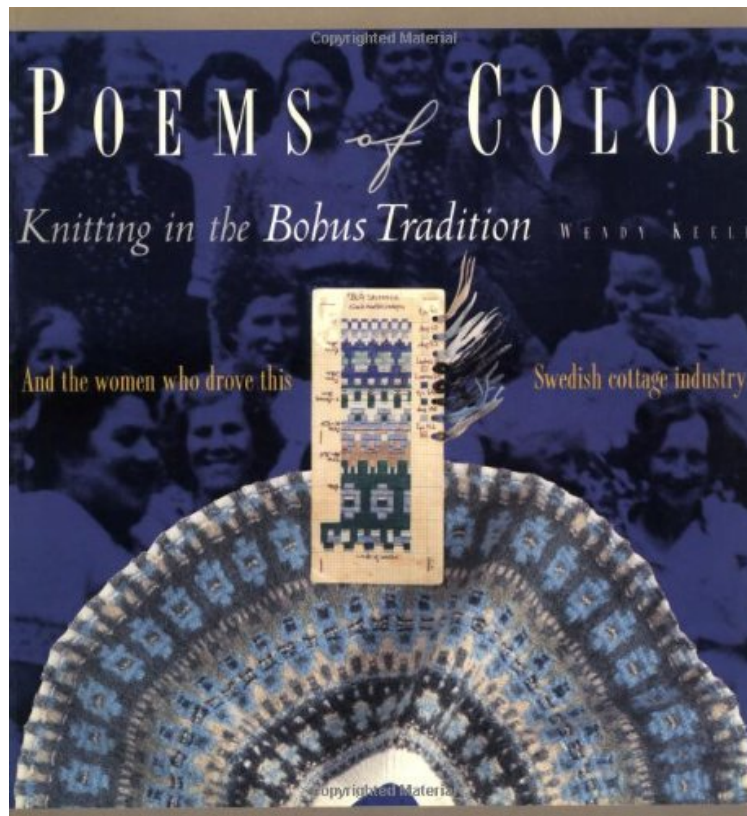


## Poems of Color: Knitting in the Bohus Tradition

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**Wendy Keele : Poems of Color: Knitting in the Bohus Tradition** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Poems of Color: Knitting in the Bohus Tradition:

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Inspiring!By fibermanI haven't done any of the patterns from the book yet, but boy oh boy has it given me ideas.The book is well-written and loaded with illustrations of vintage Bohus pieces. The patterns and charts are clear - an experienced knitter should have no problem following them. The color work is well charted, for those who want design their own project around a favorite Bohus pattern, rather than re-creating one of the vintage garments.I appreciate the pictures of the re-created clothing. The recommended yarns aren't as fluffy as the vintage yarns, so the colors don't blend the way they do in vintage pieces. The color work will "pop" more than in the original pieces. I imagine that one could substitute fluffier yarns (more mohair, angora, something) and then brush the finished piece for a more traditional effect.Had I written this book, I would have concentrated more on charting the colorwork patterns rather than providing instructions on making entire garments. That is, I would have been even happier with this book had it included charts for more of the distinctive Bohus color work and fewer instructions on how to make an entire sweater.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Colorful Patterns --- Fun to MakeBy PoodytatI've knit two of the hats from this book. The patterns range from easier to harder, and some look dated, while others do not. The patterns I've worked are clear, although I have a quibble with the charts. The color keys should be larger. When you have seven shades of magenta, it's hard to use the miniscule color key boxes to

determine--- what is color 102 or is it 104? Definitely not a pattern book for a beginner. The patterns are really starting points to use in creating your own knitting. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. When knitting slides into economic justiceBy StanHThis has been one of my favorite books focusing on knitting history. It has very few designs and patterns, but the story of this tradition and the economic opportunities it created for women almost makes it a book about economic justice. The author is a gifted story teller, I wish the patterns and yarn were available for those of us who would like to knit in this rich tradition.

Full-color reproductions of original pattern swatches, sweaters, and accessories from the Bohus workshop in Sweden, along with the history of the women who designed them.

.com Many handcraft traditions are lost because no one records the history and techniques, even though numerous examples and practitioners still exist. Thankfully, Wendy Keele has prevented this from happening to Bohus-style knitting. Poems of Color shows this unique Scandinavian knitting style-- philosophy, really--in careful detail, elucidated by a number of the original knitters and beautifully illustrated with color photographs.From Library JournalFounded in 1939 to provide a source of extra income for skilled knitters whose families had been hard hit by the Depression, the Swedish knitting cooperative Bohus Stickning produced handknit garments of the finest workmanship and design for 30 years. Bohus knits subsequently became sought-after collector's items. Nine years in the writing, this is the first trade book in English about Bohus. Keele combines a history of the cooperative and its garments, designers, and knitting techniques with a selection of patterns that will interest contemporary knitters who want to make their own Bohus-style garments. The sweater patterns have been adapted to today's more casual oversized styles. Highly recommended.Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. Fine colors and patterns make the sweaters from the Bohus workshop in Sweden unique: now enjoy an excellent collection of original designs and patterns in a title which tells how to duplicate this shop's works. Color photos of finished products accompany knitting instructions and materials lists. --Midwest Book