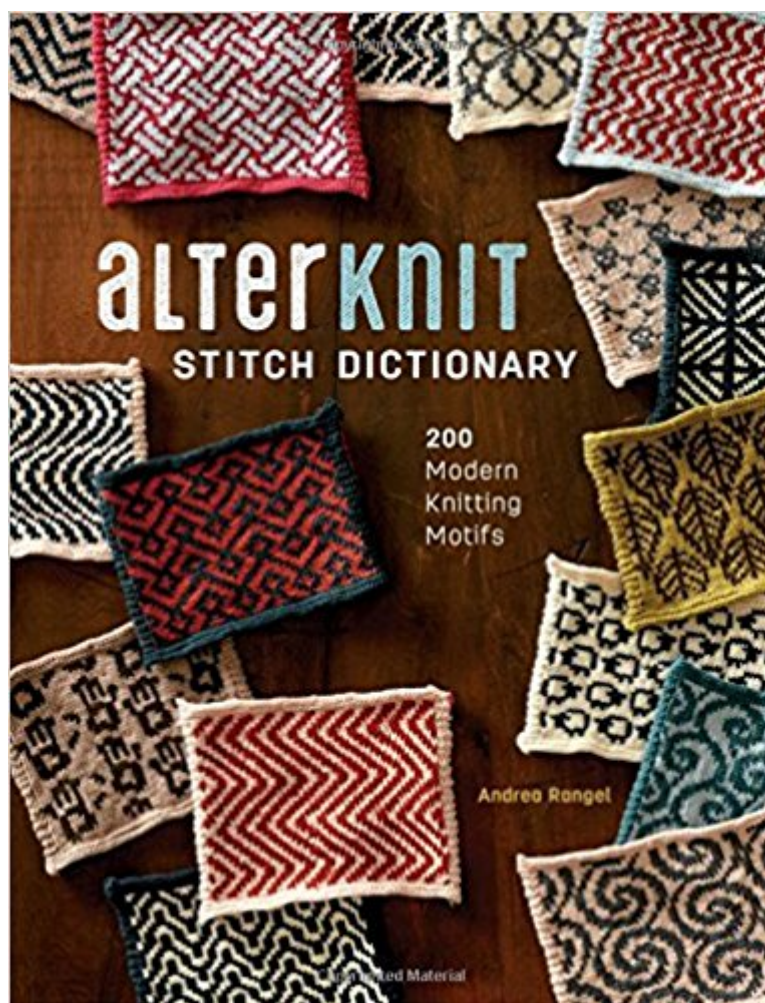


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# AlterKnit Stitch Dictionary: 200 Modern Knitting Motifs



## Synopsis

Break the rules--knit outside the lines! AlterKnit Stitch Dictionary takes an unexpected look at stranded colorwork with 200 new motifs. These non-traditional colorwork charts are perfect for the creative knitter looking to break away from the ordinary. Derived from graphic design elements, these fresh motifs include everything from geometric mountains, waves, and spirals to modern bikes, skulls, and sheep. Dive into stranded colorwork with confidence with a section on reading charts, working floats, and choosing colors. Learn how stranded colorwork can be used in design with five accompanying projects including mitts, cowls, and sweaters. Plus, use your imagination to modify, deconstruct, and combine the unique motifs to create your own designs. Be inspired to break the rules and use charts in creative ways with AlterKnit Stitch Dictionary.

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## Customer Reviews

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I like moving forward in my knitting. I'm tired of making yesterday but true tested items. this book shows more of what can be made and I love the pictures and instructions

Excellent resource. Creative designs, up to date, current. Just enough to get you started designing an original knit garment.

I love this book! It is packed full of fresh, attractive motifs that make me want to drop what I am working on and try them out. It also has quite a few really fun motifs, including zombies!

Wide variety of colorwork stitch patterns along with general tips for colorwork, tips for incorporating colorwork into any pattern and a few full patterns. I highly recommend this book!

Great book, highly recommend!

Great explanations, great ideas for stranded knitting. A must have for your knitting library.

The 200+ motifs start with a fresh, creative take on lovely traditional motifs, moves on to some playful variations and improvements on old faithfuls such as horizontal, vertical stripes and squares, and the grand finale are several unique, original, one of a kind, newly designed motifs. Zombies, hippos, raccoons & garbage cans, mushrooms, bicycles, owls, bears, bats, .... Some motifs are inspired by the vertigo inducing ideas of M.C. Escher - a treasure trove of new, fresh, inspiring, smile-inducing patterns! At the very end five basic patterns, very well explained, that can be used as is or altered to fit your needs and ideas. The technical side is also worth mentioning: Excellent, crystal-clear pictures, the knitting itself done on top-level, the charts nicely laid out. Technical explanations, hints, tips and tricks are contained to the necessary minimum: Enough to understand and be inspired; but not too much to be boring. A great deal of encouragement, and cheer-leading by the author: take this book and run with it! Nothing is chiseled in stone, do it your way! Be your own designer and artist. This book is a treat and should not be missing from any knitting book library, no matter how large or small!

Hands down the best stitch dictionary for motifs that I've come across. This is a valuable resource for anyone who wants to dabble in knitwear design or for those who just like to add a surprise pop of pizzazz to simple projects. Personalize a hat by adding a skull and crossbones motif or insert some paws up the side of a pair of socks or customize a cowl with a psychedelic squiggle pattern - there are so many ideas in this book to get your creative juices flowing. All 200 of the motifs are charted and clearly photographed in bright, contrasting colors. To top it off, there are 5 top-notch patterns that include tips and techniques. A must for any knitting library!

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