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The Complete Surprise: Knitting Elizabeth Zimmermann's Surprise Jacket



Synopsis

The Complete Surprise is truly a complete guide to Elizabeth Zimmermann's Surprise Jacket - filled to the brim with exciting projects for absolute beginner to experienced knitter! Most people learn to knit by making a simple scarf. The Complete Surprise uses this approach, with a twist: New knitters start with a Surprise Scarf, knit with a unique shape and incorporating all the basic knitting techniques needed to make Elizabeth Zimmermann's iconic Baby Surprise Jacket. Move from the Scarf to the Baby Surprise Jacket and knit one of the most popular knitting designs ever, with a wealth of optional variations. Add colors when and where you like, to create a one-of-a-kind look. Next try the brand-new variations: Surprise Dress, Surprise Bolero, and Surprise Snuggle Suit, along with the classic EZ Surprise Bootees and Surprise Bonnet. Plus, with the author's revolutionary analysis of Elizabeth Zimmermann's design and new approach to sizing, the book enables you to knit a Jacket of any size (Adult, Baby or Child) that is custom fit (in body circumference, body length, sleeve depth and sleeve length) using the wool, needles and gauge of your choice! Advanced knitters can incorporate new options from a curved neck to waist shaping, and the colorful Circular Stranded Surprise Jacket is covered in detail.

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Customer Reviews

So pleased to finally get the BSJ pattern I've read so much about and this edition has so many other patterns using the same approach. Not being an advanced knitter, I appreciate the extra help and information in the book.

So much information in one book.. As the title says- The Complete Surprise!

Delightful update of Elizabeth Zimmerman's work, by her granddaughter. Builds on EZ's fantastic idea of knitting as sensible and not terribly fussy

This book explains the math behind Elizabeth Zimmerman's surprise sweater. It also adapts the original to different sizes and weights of yarn. The concept is explained so that beginning knitters can follow fairly easily. It is a joy for experienced knitters.

I do not like the font used in the book, and the layout was weird. What I do like is that there is the main baby surprise jacket as well as variations on it. This makes the book a good value. There are also tester patterns to get you ready for knitting the more complex patterns. And, it has the sass of Ms. Zimmermann, which is much appreciated by a fellow sassy knitter!

Love EZ knitting patterns. Easy to read, easy to knit items.

If it's Elizabeth Zimmerman, it's good and has very inventive projects.

How can you not like a book written by a descendant of Elizabeth Zimmerman; gives many options and helpful notes for any size and variety of the surprise sweater.

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