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The Essential Repair Manual for Knitters

**KNIT FIX:
PROBLEM SOLVING FOR KNITTERS
Lisa Kartus**

**According to an ongoing Knitter's Review poll, 28.9 percent of all knitters will not tolerate any mistakes in their knitting; another 4.2 percent are in denial about mistakes. Knitters are also meticulous about getting it right from the beginning. In a separate poll, when asked, "What's the maximum number of times you'll frog (or rip out) a project before giving up on it?" 41.5 percent of respondents said "As many times as it takes to get it right." Only 1.5 percent responded "Zero. If it's messed up, it's messed up."*

Loveland, Colo: It's midnight and you're finally finishing up your knitting masterpiece when you realize you've dropped a stitch a couple rows back. The knitting store is closed, you cannot call your mother, you're in a panic and your sweater is about to unravel. What do you do? You reach for **KNIT FIX!**

From the basics of what a stitch is supposed to look like to techniques for fixing the toughest knitting mistakes, Lisa Kartus cheerfully teaches knitters how to see and mend the errors of their ways in **KNIT FIX: PROBLEM SOLVING FOR KNITTERS** (Interweave Press, September 2006, \$19.95). Kartus answers all the age-old knitting questions, from what to do if you can't find your place in the pattern to how to rescue a sweater gone horribly wrong to and when it's okay to let the mistakes stand.

KNIT FIX puts together all the guidance novice knitters need to become independent and all the advice experienced knitters need to take their projects to the next level. Written in a conversational, approachable style, Kartus teaches how to assess knitting philosophy, size buttonholes correctly, decipher charts, choose fibers and calculate yardage, tackle holes, join yarns, work with multicolor knitting, alter a finished piece, and custom-fit a pattern. Knitting fixes are clearly explained with photographs and charts, in a handy, carry-along format, perfect to keep tucked in your knitting bag for any emergency.

In **KNIT FIX**, Kartus also includes her own personal knitting stories of heroics and controversy—like “deforesting” a sweater with a tree pattern to make it fit, and what she finally did with the sweater that fit like a gorilla suit. The stories will keep readers laughing about their knitting troubles, instead of feeling frustrated and defeated. After all, knitting is supposed to be fun and relaxing!

So, the next time knitters run out of yarn before finishing their fabulous sweaters, their buttonholes won't hold their fancy buttons, or they can't tell their knit stitches from their purl stitches, they have no need to worry. **KNIT FIX** is the ultimate guide to perfect knitting techniques, no matter what the knitting dilemma. It will make fixing all knitting problems a snap!

*Percentages are based on 4,461 online poll responses as of April 19, 2006; for the latest results visit <http://www.knittersreview.com>.

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