

MOSAIC KNITTING

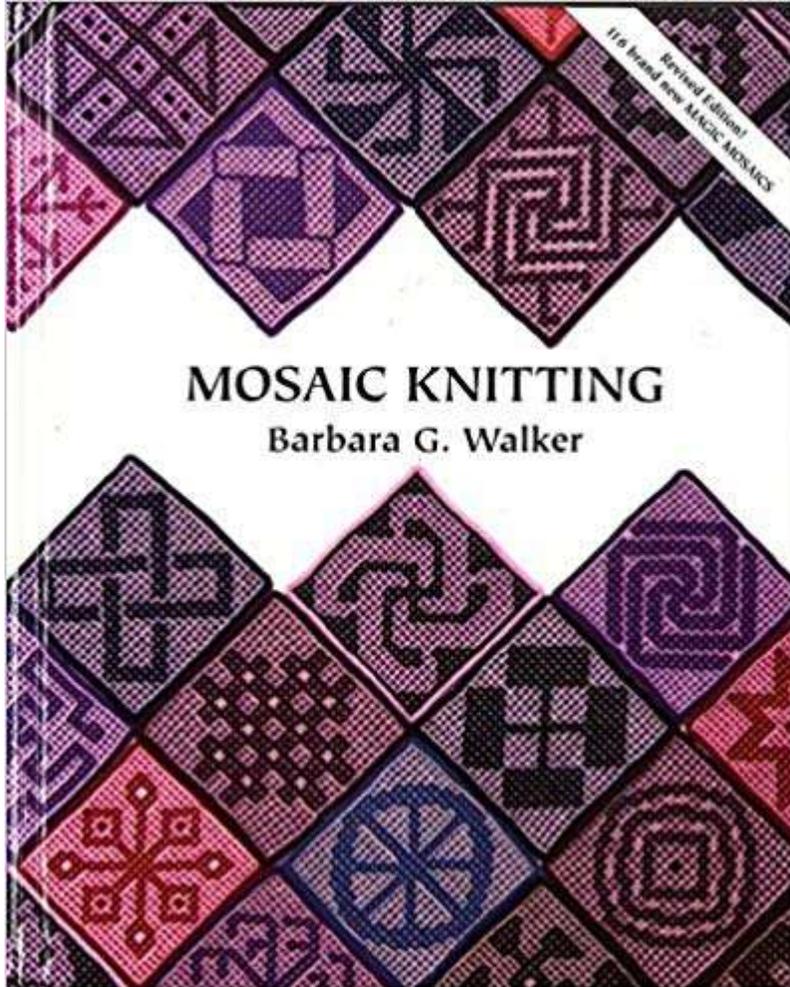
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Slipped stitch patterns have been around for a long time. Barbara Walker coined the term Mosaic Knitting to describe two color, slipped stitch patterns knit in garter stitch in her book Charted Knitting Designs, published in 1972.

Mosaic Knitting was originally published in 1976. A revised and expanded edition featuring 116 additional patterns was published by Schoolhouse Press in 1997 and reprinted in 2006.





Thanks to Mason-Dixon Knitting, the Ballband Dishcloth is probably one of the most recognizable Mosaic Knitting patterns of the past 15 years.

There are over 10,300 projects for this one pattern on Ravelry and surely countless more that were not recorded there.

Easy way to add a bit of texture and color

- Bands of simple mosaic patterns or mosaic motifs add interest in garments



Mosaic Knitting How To

Key points:

Our discussion is limited to garter stitch patterns knit flat (back & forth)

Only one color used per set of TWO rows – to make 1 garter stitch ridge

Ridges alternate between the two colors – one ridge dark/one ridge light.

Charts are usually shown in black & white- high contrast for readability and ease of reproduction.

Carry on!

No wayward yarns...

Let's get our terminology straight

This is a bird's eye view of my knitting –

Right side row, knitting with my CC. I'll be knitting with yellow and slipping stitches – the MC is black.



Front? Back? Right side? Wrong side? What the heck????

Think of a piece of stranded knitting, like Fair Isle or Icelandic colorwork where the yarn not being used is always carried along on the same side of the knitted piece. It's carried on the side that generally doesn't show.

Right side
Outside
Front



Wrong side
Inside
Back



The whole idea is that the yarn is carried, not seen



Front of work



Carries to the rear



Yellow yarn is already in correct position, just slip the black stitch from the left to right needle, inserting right needle as you would to purl. "Purlwise"

Once the stitch is slipped, just knit the next stitch and continue on in pattern



Even numbered rows are knit with the wrong side facing you.

First step: bring the yarn to the wrong side, which is now closest to you.

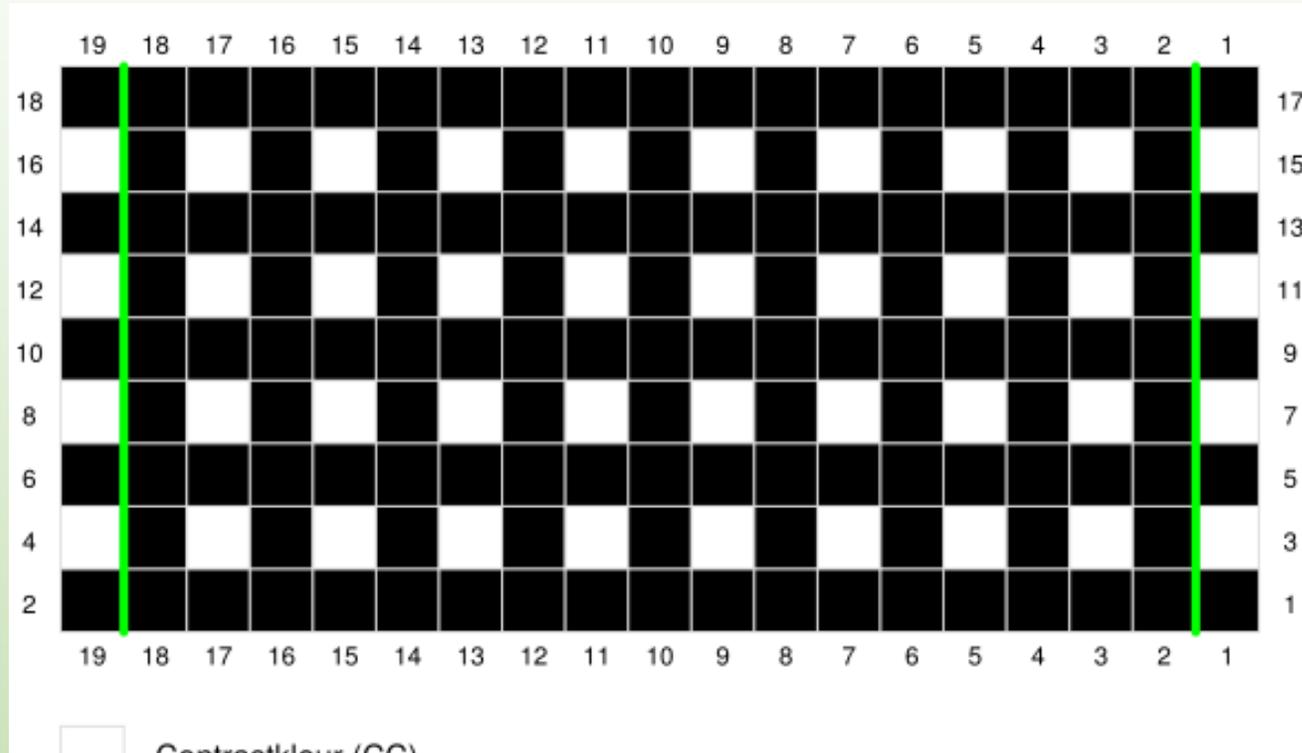


Then slip the stitch, again purlwise, move the working yarn back to it's proper working position and carry on.





How to read Mosaic Charts



The square on the far right identifies not just the 1st stitch in the row but also which color you'll be knitting with. Row 1 is black (MC) and Row 3 is white (CC).

Row 3: Knit 1 CC, Slip 1 MC across, end K 1 CC – you're knitting the white squares and slipping the black stitches with yarn held to the back of the work.

Row 4: Knit the CC stitches and Slip the MC stitches with the yarn held to the wrong side of the work, which is now facing you.

Something New - a Knit Along

Charts and written pattern for two Mosaic stitch patterns to try at home

Posted to the Rochester Knitting Guild Ravelry Group with a thread for the KAL to offer support and share how everyone's doing. PDF will also be available on the RKG website in Program Handouts.

Options for washcloth, wristers, cowl in either stitch pattern, or use both!

Worsted weight yarn (cotton for washcloth) in two colors with good contrast between them, size 8 needles, and a sense of adventure.

KAL wraps up at our March meeting with Show and Tell.

Helpful links

- <https://www.clearlyhelena.com/how-to-read-mosaic-knitting-charts/>
excellent walk through how to read mosaic charts
- A fun site to make your own mosaic pattern charts
<https://www.pakin.org/mosaicknit/>
- Ravelry search of free mosaic patterns 1,375 of them
<https://ravel.me/4t4ue9>
- RKG Mosaic KAL thread <https://www.ravelry.com/discuss/rkg----rochester-knitting-guild/4006368/1-25>



Two stitch
patterns -
Simple
Basketweave
or Large
Checkerboard

For a Cowl...
Or a hat,
or wristers,
or a
washcloth, or
a mug mat,
or.... What you
will.

What will you
do with them?





A small sampling of what you might try using the Mosaic charts in the KAL

