Here’s the book list from the September meeting. They’re in no particular order – just the way they came up as I went through the note pads - with one exception. There weren’t a lot of books that got more than one mention, but there were some, and I’ll start with those. There were very few comments about any of the books, but where there were, I’ve included them.

1. *Knitting the National Parks*, by Nancy Bates. This is the book that has the wonderful hat patterns.
2. Elizabeth Zimmerman’s books were mentioned, both generally, and a few by name. The list is:

*Knitting Without Tears*

*Elizabeth Zimmerman’s Knitter’s Almanac*

*Knitting Workshop*

*Knitting Around*

*The Opinionated Knitter*

*Knit One, Knit All*

There is also a book written by her grandson Cully Swansen, *The Complete Surprise: Knitting Elizabeth Zimmerman’s Surprise Jacket*

1. *A Treasury of Knitting Patterns, A Second Treasury of Knitting Patterns, Charted Knitting Designs: A Third Treasury of Knitting Patterns,* and *A Fourth Treasury of Knitting Patterns,* by Barbara Walker. “For stitch specifics and how tos.”
2. Sally Melville’s books, both generally and a few by name. The list is:

*Sally Melville’s Styles* – “Great multi-color patterns using odd balls. The designs do NOT look like scrap yarn sweaters. The woman is a genius!”

*The Knitting Experience Book 1: The Knit Stitch, Inspiration and Instruction*

*The Knitting Experience Book 2: The Purl Stitch, Becoming Intuitive*

*The Power and The Glory - The Knitting Experience: Book 3: Color*

*Knitting Pattern Essentials (with Bonus Material): Adapting and Drafting Knitting Patterns for Great Knitwear*

She also wrote two books with her daughter, *Warm Knits, Cool Gifts: Celebrate the Love of Knitting and Family,* and *Mother-Daughter Knits.*

1. *The Knitter’s Life List*, by Gwen W. Steege – “We used this book several years ago, at Amelia’s Yarn & Fabric Shop, as a way for knitter to meet and discuss this book – kind of like a one-book book club group. Everyone took turns leading the discussion. This book explores techniques, yarns, designers, history, patterns, and inspirations. It’s a great reference!”
2. *Patty Lyon’s Knitting Bag of Tricks*

The rest of the books were mentioned once each.

1. *Operation Sock Drawer: A Guide to Building Your Stash of Hand-Knit Socks* – Interweave
2. *Refined Knits: Sophisticate Lace, Cable, and Aran Lace Knitwear*, by Jennifer Woods
3. *Think Outside the Sox: 60 + Winning Designs from the Knitter’s Magazine Contest*, by Elaine Rowley. This book is full of wild and innovative sock designs, and to cap it all, the grand prize winner was a former RKG President, Betty Salpekar!
4. *Knit, Swirl –* I couldn’t identify this book
5. *The New Knitting Dictionary*, by Rhoda Ochser Goldberg
6. *A Stash of One’s Own*, Clara Parkes, ed. This is a collection of essays by 21 knitters, and presents a range of approaches to the question of stash.
7. *Norway’s Knitted Heritage*, by Annemor Sundbø – an exhaustive and gorgeous history
8. *The New Knitter’s Template –* Laura Militzer Bryant & Barry Klein. This book is an excellent way to work pattern-free with the yarn you have to hand.
9. *Women’s Work: The First 20,000 Years. Women, Cloth and Society in Early Times*, by Elizabeth Wayland Barber. A wonderful introduction to the history of women and thread, written for the general reader. For a more academic approach, see Barber’s *Prehistoric Textiles: The Development of Cloth in the Neolithic and Bronze Ages with Special Reference to the Aegean.*
10. Ann Budd’s Handy Book series:

*The Knitter’s Handy Book of Patterns: Basic Designs in Multiple Sizes and Gauges*

*The Knitter’s Handy Book of Sweater Patterns: Basic Designs in Multiple Sizes and Gauges*

*The Knitter’s Handy Book of Top-Down Sweaters: Basic Designs in Multiple Sizes and Gauges*

These books are invaluable if you’re striking out on your own, and just want to knit something.

Also mentioned was her *Getting Started Knitting Socks*

1. *The Knitter’s Book of Finishing Techniques*, by Nancie M. Wiseman
2. *The Knitter’s Handbook: Essential Skills & Helpful Hints from Knitter’s Magazine*, by Elaine Rowley
3. *Mason-Dixon Knitting*, by Kay Gardiner and Ann Meador Shayne.
4. *Knit Fix: Problem Solving for Knitters*, by Lisa Kartus – “For problem solving”
5. *The Fleece & Fiber Sourcebook: More Than 200 Fibers, from Animal to Spun Yarn*, by Carol Ekarius and Deborah Robson “For fiber & yarn knowledge”
6. *Cast On, Bind Off: 211 Ways to Begin and End Your Knitting*, by Cap Sease
7. *Cast On, Bind Off: 54 Step-by-Step Methods: Find the Perfect Start and Finish for Every Knitting Project*, Leslie Ann Bestor
8. Alice Starmore books for designs. Her list is extensive:

*Alice Starmore’s Book of Fair Isle Knitting*

*Aran Knitting*

*Alice Starmore’s Charts for Color Knitting*

*Sweaters For Men*

*The Celtic Collection*

*Fisherman’s Sweaters*

*Stillwater*

*Pacific Coast Highway*

*In the Hebrides*

*Tudor Roses*

*Tudor Roses version 2 (*The patterns in the two books are quite different)

*Scandinavian Knitwear*

*Glamourie*

She’s also written a few others with other people, including her daughter

1. Kaffe Fasset – Kaffe has also written extensively on needlepoint and quilting, but his knitting books were a revelation when they were published.

*Glorious Color*

*Family Album*

*Glorious Knits*

*Kaffe’s Classics: 25 Favorite Knitting Patterns for Sweaters, Jackets, Vests and More*

*Kaffe Fassett’s Pattern Library*

*Kaffe Knits Again: 24 Original Designs Updated for Today’s Knitters*

*Knitting with The Color Guys: Inspiration, Ideas, and Projects from the Kaffe Fassett Studio* with Brandon Mably

1. *Never Too Old to Knit: Beautiful Basics for Baby Boomers*, by Karin Strom
2. There was a recommendation for the Nancy Bush sock book with a Dutch heel. That appears in two of her books, *Folk Socks* and *Knitting Vintage Socks: New Twists on Classic Patterns*. The instructions are slightly different in each (the vintage sock book is working from a specific historical source). I think *Folk Socks* is a bit clearer and more customizable.
3. *Sensational Knitted Socks*, by Charlene Schurch. She also wrote *More Sensational Knitted Socks.*
4. *Sock* Innovation, by Cookie A. She also wrote *knit. sock. love.*
5. *Knitting New Mittens & Gloves: Warm and Adorn Your Hands in 28 Innovative Ways*, by Robin Melanson
6. *Unraveling: What I Learned About Life While Shearing Sheep, Dyeing Wool, and Making the World’s Ugliest Sweater*, by Peggy Orenstein
7. *Huge & Huggable Mochimochi*, by Anna Hrachovec
8. *60 Quick Baby Knits: Blankets, Booties, Sweaters & More in Cascade 220 Superwash (60 Quick Knits Collection)*, Sixth & Spring Books, eds.
9. *Knits for Nerds: 30 Projects*, by Joan of Dark a.k.a. Toni Carr. This is a guess. The book on the list was Knitting Star Wars, but I can’t find anything by that title, and this one has a Leia hat on the cover. It covers a whole range of fandom. If I’m wrong, I’d be happy to put the correct book in the next newsletter, if someone can give me a reference.
10. *Extra Yarn,* by Mac Barnett. This isn’t a knitting book per se, but a charming children’s picture book.

There were additional, more general recommendations. One person liked Leisure Arts books when starting out; another likes top down patterns for sweaters. Someone else mentioned Ravelry as a resource. Another recommended Tin Can Knits for mitten patterns.

I couldn’t locate a couple of the books mentioned, or anything that looked possible. If someone spots that their recommendation was left out, please send along a more complete reference (preferably a link to the book), and I’ll get it into the next newsletter.

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