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Knit fabrics have never been more fashionable, but the prospect of creating them can be daunting even to those experienced with the needle. Because of the "stretch factor," knits can be tricky to sew without specific information about what techniques work for which fabrics. *Sewing with Knits* gives that information and more in an easy-to-follow, step-by-step format. Author Connie Long shows both novice and pro how to create an array of garments, from slinky knit evening dresses to spandex-fitted athletic wear. In straightforward style, she demonstrates how to work with both classic styles and fabrics, and the many newer knits, including the matte rayon jersey so popular with high fashion designers. Included is information on how to adapt a pattern meant for woven fabrics, how to copy a favorite T-shirt, and how to sew with the intimidating sweaterknit. Expert advice on choosing the best patterns and using just the right techniques rounds out this practical guide.

.com The very characteristic that makes knits so comfortable to wear--the stretch--often frightens the home sewer. Connie Long's *Sewing with Knits* does away with the intimidation by demystifying all aspects of knitwear construction: layout and cutting, sewing smooth seams, edge finishing, inserting zippers, making buttonholes, and more. Long also teaches readers to achieve creative looks with fabric piecing and color blocking, and a chapter devoted to specialty knits explains how to work with swimsuit fabrics, stretch velvets and other napped knits, synthetic fleece, and novelty stretch. A very helpful chart shows at a glance exactly what techniques to use for seams, hems, and necklines for 15 different kinds of knit fabrics. Sewers already comfortable with the basics of working with wovens will find expert guidance on moving into the knitwear realm. --Amy HandyFrom Library Journal *Sewing with knits* can be tricky owing to the varying degrees of stretch inherent in the wide variety of stretch fabrics available today. Long, a frequent contributor to *Threads* magazine, covers techniques for working with a variety of stretch fabrics such as swimwear knits, Raschel knits, stretch velvet, and synthetic fleece. Full-color illustrations, line drawings, and a resource list nicely complement the text. The third in Taunton's "Focus on Fabric" series, this book is an excellent choice for public library sewing collections. Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. About the Author Long teaches classes on all aspects of sewing at G Street Fabrics in Rockville, Maryland.