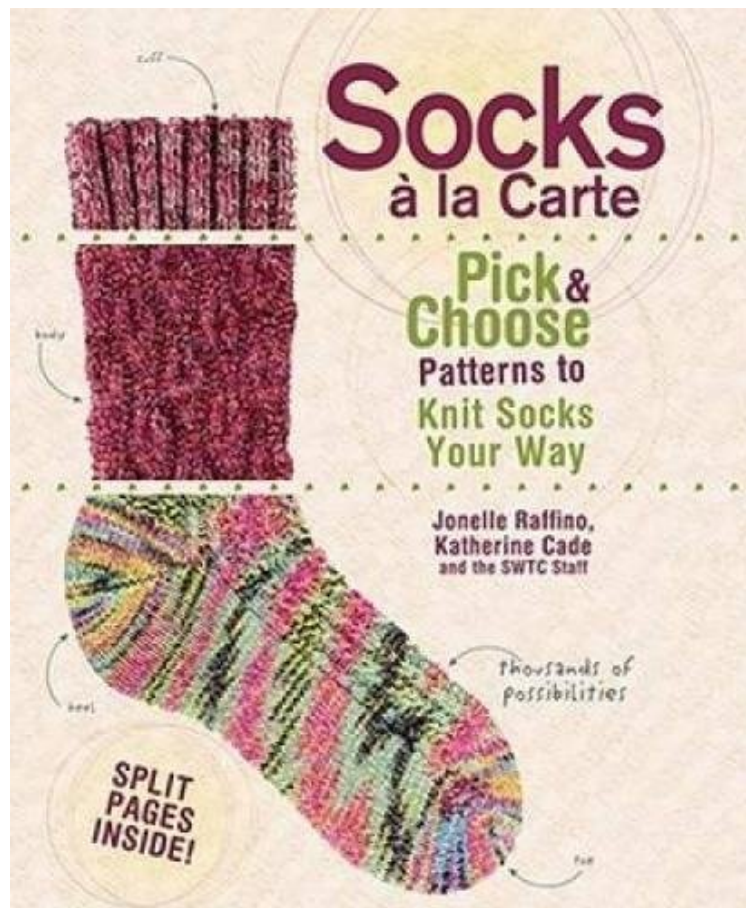


# Socks a La Carte: Pick And Choose Patterns To Knit Socks Your Way

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**Jonelle Raffino : Socks a La Carte: Pick And Choose Patterns To Knit Socks Your Way** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Socks a La Carte: Pick And Choose Patterns To Knit Socks Your Way:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Just my thoughts about the matterBy PatriciaFor someone who is learning to knit socks from the top down, this book offers a wonderful variety of patterns that will give the purchaser quite a few options to knit, as they better their craft. Please note that the illustrations are a bit hard to dissect with the white threads spun with the various shades of red. The illustrations are hard to make out without a magnifying glass even difficult with that tool. The instructions are very clear, though I like many others are often helped by photos not only on the pattern, but photos showing how an unusual stitch has been made. However, I did and do have several problems with this purchase.I had pruchased the sister book, Socks a la Carte 2, Toes Up...a short time before and had been more than impressed with its content, I was quite excited to receive the first of the series!Once I had gone

through the book several times, I noticed many similarities between the 2 books. Granted there may only be so many ways to show ribbing for a cuff of a sock, but to apply a separate name to identical items? Ok, in some instances I can see that, as one book is top down and the other is toes up, but please a little more creativity here or at least refer the pattern from the sister book being down in the opposite direction. I am disappointed with the condition of the book. The front and back covers were covered with a stickiness alike to tags being attached and removed. Inside, several pages were streaked, something a printer or editor should have seen. I am under the impression the book was a "remainder". Be aware of the use of only Tofutsies yarn. Regardless of my grumbling, this book is meant to be and really is (after cleaning) fun. Your imagination can go crazy, such as mine has done. My poor daughter will soon be the owner of an unique pair of socks. Every few inches, the pattern changes as I try to figure out which one I like the best! Have fun with it.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Waste of money  
By marianna  
What were they thinking? I should've read the reviews first. The common plague with pattern books is the lack of attention to photography, and I can't think of a worse presentation than this book has, since the idea is that you "design" your own pattern based on the images. Shame on you two for not asking for a target audience review. Using tweed in socks is a miserable idea. Using red color makes it even worse. You can't see the stitch definition in any of the images, so the whole point of the book (which is otherwise nicely executed), is completely lost. Another minus for the absence of charts with lace patterns. What a miserable waste of money...

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Neat Ideas  
By starwynde  
I am a huge fan of two at a time, toe up socks, and a former sufferer of SSS (second sock syndrome). I really love this series of books, if only for the pattern ideas it provides. This book, like the other two in the series, has some great patterns and I love the ability to mix and match bodies with cuffs. The instructions are clear (for most of the patterns at least) and there is a variety of difficulty from very simple to more challenging patterns. Unlike a lot of sock books, the patterns here are not for one particular size, but are instead worked over "x" stitches, which allows you scale up or down as appropriate for your project. The book itself is coil-bound inside the hard cover, which allows it to not only lay flat, but take advantage of the flip-book aspect. There is also an elastic strap which can be used as either a bookmark, or to hold your selections in the flip-book section down. It's quite user friendly with decent sized print that is easy to read. That said, this is not a book that I would recommend as a means of learning to knit toe-up socks (or this series for socks at all) as there are better ones out there: Ann Budd's *Getting Started: Knitting Socks* is where I started (until I developed SSS) and then moved on to Melissa Morgan Oakes *2-at-a-time Socks* (I have both the cuff down and toe up versions of her books and refer back to them often as they have great step-by-step instructions). I do, however, recommend this book as a reference for those like me who can't decide what they want to do for their next pair of socks. There is so much inspiration in this book you can't wait to hop in the car and go pick out your next project yarn.

**Flip for Socks**  
Whether you already love knitting socks or want to start your first pair, you'll find everything you need in *Socks a la Carte*. Choose from a huge selection of cuffs, bodies, heels and toes to mix and match in any combination you like - the possibilities are literally endless. From lacy motifs and feminine picot edging to sturdy ribbing and a ruffled cuff that brings back childhood memories, *Socks a la Carte* has something for every sock lover. Flip through the split pages to see how your choices combine, then find the pattern for each sock component in the front of the book. You'll be knitting the socks of your dreams in no time at all. And if you're knitting socks for the first time, don't worry. You'll find all the information you need to get started, including:  
basic information about sock structure  
instructions for customizing socks to fit  
a helpful illustrated techniques section  
information on knitting socks with double-pointed and circular needles  
a glossary of sock-knitting techniques  
online sock-knitting resources  
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**About the Author**  
Jonelle Raffino is a lifelong knitter and the creative force behind Southwest Trading Company (SWTC), an internationally recognized yarn brand known for its earth-friendly collections. She has been featured in a variety of media venues, such as *Inc*, *Fortune* and *Success*. She has also written numerous articles about SWTC, earth-friendly fibers and knitting for both consumer and trade magazines.