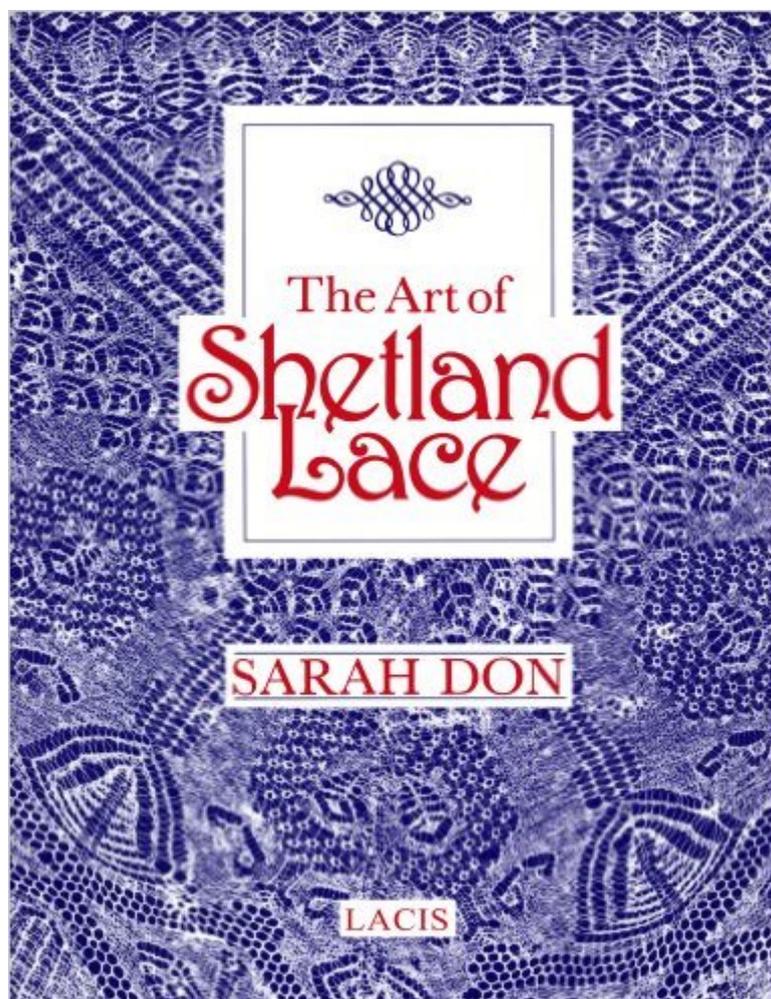


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# The Art Of Shetland Lace



## Synopsis

First published in 1980. It still remains the classic reference book on the history and techniques of the most gossamer form of knitting. Destined to become heirloom, full instructions are given for seven projects.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This book is not the be-all and end-all of lace knitting, but it is a great reference for shetland lace. There are photos of some old elaborate shetland garments (including lacy socks), a brief history, 36 traditional lace stitch patterns (though some are more involved than it seems like more than 36), and then patterns for 7 lace garments. Given the age of the original book, the photos are slightly murky by today's standards. Some of the stitch patterns I recognize from Barbara Walker's dictionaries, but they are done on such fine thread that they have a totally different lacy effect, where in Barbara Walker's dictionaries the resulting fabric was more solid (e.g. arches & columns, and others). It is very good to have the photos here to see the full lace effect, as well as the aesthetic for how these patterns are combined in shetland garments. The photo on the cover is not one of the garments inside, but from individual stitch patterns and general principles you can plan how to produce something that looks like the cover. Thanks very much to Lacis for reprinting this book. For some reason at the time of this writing, the ISBN (978-1-891656-80-4) is not in the system, but hopefully it will be soon.

Great book and available elsewhere (i.e., lacis) for sticker price, not the inflated amount charged by sellers here.

Unfortunately, there is no charts in this book. Most pages are occupied by listing of patterns: it's like a computer code representing the program in human words. No way I can use it. I wish I knew before.

This is a great resource for those interested in shetland lace. Be warned you have to come in with a GREAT deal of outside knowledge. Ms. Don does not feel the need to hold your hand through or give clear instructions for relatively complicated procedures like grafting. There are no diagrams. No charts. I spent a weekend making a sampler of her shetland stitches and Ms. Don is no Barbara Walker. I found myself utterly confused at some point in every stitch direction. Sometimes pressing on was the thing to do. Sometimes the directions were hopelessly opaque or perhaps just wrong. Still, a great resource, and very enjoyable to flip through and daydream future projects.

A really wonderful book with history, photographs and patterns. I have already made a beautiful shawl, and I keep returning to the book with pleasure. Highly recommended!

I have been looking for this book for awhile and all I could find were used books for \$600.00. Needless to say I was delighted to see a new printing of this book.

This is one of the best works on Shetland lace. It offers history, technique, and patterns in an attractive, clear and concise format.

If you like to knit Shetland or interested in learning the patterns, You will perhaps enjoy taking a look at this book.

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