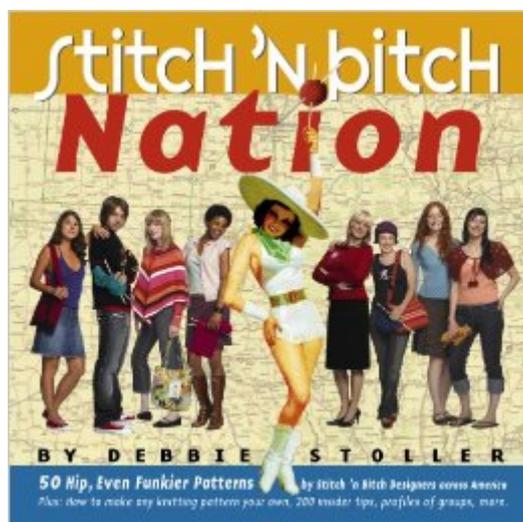


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Stitch 'n Bitch Nation



Synopsis

Join the movement! Four million strong and counting, hip, young chicks with sticks are putting a whole new spin on knitting--while turning last fall's *Stitch 'n Bitch: The Knitter's Handbook* into a surprise national bestseller (from *The New York Times* to the *L.A. Times* to *BookSense*) with 215,000 copies in print. So influential is the book that the number of *Stitch 'n Bitch* knitting groups tripled in the past six months--spawning a *Stitch 'n Bitch Nation*. Written by *Stitch 'n Bitch* author Debbie Stoller, *Stitch 'n Bitch Nation* features 50 hip, new, even funkier and more fabulous patterns by *Stitch 'n Bitch* designers, who come from San Francisco to Brooklyn, Chicago to Cambridge to St. Paul, Minnesota. The Om Yoga Mat Bag. Felted Monster Slippers. The London Calling Union Jack Sweater, because even punks get cold in winter. A Double-Duty Shrug. Polka Dot Tankini. That '70s Poncho. The Boob Tube. Spiderweb Capelet, Cabled Newsboy Cap, Chunky Baby Booties and Baby Bunny Hat. And the most ingenious project, a Knit-Your-Own Rock Star doll--with a choice of Joey Ramone or Henry Rollins. All designs are complete with full-color photographs and step-by-step instructions, and are made from sexy, contemporary yarns, including multicolored angora, alpaca, lace, and mohair. Includes the best tips, shortcuts, and techniques from *Stitch 'n Bitchers*, profiles of knitters and their groups, and a how-to refresher on all the stitches used in the book.

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Customer Reviews

I recieved this book as a birthday gift less than a month ago. I've been knitting for a couple years, but I'm self-taught and usually just make things up myself rather than following a pattern. But I

decided this year I would take some classes and start trying to be a more technically proficient knitter. First let me say what I like about the book: -Good selection of fun, interesting patterns. -Nice photos and page layouts. -Enough non-clothing patterns to keep me interested. (I hate wearing sweaters and have no interest in knitting them, thank you very much!) But I have some definite gripes about this book, and here they are: -The patterns I have tried are not written very clearly, or explained well. Now, if I alone had trouble with them, I'd be more forgiving, because I don't have much experience with pattern reading. But at the class I'm taking, the teacher has been stumped several times and had to figure things out by trial and error. And my instructor is a knitting goddess, she *knows* what she is doing! So the fact that she is confused by these patterns tells me something is wrong here. Things could be explained a LOT better, but it seemed like it was more important to keep the page count down. -There are a LOT of errors in this book. As I read reviews and look at messages boards discussing knitting, it seems like it's just a given that most of the books out there will have a lot of errata that need to be corrected by finding the book's website and downloading corrections. It's not just this book, and I find the trend alarming and I think better editing needs to be done in all these books. I mean come on people, test these patterns out before you publish them!

There are THIRTEEN patterns in this book that have massive, massive errata. In fact, I have never seen this much errata for one book in my life. They may as well have re-written the book on the SnB web site. The first pattern I started, 3 tiny rows in (seriously, casting on 3 sts), there was errata. What crappy production and lazy asses! Knitting nice things takes a lot of freakin effort and is a lot of folks' happy place; who wants to sit down with a book full of errors? Did they not test-knit any of these patterns?! They even screwed up a CHART and ask you to print it out and tape it into the book! Writing crap this bad would get you a big fat F in any high school class, and yet the FIRST SENTENCE in the acknowledgements page reads, "More than a hundred people were involved in the production of this book..." apparently no test-knitters. Even the editorial review right here on the site is full of crap: "[SnB Nation] With its spiffy prose and no-fail instructions.." HA! Here for your laughing pleasure are the corrections from the SnB site. Errata in general pisses me off, but this is absolutely inexcusable for a published book that costs money. Errata: Accidentally On Purpose Drop-Stitch Vest : To clarify the "DB02" directions: Drop next stitch off the needle and let it unravel all the way down to cast on edge. Lift up resulting ladder from front to back with left hand needle, knit into front of this stitch and lift previous stitch up and over it to bind off, knit into back of same stitch and lift previous stitch up and over it to bind off. Bunny Hat: In the "Body of Hat" section, where

it reads "Next rnd: P5, k40, p5, sl marker, p to end of rnd", there should follow the instructions: Knit one round in plain stockinette.

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