

Appendixes

The first two appendixes collect and summarize the charting rules and lessons learned.

“Answers” gives solutions (sometimes just one of many possibilities) to the various exercises.

“Dubious Practices” describes alternate ways of charting, along with the problems those methods have.

“Do Charts Lie?” explains why the typical way we chart is, technically, not completely accurate. It also shows that “close enough” is quite often sufficient.

“Better Written-Out Instructions” helps us organize directions so that borders, motifs, stitch patterns, and stitch patterns’ plus stitches are clearly separated and identified.

“Designing by Charting” helps us create patterns with textures or images while taking into account our stitch-to-row ratio. Our projects will then be properly proportioned in yarn.

The last appendix defines abbreviations and terms used throughout the book.

The rest of the appendixes don’t deal with charting per se. They contain information I discovered while writing the rest of the book. They’re included here so that other knitters can avoid their gotchas or use them as jumping-off points for their own projects.