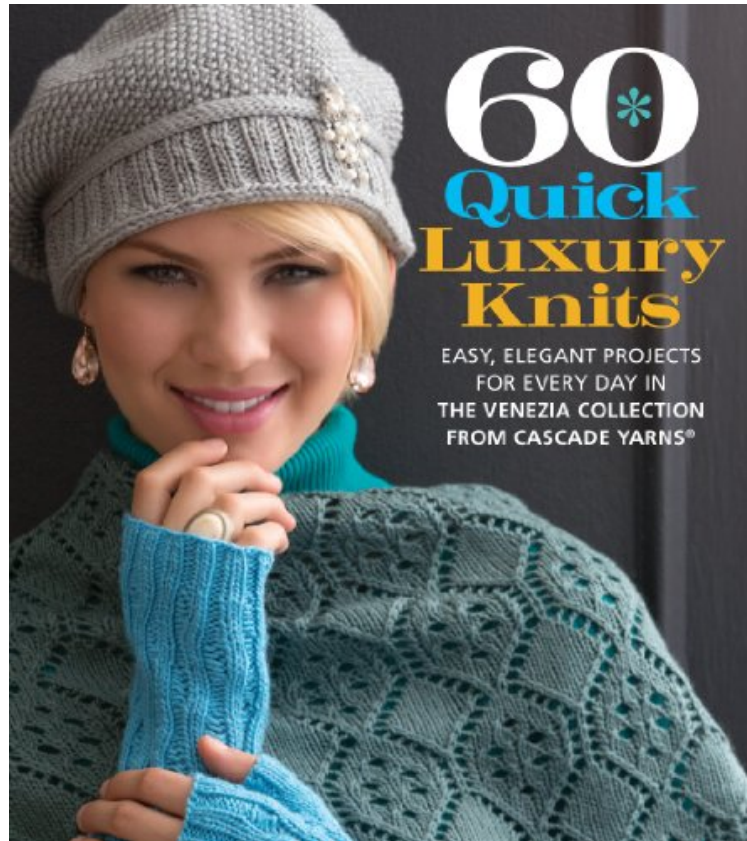


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84 of 84 people found the following review helpful. This book needs serious editing! By J. R. O. Neal I was so excited when I first received and opened this book. Beautiful designs, colorful yarns, but.... Unfortunately for me, I picked out a #24 project (Cabled Headband). I'm quite an experienced knitter, working mainly with lace and cables project, and I estimated about 5-6 hours for this project. Well, after finishing the first tie, and knitting about 15 rows of the pattern, I realized the edges on my headband look nothing like in the picture. I had to unravel it about 3 times, thinking that it

could be my continental way of knitting, and trying different ways of slipping the first stitch and making P increases. Nothing worked, until I finally realized that there's no way to achieve an edge shown in the picture, if I keep following the chart the way it is. The entire chart has mistakes along the edge, including at least 2 increases omitted somewhere between rows 23-35. So, it's been 3 days now, and I finally got to the middle of the band, recalculating, going back a few rows here and there, and manipulating the chart as I go. After row 37 I realized there should be more stitches on my needles than in the chart, as the cabled pattern merged with the edge, when in the picture you can clearly see purl stitches separating them. That's when I realized the picture of this headband was more helpful than a chart. Also, this chart has such lapses as a knit stitch marked as a purl stitch, and vice versa (e.g. rows 43, 46). I am going to finish this project, as I already have invested so much time in it. I don't know if I will dare myself with another project from this book. Certainly not when I need to knit something quick and easy.

60 of 61 people found the following review helpful. These patterns are complicated and should not be labeled "Quick ...By Alicia K. Wicks These patterns are complicated and should not be labeled "Quick." The projects are lovely, but even though I am fairly experienced, there is nothing quick about them.

70 of 71 people found the following review helpful. Absolutely gorgeous By EnglishMajor This is a luscious collection of original inspiring patterns - lace, cable, Fair Isle - for caps, cowls, scarves, mitts, shawls more. The photography is beautiful - plenty of close-ups views of each project from different angles so you can really see (almost feel) each one. Although the designs utilize Cascade's "Venezia" yarns (merino/silk blends they are truly gorgeous) they're all sport- or worsted-weight, since most of the projects call for just 1-3 hanks/skeins, you can probably substitute less expensive yarns (but after seeing the photos, why would you want to?). A couple of caveats: (1) The designer uses written directions for some patterns, charts for others, but never both for a single pattern. (2) The majority of the patterns are neither "easy" nor "quick." Almost all of them assume that you have intermediate or advanced knitting skills. These aren't projects you're likely to complete over a weekend, if you're a beginner, this isn't the book for you. However, the experienced knitter will love it.

Knit up a little luxury with Venezia, an opulent, yet well-priced, wool/silk blend from Cascade Yarn! These 60 easy, elegant designs for a wide range of accessories include a Buttoned Cable Cowl, Lacy Layered Hat, Diamond Lattice Scarf, Soutache Capelet, Smocked Belt, Geometric Mitts, and Fringed Handbag. A fantastic addition to a bestselling series.

The latest in this popular series focuses on sophisticated women's accessories, all knit in a merino-silk blend yarn with a soft drape and good stitch definition. . . . standouts include a pretty beaded choker, a cloche with a bold faux-braided band, and a solid-and-stripped infinity scarf. Many of the projects feature intricate cabling, lace, or colorwork, making them most suitable for intermediate knitters comfortable with these techniques, but there's enough guidance and information to allow adventurous beginners to tackle a variety of the projects in the collection with confidence. Written directions are provided for all patterns; charts are included as needed for lace, cables, and colorwork.

VERDICT Like other titles in the series, the focus here is on attractive knitwear made with a widely available and affordable yarn, and the majority of the projects are small and quick enough to make them ideal for gift knitting an ever-popular topic. Library Journal