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Book Review

As an independent book publisher, I know exactly what goes into producing a knitting book. That's why I like to celebrate with my fellow knitting designers when one of them succeeds in the challenging world of self-publishing, and this book deserves to be celebrated. I've known Margaret Fisher for many years. We've taught at many of the same knitting events, and the students from her classes always comment positively on the content of her classes. Now you can have Margaret's help in your own knitting, even if you can't have her teach you in person. She's taken all the material from her popular *Seven Things that can "Make or Break" a Sweater™* class and put it in a wonderful book of the same title.

The topics in the first half of the book are laid out in the same order in which you would find them in the knitting of a sweater. Chapter 1, for example, covers "the cast-on edge," while Chapter 7 covers "buttonholes." In between are chapters on increasing (in both ribbing and elsewhere), decreasing, blocking, and picking up stitches for bands. The second half of the book features patterns to complement the first seven chapters, giving the reader a number of opportunities to put into practice what he or she has learned.

While this material would be useful even in a black-and-white layout, Margaret went a step further and provided full-color photos of all the techniques and garments. The layout is clear and detailed. If you're looking for simple techniques to improve the look of your sweaters, this book will guide you through all you need to know.—Published by Vanduki Press, softcover, 144 pages, \$24.95 US.

