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# Preface

Creating patterns was always more interesting than following instructions for me. But of course I did not start knitting shawls by designing my own but by selecting appealing patterns and followed their instructions word by word.

As a physicist, I soon was tempted to find out the underlying magic of shawl construction. How do the designers of all those beautiful shawls choose which patterns to use? How do they calculate the number of stitches to cast on, how can they know which patterns work for which shawl and which do not - and why? I was hooked.

Soon after I just started away, chose an appealing chart and cast on my first do-it-yourself triangle shawl. Needless to say it ended in a disaster: The charts did not add up properly, I always ended up with additional stitches at the sides. I must have missed something!

After consulting some graph paper and a pen, I figured out that there are some simple mathematical rules and recipes to apply to each shape. If followed, everybody can create shawl patterns that work.

You can create shawl patterns, too!

**I wrote this book with only one thing in mind: to help you achieve this goal.**

I hope this book helps you getting started on shawl design, and I am looking forward to your beautiful shawl knitting patterns!

Happy knitting!  
Julia

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