

MLA Format for Annotated Works Cited

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For an annotated works cited, use standard MLA format for the citations, then add a brief abstract for each entry, including:

- 2 to 4 sentences to summarize the main idea(s) of the item, and
- 1 or 2 sentences to relate the article to your research topic, your personal experience, or your future goals (if part of your assignment) or to add a critical description.

Basic MLA Style Format for an Annotated Works Cited

Format your citations in the same manner as for a normal works cited list, then follow these instructions for adding an annotation.

1. Hanging indents are required for citations in the works cited, as shown below. That is, the first line of the citation starts at the left margin. Subsequent lines are indented 5 spaces.
2. As with every other part of an MLA formatted essay, the works cited is double spaced, both within the citation and between them. Do not add an extra line between the citations.
3. The annotation begins on the subsequent row of the citation and is indented 10 spaces..
4. The right margin is the normal right margin of your document.

Sample Annotated Works Cited

Allen, Pam. *Knitting for Dummies*. Wiley Publishing, Inc., 2002.

This is a comprehensive book on knitting from casting on to designing your own garments. This book includes colour work and finishing techniques. *Knitting for Dummies* is an adequate resource in a beginning knitter's library, however, the diagrams and explanations can be, at times, confusing. The section on further information on knitting websites and books is a bit dated.

Bliss, Debbie. *How to Knit*. McArthur & Company, 1999.

This book is a complete course in knitting from learning to cast on to more intricate steps. Included in *How to Knit* is more than fifty techniques and over one hundred stitches and fifteen projects designed to practice the new skills. The illustrations in this book make it a very valuable resource as the instructions are clear and well written. This book would be a good addition to a beginner/intermediate knitter's library.

Stanley, Montse. *Reader's Digest Knitter's Handbook*. Reader's Digest Association, Inc., 1993.

This is a comprehensive handbook on knitting, from casting on to finishing techniques, and more advanced stitches. Included is a section on how to fix mistakes. This is an excellent reference book for beginners and advanced knitters alike as it includes clear and concise illustrations for all techniques. As well as provides many examples of different techniques (from beginner to more advanced) of all steps of a garment's knitting, from cast on to cast off.