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Are you hooked on the art of crochet? Not only can you make beautiful pieces of art and work on it virtually anywhere, crocheting also provides stress relief and is a great way to pass time without wasting it. It's a hobby that is highly addictive yet highly rewarding, though it may take a little bit more than a rainy afternoon and a ball of yarn to get started. Whether you're a first-time crocheter or looking to expand your skills, *Crocheting For Dummies* shows you how to choose the right tools, create basic stitches, and finish off your work. This hands-on guide provides step-by-step instructions and full-color photos that make it fun and easy to master the basics as well as more advanced techniques. You'll have the tools you need to:

Create consistency with a gauge swatch
Decode crochet patterns, symbols, and diagrams
Stitch a double, a triple, a double triple, and a half double crochet
Increase and decrease stitches
Crochet in circles
Work with different colors
Stitch texture and advanced patterns
Create an Afghan stitch
Make new styles with filet crocheting
Join seams, sow buttons, add trims, and make pockets
Block and care for your work
Packed with instructions on different projects, as well as common mistakes and safety measures you should take to maximize your progress and fun, *Crocheting For Dummies* is the only guide you need to start creating beautiful designs in no time!

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Sasha Lopez-Ramirez says

It would have been a better resource if the pictures were more detailed and in color. Yet it was great for a novice who does not know the terms and names of basic stitches.

Jan says

Only time will tell if this "dummy" is capable of crocheting. I think I'm yarn challenged. I read thru most of the early chapters in the book and will sit with a skein of yarn and book on lap to see if their instructions can overcome my handicap. At least I'll be able to "read" a skein of yarn, buy yarn appropriate for the project and know which hook to use. Very detailed and clearly written but, only time will tell.

Kat Leavis says

A good place to start for those who have never learned to crochet. Well written however I would have preferred more photos and more is a step by step process. Overall worth taking a look at if you are interested in learning how to crochet.

Kirsten says

I'm sure this is a great resource for a lot of first time crocheters.. Personally, I couldn't follow along as easily as I would've liked, more of a hands-on type of person, getting someone to show me face-to-face.

Teresa cox says

Good for beginners!

stormhawk says

If I didn't already know how to crochet, I probably could have learned from this book.

Kimberly says

I have read several how-to books and this one is by far the best. Great explanations and photos. The patterns are excellent to start out with. I ended up purchasing this book to have on hand as a reference.

Anne says

I LOVE this resource book! I first borrowed it from the library to teach myself how to crochet. It was so good I had to buy my own copy. I still use it with nearly every project I do!

Sarah says

I've always had passion for crochet. This book added a lot to my knowledge in crochet. It includes lots of illustrations that simplify and clarify the art of crochet. Thanks to the Dummies series.

Tracy says

Clear instructions and generally easy to follow. One complaint is that parts of it are out of order. It gives you a pattern, but one of the stitches you need is in the next chapter.

An Imaginary Cat says

Really simple explanations, illustrations of every move you need to make, and honestly, I think it's fantastic that they took into account all the left handed people reading this book, because not many people out there do.

Robin (Saturndoo) says

I have been crocheting for 37 years and didn't find this book very useful. If I was a beginner to the world of crochet I probably would look for a better book to learn from or give up. I was hoping to find more improved/easier ways of doing specific techniques such as joining squares, tucking in ends, or reading graphs. I didn't find anything in this book that I don't already know. IF I was a beginner this book would be hard to follow as it needs a lot more step by step directives as well as more pictures. I was able to follow along fairly easily as I already know how to crochet but this book wouldn't be a very good choice for a beginner.

My advice to beginners would be not to use this book as a learning tool. Learn ALL the basics first and get a very good understanding of what the stitches look like, what your gauge should be if it is necessary, AND know how to read a pattern. Once you have got everything down pat and are comfortable with crocheting THEN this book may be a good reference guide for you. This book may cause you unnecessary frustration or cause you to give up easily if you are just learning/beginning to crochet. There are better sources out there to help you on your journey of becoming a GREAT YARNIE!!!!

Sara says

really good book, easy to follow instructions. you start by learning basic stitches and techniques and can choose to level up as you feel you progress. includes several patterns for fun projects.

Andrea says

This was an amazing guide for teaching one's self. I loved the use of diagrams along with words and the opportunity to practice as you go. I also love that it has basic patterns that are fun to do. This book is a great reference as I have ventured on to more crochet patterns. Thanks to this book I have found a new obsession...I mean hobby.

Lisa says

Great advice, with very good illustrations
