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This is a comprehensive reference book on all aspects of crochet. This book provides a reference for all methods, including Tunisian, filet, intermeshing, broomstick lace, bruges lace, and freeform crochet. Includes step-by-step instructions for all the basic stitches and swatches of 100s of stitch patterns with complete instructions. Also provides instructions and patterns for 50 projects for garments, accessories, and décor items.

- *All You Need to Know to Crochet
- *The Essential Reference for Novice and Expert Crocheters
- *Comprehensive Guide to Crochet Tools and Techniques
- *Packed with Hundreds of Tips and Ideas

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Medungan says

This books seems like the crochet encyclopedia. The pictures aren't as helpful as in Chicks with Sticks but is more whole in what it offers. There are so many stitches and patterns that I'm sure this will be my go to book for questions or new projects.

Lisa says

I'm trying to teach myself how to crochet, so I can't really rate this book in good conscience (I stink at trying to teach myself anything from a book -- others might fare better than me). I think anyone who has the basics down will find this book inspiring, as there are loads of pretty stitches to try and lovely motifs to make. Lovely pictures.

Lindsay says

It seems great, but since I don't know how to crochet, I'll have to work with it more in-depth to know for sure. I'm am avid knitter, so it will be fun to pick up a new skill. The introduction goes over a lot of basic steps, and it seems like everything else is very detailed.

This book was also given to me by a friend who works for the publisher, but this review is my own opinion.

Katharine says

I really like this one. As a beginner, the directions and photos are very easy for me to follow. I've tried several crochet books from the library and I keep comic back to this one. The only thing I'd change is the size. It's big and I have to set something on the book to hold it open. I'd really prefer it around 8" tall with a spiral binding so it would be easier to carry around.

MD says

A good reference book. Its breadth is surprising, yet it has enough depth that I learned how to do a couple of things better that I've been doing for a long time.

It includes a brief history and the usual information about hook types and sizes. It does not try to teach you about yarn. It covers basic stitches and techniques including working in BLO, increase/decrease, chainless foundations, front/back posts, invisible join, etc. Does not include magic circle, standing stitches, and some other techniques I'd expected. It also explains how to read written instructions and charts. It explains gauge and how to check it.

The section on details and finishing techniques includes 5 types of seams for joining pieces, how to insert a zipper, and a few ways to finish edges. What I found especially helpful here is the couple of paragraphs on picking up stitches for borders. I needed that.

There is a section of stitch patterns. It's well-organized and includes both written instructions and charts. It includes the skill level associated with the pattern. As is normally the case, the patterns assume you will work back and forth on a flat rectangular piece. Sometimes you can tell (from the chatted instructions) how/whether you can work it in the round or shape it, sometimes not. The section on edgings and trims similarly leaves it up to you to figure out how to turn a corner if you need to do that. But now I'm starting to see one of the big advantages of understanding how to use charts - it helps with that.

I love motifs, and there is a section on those too. Some are good practice or building blocks for larger 2-d projects. A few could be used as appliqué. There are a number of flowers and leaves.

There are short sections on specialized techniques such as Tunisian, Bruges, and freeform. Enough to pique your interest and a pattern to try it.

I thought I was an experienced crocheter, but I often found the instructions for unfamiliar techniques and patterns rated "experienced" difficult to follow - additional photos would have been helpful.

Sherry Lee says

OMG! I love this book! It's the best thing since sliced bread! Super easy instructions with lots of ideas and projects. Bright, colorful photos that just make me wanna go into Super Crocheting mode and crochet my whole entire family a complete wardrobe! So now my only problem is having to take it back to the library!

Kcastro says

page 225, 119 and more

Allison says

As a reference book for intermediate to advanced crocheters, I think this is a great resource. There are large and detailed color pictures of all the stitches it covers. The various types of stitches are logically and well classified and include both the standard written directions as well as using standard symbolic diagrams for the stitches.

There are some patterns in this book as well as explanations for finishing multi-piece projects.

This is one reference book I will seriously consider adding to my collection in the future if my crocheting skills continue to advance at the same rate as they have over the past ten years. I'm still a pattern person but I can foresee a time when I could begin designing my own pieces and this book would be a great help in doing so.

GoldenjoyBazyll says

Borrowed this book from a friend and have probably held on to it a little 2 long because I am constantly using it. Easy to read directions and interesting stitch patterns! Learned to make a 4 leaf clover and other neat motifs!

Karen says

I hate to give this book a less than great rating because I use it all the time. The diagrams are great although I had not intended to teach diagrams to my students so early in my course. The written directions however were filled with errors. I guess the typesetters and editors weren't stitchers.

Sara says

I don't think I can live without this book. This book has taught me so much of what I know about crochet...wonderful! Pictures are so helpful!

Lil' Grogan says

Interesting stitches and techniques that I haven't yet seen in books (but have seen online). CHARTS!! and written patterns, lovely big photos. Seems quite comprehensive in presenting different stitches.

However, would have liked more about the finishing details, mechanics, etc.. on crocheting.

Great book to have as inspiration for projects.

Darlene says

I didn't exactly read this marvelous book. More/less just looked at the great illustrations. But I loved it and wished I had it in my own personal library. Too bad it is due back now and I couldn't renew it.

LibraryLady says

Excellent resource for all things crochet. Great photos of the stitches with clear explanations of how to execute them. Nice introduction to the craft and tools needed for various types of crocheting.

Grace says

As a beginner of crochet, this book is absolutely amazing. It has more stitch variety than I've encountered before. There are directions for every stitch type that are easy to follow. There is even the occasional pattern for a project using a stitch pattern previously described.

My favourite feature of this is the pictures. I can get an idea how the stitch looks without having to do it myself first. There is so much for me to explore in this book that I really can't decide where to start.

The one thing I wish this book had were more ideas on how one could use each stitch. The examples are all given for flat, squares. I can easily make washcloths, scarves or afghans, but am clueless as to what else. I suppose that would come with experience, though.
