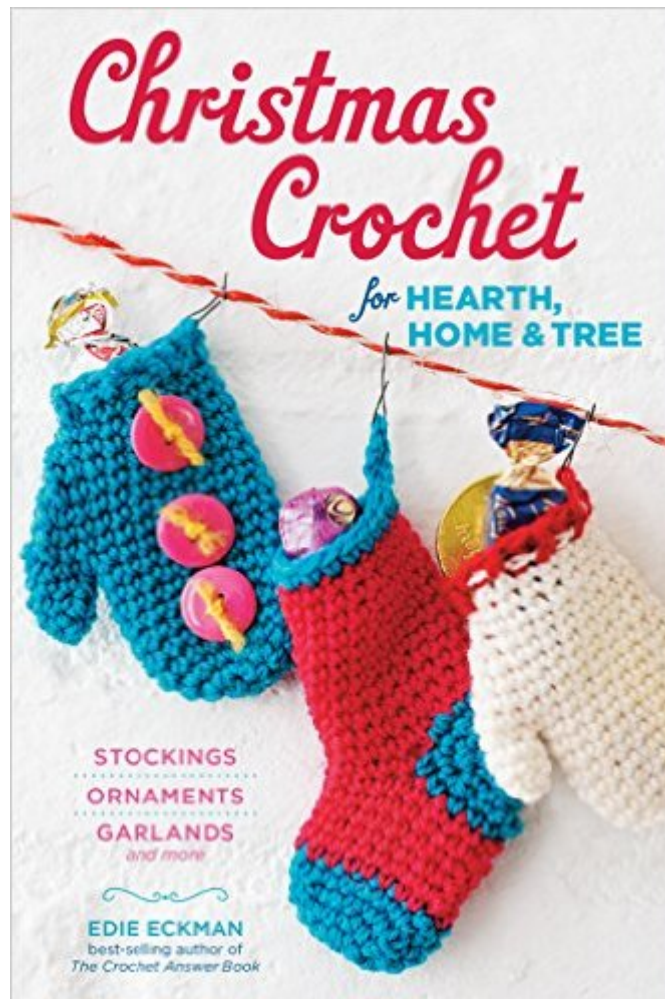


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# Christmas Crochet For Hearth, Home & Tree: Stockings, Ornaments, Garlands, And More



## Synopsis

Create a festive holiday with handmade Christmas stockings, ornaments, and more. With 20 projects geared toward a variety of skill levels, including a useful tutorial on techniques for beginners, crocheters of all types can join in on the fun. Edie Eckman's passion for crafting is evident in these inspired designs that cover not only traditional stockings and tree skirts, but delightful twists on other Christmas traditions, like a sock-and-mitten advent calendar. Crochet a holiday full of joy for the whole family.

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This book is full of easy to accomplish, quick stitched patterns that look good and fit the season perfectly. My favorite kind of crochet books have both written instructions and international crochet diagrams. This one has both. The written instructions are easy to follow, and the diagrams are clear, and easy to read. The patterns are good for all levels. For people who have been crocheting for a long time, things like the snowy looking 3 dimensional tree decorations will work up in an evening, and putting together enough socks and mittens for a sweet, homey advent calender can be done in a week of evenings. For beginners, they can get practice in following diagrams and simple shaping techniques using worsted weight yarns and simple stitches. My son is just learning to crochet, and he's going to help me make the Advent calender. There are some wonderful Christmas stockings in here as well, and they are also made of worsted weight yarn. You'll find a pattern for everyone in your family so they can all have a different handmade stocking that suits their personality. Bright stripes, polka dots, a complex looking peppermint colored stocking done in seed stitch, some

gorgeous single color stockings that use embellishments or texture for interest, and my favorite- the flame stitch stocking which has texture and great color work. The Christmas tree ornaments are great. My favorite are the felted ornaments. They are worked in motifs and make a great take along project and a good project for beginners since felting is so forgiving. The little birds are another favorite, folksy and simply too cute for words. The styles are on trend for a homey, comfortable Christmas. I really appreciate that the projects use easy to find inexpensive yarn. Complimentary copy received for review on my craft blog. This is my honest opinion.

This is a nice collection of quick and attractive Christmas crochet projects. I particularly like the garland mittens which would brighten not only a hearth, but a door way, arch, or wall. A single mitten would make a charming "wrapping" for a check or gift card. The directions for the projects are easy to follow, and the photographs are helpful as well. It is nice to have the various projects in one book, as that makes it easier to compare and decide which one would be just right for your needs. I am sure that I will make most of them, and plan to work on them in into the New Year, so I can build up a collection that will be all ready for next Christmas. It is also to be noted that the small projects are a great way to use up odds and ends of yarn. Happy Holidays.

Love to make things for the home for the holidays...not only for myself but my family! The book has some good patterns to help this project! I like to do one thing each year for the children and grandchildren!

I was attracted by the adorable sock and mittens on the line Advent calendar. I am pretty good at crocheting, but the very complicated directions kind of deterred me. Maybe one brave day I will start.

My favorite part is the first half of the book, which consists of 9 crochet patterns for stockings. Eckman designed seven of the crochet stockings, each with its own unique contemporary pattern, and she had two additional guest pattern designers for the other stockings. They are all beautiful. You'll notice that the crochet patterns in this selection aren't all done in the traditional red and green. I love what Edie says in the quick-start guide of the book: "While Christmas red and green are always safe colors, don't hesitate to choose modern brights or neutrals for an updated look."

Again Edie Eckman does it with creativity and a perception that no one else can master, her visual eye lets us see and make her vision of what's beautiful. I have been searching the Internet for stocking pattern, this has them

Edie does it again in this modern collection of crochet projects designed for the holidays. They are all designed in Edie's characteristic style of easy, modern, simple enough for a beginner (for most designs) but not boring in any way. Most Christmas craft books are filled with things that are only OK - but not anything you'd ever actually MAKE - but this one is different. All designs are well photographed, special stitches are explained within the pattern itself, and some of the patterns include charts - a must in today's pattern books. -I received a review copy in exchange for my honest review

I hoped for more projects that would really call to me. But eventually I'll probably make use of these, even if only to include on packages.

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