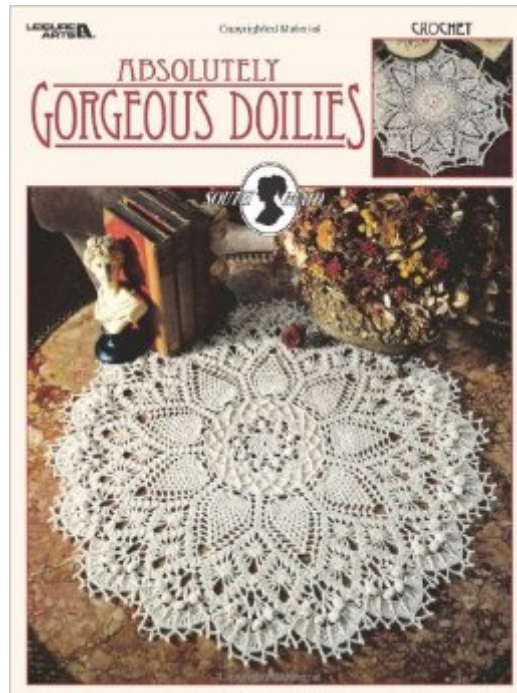


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# Absolutely Gorgeous Doilies (Leisure Arts #2879) (South Maid--Cover)



## Synopsis

These pretty crochet patterns come in striking shapes and are absolute delights to behold. Several of the 18 intricate designs include raised stitches, giving them an irresistibly touchable look.

Step-by-step instructions and color photos are included.

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## Customer Reviews

I am delighted with this book. I can't read crochet patterns and do projects by sight (for 30 years!), until this book arrived about one week ago. I sat down with one of the more difficult patterns and started reading the instructions. This author's instructions are easy and logical! I am impressed with Kristofferson's ability to create a vision and put it into a usable pattern. I was able to make #13 with no problem at all, and I am already enjoying it on my little coffee table. The doily on the cover is striking, and the ones on the inside will not disappoint. And these are not tiny little coaster doilies, the one I completed is 17.5 inches. I will be looking for other books by Kristofferson because of the ease of turning her instructions into a decorative work of art. Have fun with this delightful book.

made doily on front - came out beautifully. Love it! Ended up having to draw diagrams for some of the rows - couldn't understand the instructions until I figured out things like "dc in next 4 sc" could mean "dc in next 2 sc, skip the following 4 dc, dc in next 2 sc." (Just example - what I mean is the skipped stitches were not mentioned and I was thinking "what do you mean? there aren't 4 sc's.")

This book is great, it includes many new techniques but has great picture instructions on how to

complete them. I have completed one project and can't wait to start the next.

I love Leisure Arts because if you have any questions, they always reply. That is why I never hesitate to purchase any of their books. I have only made Windsor Oval Doily #7 and find the instructions easy and hard at the same time. My Crochet level is intermediate. Easy to learn new techniques. Counting and verifying the end count with each round is a must! I must have ripped mine out 10xs, but the end results were well worth it. Used #10 crochet thread & 1.65 mm hook as instructed. My tension was loose, but the size I came up with is 10" x 17" instead of 11-1/4" x 18" -- this I assume is my error and not the books. I wish Leisure Arts would take advantage of on-line tutorials to demonstrate how to do some of the challenging stitches and how they are incorporated. Also, I know printing is expensive, but perhaps a stitch pattern guide grid on-line so you could verify if you are placing each stitch in the correct place. The Stitch Guide is easy to understand and follow. Did find it hard to figure out how to incorporate some of them into each round when instructed...again on my side not theirs. Easy Stitches included in this pattern are Treble, Small & large Picot, Split Treble, 2 DC Decrease. Harder one was Front Post Treble...easy to understand how to do it, but on my part, hard to figure out how to get it to look right. Mine didn't do the end V's as pictured. Even with my shortcomings, this doily looks beautiful and professionally done. I bought this book to make gifts. If you want to make beautiful doilies, easy to understand instructions, you will not go wrong in purchasing "Absolutely Gorgeous Doilies."

The doily on the front cover caught my attention from the start and was the reason I'd bought the book. I'd only just learned to read crochet patterns and had only made one very simple doily prior to getting this book and only double crochet before that... so I had a lot to learn. The doily on the cover is the first complicated thing I've ever made, and it may very well still be my favorite one I've made. I'm still in love with it. Anyways, the patterns in this book are text only, which is fine by me, I'm not good with diagrams. The instructions are pretty easy to follow and it has a great illustrated stitch guide for the special stitches that is good to refer to.

These doilies are indeed beautiful. My one disappointment so far (I haven't made any of them yet) is that the instructions are in text only -- no diagrams. No doubt this is because the patterns use new types of stitches for the 3-D effect and no one has yet devised unique symbols for those stitches. So be warned that they will be more difficult to figure out if you are used to following diagrams, as I am.

I absolutely adore this book. Patricia Kristoffersen's designs are absolutely stunning. I have not seen any UK designer with anything like the same gorgeous style, though happy to be proved wrong if anyone knows any different. The challenge of converting US to UK instructions to create such beautiful doilies is well worth the extra effort, no doubt I will soon be fluent in US instructions.

I really love all the patterns in this book. Clear instructions and easy to understand. Has directions for stitches at beginning of each pattern design. Have found that Leisure books have consistent directions in each book so I have ordered 3 more of their pattern booklets. Have made two doilies already and also two that I stopped at the size to fit the top of little baskets I had. Attached them to the tops and they are gorgeous for sewing baskets for my granddaughters for Christmas . I plan on making all the designs. By the way these are the first doilies that I have ever made.

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