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The Big Book Of Crochet Stitches: Fabulous Fans, Pretty Picots, Clever Clusters And A Whole Lot More



Synopsis

Increase your stitch repertoire! Access hundreds of crochet stitches that you can use year in and year out. From two of the most respected names in crochet, this indispensable resource provides excellent value. Find step-by-step instructions for more than 350 stitches, from easy to advanced, including shells, fans, clusters, bobbles, and more. See a swatch for each stitch in a full-color, close-up photograph. Locate quickly and conveniently any stitch you like; stitches are grouped by style for easy reference, and an alphabetical index is also included.

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Customer Reviews

I was deeply disappointed to discover that a book of crochet stitch patterns published in 2014 did not include charts. It never even occurred to me to check that in advance; had I done so, I would not have purchased this book. For the most part the pictures are good, but not stellar. Another reviewer has discovered that these patterns are from a calendar previously published by these authors. I suspect the authors (publisher?) used the original photographs, instead of taking the opportunity to take new photos with improved technology to achieve clearer results. I would recommend Sarah Hazell's "Crochet Stitch Dictionary," 2013, as a better choice, even with only 200 patterns.

As I began to look through the preview, it occurred to me that these stitches somehow looked familiar since I own quite a number of Jean Leinhauser and Rita Weiss publications. I pulled out my Perpetual Calendar and each stitch I checked from the book was in the calendar, exact same instructions and color picture. It is a duplicate, only difference seems to be is that the book divides them by types of stitches (fans, clusters, etc) while the calendar just has one per date and not in any particular classification and is in calendar flipping form. With that being said, however, if you do not own the calendar, you should definitely own this book. The directions are concise, the color photographs highlight each stitch. I only rated it three stars because it is the same contents of the calendar and is not indicated that it is in a different format.

This is a good reference book for the experienced crocheter. I would not recommend this book for a beginner because of the variety of different stitches that a beginner would not be familiar with. That said, the book has some interesting stitch patterns and the photos in the kindle book are adequate at least in color (I view mine in my iPad). The book has a little bit of everything, clusters, bobbles, chevrons, shells, a mix of clusters, and open lacy patterns. It would have been a perfect five if the book had had chart diagrams. Overall, I am happy with the purchase of this book. I would recommend this book to my friends & family.

This is a large cleanly designed book that is a pleasure to use. Every stitch is shown in a swatch and photographed clearly in color. The directions are next to each swatch. I took it to crochet class and everyone loved it. My classmates were all looking up their stitches and making notes of other stitches they wanted to use. The teacher said it was one of the best crochet stitch dictionaries that she has seen. She said she would recommend it for anyone, beginner to advanced.

I love reference books! I love having books on my shelf that I can just pick up and browse through for inspiration. The book is very well laid out. The contents page(s) contains photos of each stitch so you have an overview of what is included, or what you might be looking for. I like this kind of layout because it's easier than searching 350 stitches for the one you're looking for. Each stitch has a name (as opposed to just numbering them 1 - 350), and a close up, color photo. I like this layout. I'm sure it took longer for the authors, and publisher, but it is an added benefit in my opinion. There are over 350 stitches!!! If you love designing your own patterns, or just like trying out new stitches, you will not be disappointed! I love paper books (as opposed to ebooks) so I will also be purchasing a hard copy to have in addition to the ebook.

If you are looking for a book with an plethora of Crochet stitches then this book is for you! I love this book! It has TONS of stitch ideas for any project and you will never run out or have to repeat too many times. Try them, pick your favorites, or try something new and different. It has instructions on abbreviations, terms, symbols, etc. so that you can read the patterns with no trouble. It has stitches from beginner to advanced levels so it works for everyone. My husband and I are beginner crocheters but we look forward to getting better and trying all of them. Highly Recommended!!!

This book is one beautiful stitch after another. There are no graphs, but many of the patterns are only two or three repeating rows. The book is a good mix of types of stitches, such as shells, bobbles, etc. the only reason I rated it four stars instead of five are the photographs. Most of them are good, but some could be better. Some of the patterns are shown in very bright colors with somewhat harsh lighting. I would prefer to see the patterns done in soft colors which distract less from the stitch, or a neutral cream color. With that aside, I really like the book and would recommend it. I'm sorry to hear of the passing of Jean Leinhauser. I have been buying her patterns for years and have always loved them.

I am very disappointed in this book. It is not user friendly at all. First, the photographs are blurry, which makes the stitches impossible to see the texture clearly and is thus rather hard to assess as to what they might look like in a project. There are several stitch patterns that are repeats of the same stitch but with a different name and they use the exact same photo. In addition to having repeats of the same stitches, as many reviewers are pointing out, most of the stitches are very close variations of each other. The basic stitches are there but more intermediate and advanced stitches are either missing or, when present, are just uninspired. Also, and this might be petty, the names for the stitches are ridiculous -- silly -- and distracting to me. And -- stitches that are traditionally called certain names, like moss or woven stitch, are given completely different (silly) names, which could confuse beginners. I don't know why the authors renamed stitches that have perfectly good and known names already. This is just confusing and annoying. There is no graphic representation of the stitches, just word descriptions. I sent the book back. The best all-around crochet stitch dictionary by far that I have found is Robin Chuchula's Crochet Stitches: Visual Encyclopedia. Crochet Stitches VISUAL Encyclopedia It has everything that this book is lacking and much, much more.

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