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500 Crochet Stitches: The Ultimate Crochet Stitch Bible





Synopsis

500 Crochet Stitches is both a stitch guide and a how-to-crochet primer, all in one volume. You get all the information needed to get started, including how to choose yarn and needles, read patterns, work basic stitches, how to check gauge, increase and decrease, join pieces and finish projects and care for your crochet items. The comprehensive pattern library includes 500 crochet stitches, including basic stitches using single and double crochet, trebles, and some new techniques to get the fabric you want for that special sweater or hat. Lace and openwork stitches are a starting point for exploring the airy shawls, and afghans crochet is famous for. Use one of the many motifs to create an heirloom blanket, or mix and match motifs to create a truly unique piece. There are also edgings and trims you can use on your crochet and other projects, including sewn items and knitted ones. Each is fully explained with instructions and accompanied by a full-color photo of a sample crocheted swatch. All swatches are worked in updated yarns, beautifully photographed and accompanied by easy-to-follow instructions.Based on The Harmony Guides, which have been a longstanding and valued reference for handcrafters for more than thirty years, with over half a million worldwide sales, this edition is updated with eye-catching photography and innovative new stitches, but also never forgetting the heritage of the guides.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

I've just begun perusing this book and although I'm always excited to add a new title to my crochet library, I am disappointed with the proofreading and editing of this book. After a cursory review, I have already discovered multiple typos. For example, "Row 1 (RS): Skip 2 ch, (count as 1 hdc) 1htr into next ch, 1 hdc into each ch to end, turn. Row 2: Ch2, 1 hdc into back bar under top loops of each hdc to end, turn." That's the pattern, but there's no other mention of the "htr," nor does it appear in the accompanying diagram. I've come across several like that; so far they're pretty easily deciphered, either through common sense or the use of the symbol pattern. However, I'm not sure whether all such typos will be so innocuous, once I start working through the various stitches, motifs, and edging. As the other reviewer mentioned, the wording is a bit unusual, though understandable. One other point worth mentioning: some of the symbol charts/diagrams have been reduced dramatically to fit on the page. I am hoping the smallest and more complex motif patterns will be easily and precisely enlarged, via scanning or copying. Btw, I'm under 40 and do not typically have to enlarge text or images for clarity. On the plus side, the color photos are crisp and clear; there is a an accompanying crochet symbol diagram for each listing; and, in the beginning of the book, there is a section with detailed explanations of the symbols, stitches, and terms used. I'm pleased and excited to have this title in my collection and recommend it to others.

Over all, gathered stitch books and put them together in one book to combine and eliminate bulk of other single stitch books. Symbols to stitch patterns have been made and are much smaller. I LOVE SYMBOL CROCHET CHARTS MYSELF. No pattern projects but you can figure something out on you own. VERY NICE STITCH BOOK with ALL the stitch patterns in one place. Would still recommend it.

I purchase the book to help teach my crochet group new stitches. I've found that most people in my group were doing the same thing every time they started a new project. This book help me introduce them to other stitches.

I have other crochet stitch books that are way more organized than this. While they try to cover different things, there's no organization and it seems sloppy. I have the knitting one (it's excellent). I'll stick to my other stitch books for now. For a beginner, this might be a good start because of the variety.

I love this book! I would buy it alone for the edging section. Their are not many books on edgings and this has a very nice selection. It is split into 3 sections, stitches; motifs; and edgings. I ordered with the thought that it will probably repeat a lot of what I have in other books, which it does a little; with exception to the motifs and edgings. All in all a great buy! I consider myself an advanced crocheter and this book is useful to me and I think would be useful for all levels of experience. I love crochet stitch pattern books - you never know when you might stumble onto a stitch pattern you've never seen before. This book is well laid out and very clear. I live by symbol charts, for me they are so much easier than reading the directions. This book has both - which is a good thing. It is a good addition to my crochet library. I'm not sure about the odd wording other reviews have mentioned. I haven't read every pattern in the book but what I have perused seems typical. It's a nice reference book and I like it.

The explanation of the stitches is rather vague since I'm a new crocheter many are difficult to follow. I wish they explained the way to follow a pattern in a simpler form.

This book is great each has a diagram so no need to read. This book is full of stitch patterns not found in any of my other crochet books. I highly recommend this book and it is a must for everyone! I give it a ten star!

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