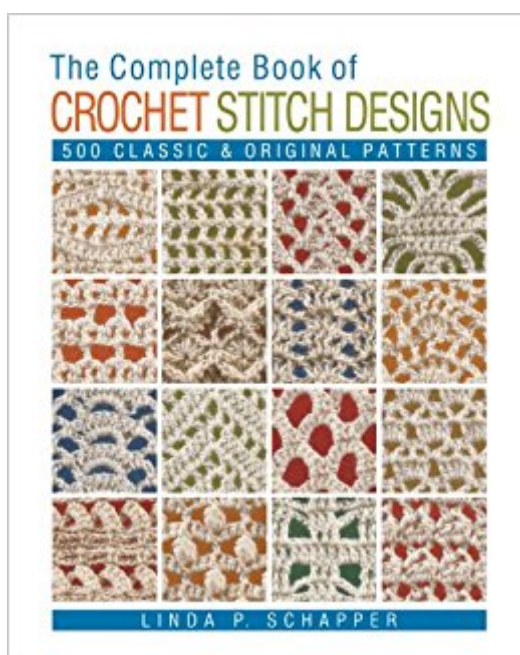


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The Complete Book Of Crochet Stitch Designs: 500 Classic & Original Patterns



Synopsis

This stitchwork classic features 500 designs ranging from traditional patterns to original motifs--crocheters of every level will find essential information and inspiration on every page. Each design features a close-up color photograph, a diagram showing each stitch and its placement, and easy to follow instructions. A pictorial index displays a thumbnail view of every design for easy selection and navigation. No wonder The Complete Book of Crochet Stitch Designs is considered a must-have reference for crocheters!

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Customer Reviews

Linda Schapper's artistic vision is expressed in a wide range of media, from patchwork quilts and crochet to painting and liturgical textiles, all of which are characterized by a folk-art style. She has traveled and taught extensively in more than 30 countries, had some 100 exhibits of her patchwork quilts, and written eight books--four of them on crochet. Linda lives in Orlando, Florida.

It has some interesting stiches, but it's the usual hash offered by any publication of its kind. There is nothing to make it stand out in a crowded market. But I like the way it offers written directions AND crochet maps. The stiches maps make learning new stiches a lot faster.

I like the variety of stiches provided in this compilation. I recently had a revelation about the importance of making swatches and was looking for a pattern book to accompany a long-term

research project. This compilation of classic and original stitch patterns is perfect for the endeavor. My plan is to attempt all of the stitches using different types of natural and synthetic yarns and to keep a record of my work and notes along the way. I started the swatches using my yarn and thread stashes and have not been disappointed in the results so far. Thanks to Linda for taking the time to "redo" the samples and reprint this book. The thumbnail pictorial index in the front of the book is especially helpful for a quick view of the stitch patterns.

Superb! A true dictionary of crochet stitches. Each pattern (500 of them!) consists of a photo of a sample piece (work is very clear and photo is enlarged) , a diagram using symbols (perfect, very easy to understand. I don't need to read the written instructions!) and finally, written instructions. There is a pictorial index (photo of each pattern) for reader to select a pattern. The photos are a bit small, but the reader can just browse through the categories in the table of contents. Very happy to have purchased this book!

I purchased this book when it was on sale, luckily. If I had paid full price I probably would have been very disappointed and would have returned it for a refund. The book is very good, it has tons of stitches with photos of the way they look when completed. There's lots of techniques to choose from and directions are written and in graphic design. It would be a great book for someone without access to the internet. Unfortunately for the author, all or most of the stitch patterns in this book can easily be found for free online. Sad, but true. I guess it's that way for a lot of authors and publishers; the internet has robbed them of a lot of revenue.

I read quite a few reviews on this book before deciding to purchase. I was looking for a book that had a good collection of lace crochet and I was not dissatisfied in this stitch dictionary. There are many patterns that are available on the Internet in this collection but there are a lot of new ones as well. It has good stitch diagrams that seem easy to follow. I have not yet used the written directions. I am excited to make something with this book!

I picked up crochet about six months ago, and recently, I decided I wanted to try making my own patterns. This book has a great assortment of patterns and has been very helpful. The pictures are big and clear, so it's easy to see the stitch work (although some of the background colors are kind of drab, which makes the pattern look less appealing). There's a great variety of stitches to try, and while some are more complicated than others, none of them are too difficult for me. The instructions

are clear, and I especially appreciate the inclusion of diagrams for each pattern. I just learned to read diagrams from this book, and it's far more convenient than reading the written instructions. There are basic instructions, too, some of which I used, and these are clearly explained and diagrammed. The only thing I thought was missing from this book was suggestions on what size and texture of yarn to use for the different patterns. I'm trying to find a good pattern to make a purse right now, and I've gone through several that just don't look right with the thread I want to use. It would also be nice if there were suggestions on what kind of projects each pattern is best suited for. But overall, I love this book. Any crocheter will find this book practical and easy to use.

This book contains so many unique patterns as well as old favs! I have been using it as I create various crochet food items for my niece and grand-daughter seeking to make each unique from the normal pattern. I really have been enjoying this book and think most will find it interesting esp if you forget the names of patterns like ME!

This book really surprised me when I opened the box and looked at the size of it I was flabbergasted. Page after page of thumbnail pictures showing intricate patterns and numbered so I can turn to the page where that number's pattern can be found and start working out the stitches. It has diagrams for every stitch showing the exact way to hold the crochet hook and how many times to wind the yarn around the hook to make certain stitches. It is really a treasure trove of patterns that will last me the rest of my lifetime just trying to find ways to utilize some of these wonderful and beautiful patterns. I can see afghans and shawls, and totes, and vests in my future, every one of them unique and beautiful and colorful as well. I can't wait to begin working with these patterns. I purchased this book and am so happy I did. I highly recommend it to those who are serious about their needlecraft.

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