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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

Both authors, Jean and Rita, are icons in the world of crochet and publishing. Their contributions are many and they have touched crocheters with their incredible wealth of published crochet books for decades. Separately, both Jean and Rita have been honored as Honorees to the Crochet Guild of America Hall of Fame! A visually appealing and colorful Contents page highlights the fifteen categories of stitch types within from Bobbles and Popcorns to Fans and Picots. The Big Book of Crochet Stitches honors the memory of Jean Leinhauser. Weiss' heartfelt introduction of her dear friend reminds us all of how Jean was also a friend to all crocheters she met, and of the many and important contributions she made to the crochet world. Rita also gives an inside look at Jean's

passion for "collecting" crochet stitches. Truly a dictionary of stitches, this book is not based on gauge but on multiples. Colorful, clear photography presents each stitch in a 2 1/2 x 3-inch swatch format which is ample, along with the stitch instructions, for learners from beginning to advanced skills. Readers will probably be surprised to find the wonderful selection of familiar stitches, like the ripple or shell, with variations that they haven't seen before. It is a compendium chock-full of over 350 stitch techniques that will challenge crocheters to try their hand and hook at creating their own original designs. For those who prefer symbol crochet, unfortunately, diagrams are not to be found in this volume of hundreds of stitches and 192 pages. This should not be a deterrent; and every crocheter will want to have *The Big Book of Crochet Stitches* in their personal library, both as an important reference and as a fond memento of Jean Leinhauser! --Gwen Blakley Kinsler, *Crochet Queen: Royal Ramblings*, April 2014

Find step-by-step instructions for more than 350 crochet stitches, from easy to advanced. See a swatch for each stitch in a full-color, close-up photograph.

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!!!

All I can say is Whew ! It is like Christmas and which package to open. Which pattern should I use. I am just thrilled over this book and cannot stop looking through it. The patterns are not difficult they are all so beautiful.

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.

I love to crochet and enjoy making Afghans. This book will keep me busy for the rest of my days trying all the awesome stitches. A wonderful book to select from. Beautiful stitches. Be sure and see front notes on their identification of stitches is a bit different than what I call them. Easy to reference my double crochet initials and replace theirs when needed. Most patterns easy to learn for a newbie with basics understanding and enough practice with conformity in tension. Have fun trying to pick your first stitch to work with. LOL

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.

While there aren't any charts (not many patterns today use them), the instructions are clear and concise. The same cannot be said for many photos in the book. The tone is off and dulls the texture of the stitches so you cannot see them very well. I do use this book for inspiration and creating crochet blankets here <http://www.missedstitches.com>

Plenty of types of stitches and instructions are easy to understand.

I bought this when I first started crocheting, because I was looking for more stitches to play with. It does offer that. Unfortunately, I feel it is a bit lacking in instruction. I've worked a few of the stitches and have found a few errors already. Also, it tells you what multiple of stitches you need to cast-on but does not tell you the minimum you need to make the stitch pattern work. I've spent a lot of time frogging yarn and re-casting one because of this. The patterns are all written to be worked flat and offer no guidance at all if you want to work in the round. Ultimately, I think you can find all these stitches online for free. The book doesn't offer anything more to make it worth paying more for it.

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