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Crochet For Kids: Basic Techniques & Great Projects That Kids Can Make Themselves



Synopsis

With this book, kids (and tweens) can learn to crochet accessories and toys all by themselves. Simple, easy-to-follow step-by-step instructions and photos show basic crochet techniques and the challenging parts of each project. The patterns start very simple, with chains used as shoelaces, and build to relatively advanced projects such as afghans and stuffed toys. Fun, colorful projects will appeal to boys and girls aged 7 to 13. 29 projects (12 beginner, 11 intermediate, and 6 advanced) include friendship bracelets, berets and caps, embellishments for shirts and scarves, fingerless mitts, messenger bags, and more.

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Customer Reviews

Franziska Heidenreich is the author of eleven craft books for kids and adults. She first got her hands on a crochet hook at the age of seven and has been crocheting ever since. She lives in Berlin.

This is a super cute crochet book with great introductory information for the beginner, plus LOTS of cute projects that will keep kids busy for quite some time. My daughter is 10, and the starter projects seem about right. She will definitely be able to grow with the book as she crochets her way to the more advanced projects. Beginner projects can be completed fairly quickly, so those new to crochet won't lose interest. The progressively more advanced projects will keep kids hooked. Information is laid out in an easy to read-and-follow manner, and the well-done photography gets kids excited

about crochet. Whether your child is a complete beginner or has a little practice, this book is a solid choice!

My 12 year old who just started learning crochet (all by herself) loved this book. It has basic info with detailed explanation with pictures. Easy to follow. The book has so many fun/easy yet very attractive projects. If you are buying this book for young kids (like 5 year old?), you'll be disappointed. Appropriate audience is 10+. Young kids can try but WITH parent's help.

The instructions were clear, and easy to follow. The projects are cute and age appropriate.

Great book for kids. I have been looking for a good book with patterns for my daughter to use. So many of the books are just cheesy. This one is pretty good.

the directions are not so clear and easy for a child. i even had trouble with it as an adult.

Much TOO DIFFICULT for children!

Crochet for Kids is formatted like a high quality beginner crochet book but with details that make it just right for children learning to crochet. It opens with some great introductory material, including A Short Guide to Yarn, Basic Equipment, and Crocheting Step-by-Step. Each of these sections includes many pictures and is written with simple, straightforward sentences. The Crocheting Step-by-Step section includes photo tutorials for all the basic crochet stitches, increasing, decreasing, and more. The next section, Ready To Go! includes 12 beginner-friendly patterns that kids would love to make, like finger crochet shoelaces, a unisex brimmed hat, and hacky sacks. The patterns are written out in words without abbreviations and include lots of progress pictures to help. The next section, Moving Up, includes 10 slightly more advanced projects, like a slouchy beret with a bow, and appliques to sew on to t-shirts or jeans for customization. The last section, Projects for Pros, includes 5 more challenging projects. These projects don't necessarily require more skills, but they do require more patience! These include a blanket and other larger projects with frequent color changes. The book ends with a visual index (so it's easy to find a favorite pattern again) and a bio of the author. Although the book was originally written in German, it does seem to be translated clearly and I don't anticipate children struggling through it. I do wish the lighting was better in the Crocheting Step-by-Step photos, but

I'm sure that most children have better eyesight than I do! The book is filled with brightly lit pictures of children crocheting and wearing crochet gear, so it makes crochet seem really fun. It also doesn't ask children to make the mental translation required for reading pattern abbreviations. The author seems to really understand how to teach children to crochet. If your child is confident about reading, this would be a great book to nurture a love of crochet. I have read through many books on teaching children to crochet and have also taught children to crochet. This one seems to do the best job of combining a developmentally appropriate approach to learning to crochet with an appealing visual presentation. Full disclosure: A free review/giveaway copy of Crochet for Kids was provided by Stackpole Books. Although I accept free products for review, I do not accept additional compensation, nor do I guarantee a positive review. My reviews are based entirely on my honest opinions.

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