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Crochet just got chic.

From the runways of Paris to the sidewalks of small towns, crochet has emerged as a cool and sophisticated fashion trend.

And nothing is cooler than doing it yourself—quickly and easily. Inspired by vintage patterns, Doris Chan presents twenty fresh, fantastic designs for beginner and advanced crocheters alike. Chan's designs brilliantly translate old-fashioned lace patterns into fun, funky attire by substituting bright, chunky yarns for delicate fibers and increasing gauge and hook sizes. The result is a lovely, intricate lace pattern that only looks like it was difficult to produce. And because almost all the patterns are designed to be crocheted from the top down seamlessly, there is little to no finishing, piecing, or sewing required.

If you've never tried to crochet before, *Amazing Crochet Lace* is a wonderful introduction to the charm and beauty of lace. And if you're a pro, you'll be thrilled with the lovely, fresh designs you can create with the skills you already possess.

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CD says

Looked good, but I don't think that it really comes off all the well. I haven't tried any of them yet. They all seem too hard. Perhaps a more experienced hooker would like this book.

Heywu says

After reading this book, i have considered crocheting again.

Amanda says

The best thing about this book - some of these patterns are absolutely drop-dead *gorgeous*! If I ever get thin I am going to splurge on expensive materials and make the Risa Robe - it's a knockout!

The worst thing about this book - the patterns only list the brand and type of yarn used for the piece in the photo, without telling the reader what the weight of the yarn is. This makes it extremely difficult to know how to substitute a different yarn - like maybe one that *doesn't* cost twenty dollars a skein - without completely screwing up the gauge from the get-go.

Knit or crochet - as the title suggests, all patterns are crocheted.

The patterns are primarily - wearables, a lot of which need to fit just so in order to look good, which is an issue for, ahem, *larger* people, such as myself. However, there are also a lot of shawls and scarfs and things like that. Any successful finagling of sizes on my part will be posted in this review in future.

So far I have tried making - only one of the patterns, the first one, called Chrysanthemum Tea Shawl (pictured on the cover). So far, so good, it's looking great, and I'm using plain old Red Heart Super Saver. I'm trying to tweak the pattern a little so that it will fit my rather large body as nicely as it does the stick person in the photo. (All photos contain stick people, natch.) Will update review with details when I see how this turns out, and as I try more patterns.

Known mistakes - pattern for Chrysanthemum Tea Shawl, at least one row of the written instructions is flat-out wrong, so I suggest looking at the visual stitch pattern instead. Usually I hate trying to decipher those things, but in this case it will save you a *world* of annoyance.

Cutecrochet says

Love it!

Ellen says

I love Doris Chan. She is awesome. <--That is all.

Laura says

If you want to take your crochet up to another level Doris Chan is the tool to get there.

The part I loved most was the homage to her mother and sharing stories of crochet's connection to her Mom and their family history.

Doris a great writer as well as a designer ..what a spirit she has!
