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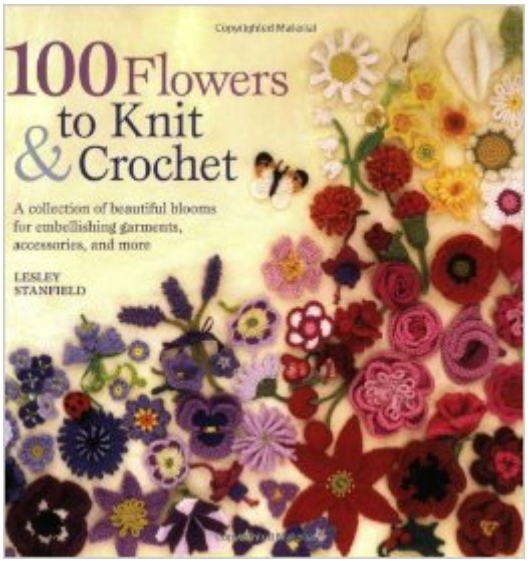
100 Flowers To Knit & Crochet: A Collection Of Beautiful Blooms For Embellishing Garments, Accessories, And More



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Synopsis

100 Flowers to Knit & Crochet showcases a lush bouquet of blossoms perfect for embellishing your favorite clothing or accessories. As a finishing touch for all your handmade garments or a great pick-me-up for a vintage find, these lovely blooms are the perfect way to use up scraps of yarn or try out interesting new yarns.Breeze through this gorgeous collection featuring a colorful palette of simple spiraling roses, saucer-sized poppies, delicate lilacs, an assortment of vegetables, and more. All are shown full-size and in scale and is complete with stitched leaves and embroidered stems. Each flower pattern has full instructions, yarn requirements, and a suggested skill level. An additional section serves as a refresher course with basic techniques and provides inspiration for embellishing your finished flowers with beads, buttons, and sequins. You can also learn how to use the flowers in a range of fun projects, from customizing clothing and accessories, to decorating gift-wrapped packages.This book will inspire all knitters and crocheters to pick up their needles and start creating their own beautiful blooms.

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Customer Reviews

I received this book yesterday afternoon after work and was delighted with the layout and quality of the instructions. There is a general information section, followed by a photo directory of all of the flowers included, grouped by color, then sections for knitted items and crochet items. Each section is further grouped into easy, intermediate, and advanced patterns. The patterns themselves are cross-referenced to the photo directory by number and include both text instructions and chart. I finished a knitted rose last night before bed, and started a crocheted rose this morning while riding

transit to work. I'm extremely pleased with the book and the my results.

I am very impressed with this book. Not only are there plenty of flowers to make with beautiful and enticing photographs, but the instructions are very clear and accurate. Translating the American stitches into Australian (crochet) is very easy. The introduction and instructions at the front of the book are beautifully laid out and further, the flowers are divided into various levels of difficulty. I am most happy with my purchase and thoroughly recommend this book to others.

As a knitter I am often disappointed by a book of knitted and crocheted designs. Frequently there are very few knitted. In this book almost half the flowers are knitted and they are stunning. This book is an absolute delight. I think it would be fun to combine some of these flowers with the Wild tea cosies.

This is a wonderful collection of garden items to crochet or knit. For the record, there are 40 knit patterns and 60 crochet patterns. (March 2009 edition)The gallery section (Dictionary of Flowers) shows the samples in actual size, which is helpful. Crocheted and knitted items are intermingled in the gallery section, but there are separate instruction sections for crochet and knit patterns. The instruction sections are further broken down into basic, intermediate and advance levels. All patterns give the suggested yarn weight used in the sample (typically DK or Fine weights), but there are no suggested hook or needle sizes. The crafter will need to experiment a bit with the suggested yarn to achieve the sample size and then experiment from there for specific projects.The photos are gorgeous and quite inspiring. I love the rainbow of colors. The patterns are mostly flowers, but there are also leaves (about 14) and a few vegetables (4), fruits (5) and bugs (5).... a nice sampling of a garden. (The numbers I provided include both crochet and knit patterns.)The crochet patterns also feature symbol charts, which is helpful.The project section at the end of the book is basically a section of project suggestions, not really full blown projects. For me this was the least helpful part of the book, but others may find it helpful.Overall, I am very pleased with this book and look forward to crocheting flowers for the charity hats I'm making.

I am giving this book four stars only because there are just 40 of the 100 patterns for knitting and I wish there were more. The variety is excellent -- even better if you are capable of knitting AND crocheting, which I am not! -- with attractive designs that make you want to grab your needles/hooks and get to work. There are a few suggestions for embellishing items in the back but mostly you are

left to your own imagination on what to do with what you make. Everything is photographed very well and the instructions are fairly clear with the projects being split up into difficulty levels. There isn't much on knitting or crocheting how-to, so I would say this book isn't exactly for someone just learning to work with fiber. There was also one direction I noticed for some of the knit patterns that I feel is a bit unclear when they are having you do mulitiple stitches in one stitch, or I am assuming that is what they want as I haven't tried it yet. Aside from that, I would highly recommend this book to any knitter or crocheter but will say that just knitters might be a bit disappointed in not being able to do over half the designs. Or perhaps it will inspire those of us who can't to pick up some hooks and learn!

Excellent, instructional book! Clear instructions, great pics, vast variety.I do both, knit and crochet, so ALL of the patterns are a delight and an opportunity to me.I love the layout of the book: Beautiful pictures showing several (numbered) items, with the instructions following, organized by item number. The pictures are color-themed, which makes them look even better. I love how one can "browse" this book, it's like walking through a garden and picking flowers for a bouquet. Need a tiny little blue flower on a wedding garter? Turn the pages to the blue hues. A nice, lush rose for Mom's lapel or gift? Find "rose" in the index!1) However, I think it should have been made clearer, that the majority of the flowers are crocheted.2) Furthermore, I understand the critique of another purchaser, that no hook/needle sizes and yarn weights are given. Noting the finished size of the items would have been helpful as well.As a long time crafter, I have a very good feel for the outcome. Less experienced persons don't.Because of those two points, only 4 stars.Other than that - great addition to my library of craft books.

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