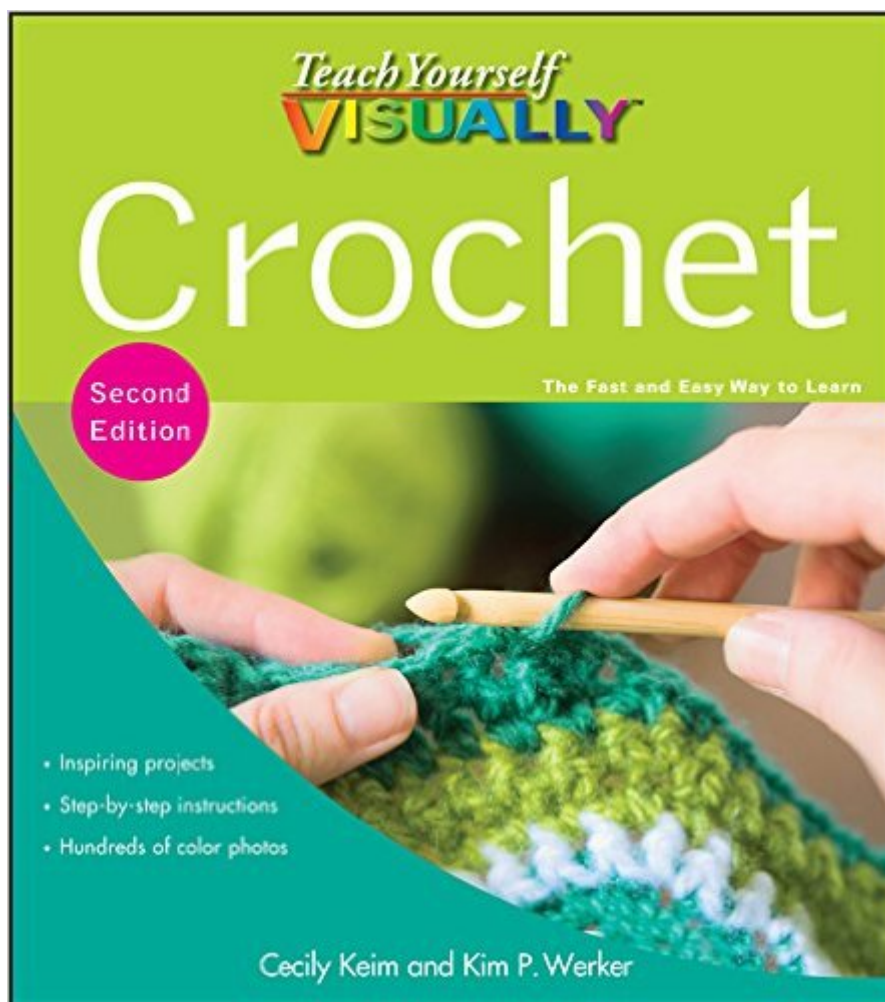


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# Teach Yourself VISUALLY Crochet



## Synopsis

The visual way to get hooked on crochet The art of crocheting is timeless-and its popularity is evident in the surge of modern, sophisticated techniques like amigurumi and Tunisian crochet. So if you yearn for the skills to join this crafting revolution, this easy-to-follow guide is for you! With new patterns and even more techniques explained step by step, this updated edition is your go-to guide for learning how to crochet. Concise, two-page lessons show you all the steps to a skill and are ideal for quick review Detailed color photos demonstrate each step and helpful tips provide additional guidance New patterns, more techniques, and refreshed interior design Packed with tons of step-by-step instructions and fun, innovative patterns, Teach Yourself VISUALLY Crochet, 2nd Edition, gives you the tools you need to create one-of-a-kind crochet projects that will add handmade flair to your home and wardrobe.

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## Customer Reviews

While this is a fine book, I don't think it great for beginners or \*step-by-step\* at all. Yes there are A LOT of stitch and easy pattern ideas provided, but I don't like the way the diagrams are shown or explained. My suggestion is to buy the 63 Easy-to-Crochet Pattern Stitches (Leisure Arts #555) and 63 More Easy-To-Crochet Pattern Stitches (Leisure Arts #2146) pamphlets first. These have great drawings and detailed stitch instructions. These booklets give quick, easy instructions on the various stitches - SC, DC, HDC, TR, etc. and then 63 basic patterns that allow the new crafter to practice. It's simple and to the point and better than the VISUALLY book. A final issue with Teach Yourself Visually Crochet - the paperback is on the small side and does not lie flat. It actually is quite stiff and holding it open with two hands is tough. Have you read novels that are so tight that

you struggle all the way through them? This book is the same. In order to use it hands free you will need to break the binding. Not good. A spiral edge would have fixed that.

I bought this book because I have no experience crocheting and I wanted to learn how. I am really disappointed with the book. It really glosses over some of the more difficult key points, such as the transition between finishing a row and starting another. It will give you one picture and a brief description to go with it. What is really needed at this point are a number of pictures, or at least some diagrams. I can't even complete the first series of stitches in this book. From now on I will go to the library and check books out before buying.

I started crocheting only in December. A YouTube video showed me how. But, i am a visual learner and also have to have a guide next to me so I rummaged through the books at the local bookstore and found Teach Yourself Visually Crochet. What an unparalleled resource! I refer back to it time and again for clarification. It explains the basics, crocheting in the round, and important finishing techniques such as edgings and how make buttonholes. Since I started making hats, I have found the reference to increasing and shaping to be most helpful. There is even a chapter on Amigurumi, which I am heading onto next. The pictures are amazing. They show samples of what the stitch looks like, as well as, step-by-step photos. Have trouble reading a pattern? There is an explanation on that too! I have several books on crochet and this, by far, is the most comprehensive. Excellent resource!

I think this book needed to be more inclusive with their visuals. I wasn't doing the stitching right until my grandma showed me how to do it right. I doubt i would have been able to learn just from this book. It jumps around a lot too.

I wanted to learn how to crochet and attempted to start with learning from my boyfriends grandma who has been doing it for 70+ years. When I didn't have her around, I kept finding myself lost, needing to know simple basics and constantly asking myself "is this right?". I went out looking for a book to help me. After searching many books and thinking I'll never be able to do this, I found this book. The pictures are clear and the directions are easy to understand. They use a yarn in the pictures that is more like a rope, so it's easy to see what they are describing. They teach you many stitches and have lots of projects. It teaches you everything you need to know- how to know what hook to use, how to care for the yarn, how to create a ball of yarn, how to read a yarn package, how

to read patterns and so much more I never even thought I'd need to know. I have had the book for two weeks now and I have completed 3 projects. I have filled my book with bookmarks so I can easily flip back and forth for quick reference. This book has given me great confidence and beautiful results. I would absolutely recommend this book to anyone wanting to learn this wonderful craft!

I am a little more advanced than a beginner - I started out using YouTube videos, and then checked this book out from the library to try out some patterns for granny patches. The 2 patterns that I have tried to use from this book just do NOT work. The one granny patch was so lumpy and deformed from trying to fit too many stitches into too small a space that I ended up completely redoing the work with fewer stitches and guessing along the way as to what would work. The next patch I tried required creating a ring using a loop. The instructions for creating the ring are very poorly written, the pictures don't match what the instructions say, and they completely skip the critical points in chaining onto the loop. I returned to YouTube for some videos, and the methods I found look nothing like what this book shows. I won't bother to attempt to use this book for anything else.

Beautiful color illustrations for every step. If you are a visual learner, this is the book for you. Easy to follow along. The only thing that could have made it better is if it was spiral bound. I have to use metal clips to hold the book open so that my hands are free to crochet. Lots of great projects for beginners to advanced. Well thought out.

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