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Tunisian Crochet Stitch Guide



Synopsis

Choose from 61 stitch patterns to add texture and beauty to your own one-of-a-kind Tunisian crochet projects. They're great for scarves, home decor, garments, pillows and fashion accessories. The book includes photo tutorials of the stitches to familiarize yourself with their execution. It teaches you the symbols for the stitches and how to read the charts. Once you've learned to read the charts, you can use the plethora of stitch patterns, most of them never-before-published, created by the author specifically and exclusively for this book. The book is a handy size, perfect to fit into your project bag. The stitch patterns are separated into chapters of Learning Charts, Typical Stitches, Color Stitches, and Lace Stitches. The stitch patterns include basic, beginner stitch patterns through advanced, including never-before-seen pineapples and pine cones in Tunisian crochet. The book does require some basic crochet knowledge in order to enjoy it; i.e., slip knot, chain and single crochet. But, it does not require prior Tunisian crochet knowledge as long as you're willing to learn the stitches (tutorials provided in the book) before jumping into the stitch patterns. This book is a stitch pattern dictionary to expand your skill level and provide you with the opportunity to create your own projects. Although it includes one pattern/project to practice reading the charts, it is not a pattern book. It is a stitch pattern dictionary, like other stitch pattern dictionaries. Unlike other stitch pattern dictionaries, however, it is all Tunisian crochet. Kim is also the author of the Ultimate Beginners Guide to Tunisian Crochet, Short Row Tunisian Fashion and Tunisian Cables to Crochet.

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Customer Reviews

The Tunisian Crochet Stitch Guide by Kim Guzman is a pattern booklet featuring 61 Tunisian

crochet stitch patterns. The booklet begins with an introduction to reading international stitch symbols and understanding "multiples" in stitch patterns. This introduction is followed by 14 basic stitch patterns, including common names in US terminology. The remaining stitches are organized into three sections: Typical Stitches (17 stitch patterns including classics like the moss stitch and column variations), Color Stitches (11 stitch patterns), and Lace Stitches (18 stitch patterns). Each pattern includes a swatch photo and a large, clear pattern in stitch symbols. The booklet ends with a pattern for a scarf, which is written in both pattern abbreviations and symbols, and a general instructions section that explains the basic Tunisian crochet stitches with descriptions and process photos. The Tunisian Crochet Stitch Guide is one of the new Leisure Arts booklets and is about the size of a piece of letter paper folded in half. The small size makes the booklet more portable, but the downside is that some of the swatch pictures are not very large. There are no difficulty levels indicated. The book emphasizes international stitch symbols, so crocheters who prefer written patterns will have to adapt. (On the plus side, learning to read these symbols opens up literally a world of new patterns!) Although the booklet is limited to Tunisian crochet stitches, there is an interesting variety of fabric densities and styles. I would recommend this booklet to crocheters who are beginning to explore Tunisian crochet, experienced Tunisian crocheters who are looking for a definitive US stitch guide, and those who are budding designers.

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