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Star Wars Crochet (Crochet Kits)



Synopsis

An out-of-this-world crochet adventure, the Star Wars Crochet kit offers a fun and interactive experience by including a full-color paperback book with step-by-step instructions for crocheting Star Wars' most memorable characters, plus yarn, a crochet hook, a needle, stuffing, and safety eyes. With instructions for twelve different characters and enough materials for two complete projects -- Yoda and a stormtrooper -- your crochet collection can also soon include Luke Skywalker, Darth Vader, Princess Leia, Jabba the Hutt, and many other favorites. Use the force of crafting to create this amazing cast of characters with Star Wars Crochet.

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Customer Reviews

Lucy Collin learned to crochet as a child, taught by her grandmother. But it wasn't until she had children of her own and discovered she could use her slightly rusty crochet skills to create amigurumi characters and cute toys that her obsession was born. Nine years later, Lucy has combined her passion for designing creatures and characters with her love of science fiction and fantasy. She has published patterns in magazines such as Inside Crochet and Crochet Gifts and created the patterns for the book Hollywood Crochet. She lives in West Sussex, England.

Overall, I am impressed by the quality of this kit. The kit includes enough yarn to finish two Star Wars projects, specifically one each of Yoda and a Stormtrooper, and after that you will need to purchase additional yarn, fiberfill, safety eyes, and other assorted items to finish more of the

characters. The kit does not say exactly what size the yarn is but it seems to be at most a worsted weight 4 and it appears to be acrylic and/or wool rather than cotton. It does state that the models shown in the book were made with either weight 4 or 3 but doesn't detail which is which. The colors of yarn included are: white, black, pale green, beige, and brown. Also included is a tapestry needle for seaming the figures and adding features with yarn, an inexpensive crochet hook in size 3.50 (US E/4), four plastic safety eyes and fiberfill. There are also fairly detailed instructions including many diagrams. Unfortunately, there are no directions included for how to place the safety eyes. I am sure that this information can be found on the internet with a simple search. The directions do tell you exactly where to place the eyes. I must admit that I won't be using these eyes but will instead find ones that I can purchase so all of my figures will be consistent. Either that or I will embroider eyes on using basic satin stitches. While the yarn in this kit is very nice, I will be using my own stash to be sure that the sizes, colors, look, and feel of my characters are consistent. The instructions are detailed but I don't think that this is a project for most beginners. It uses techniques that crocheters with a bit more experience would feel comfortable with. If you are a beginner, just be sure you have access to someone or a website that can give you answers if you have any questions about the instructions. The book includes instructions for 12 Star Wars figures: Yoda, Stormtrooper, C-3PO, Princess Leia, Wicket the Ewok, Luke Skywalker, R2-D2, Han Solo, Chewbacca, Darth Vader, Boba Fett, and Jabba the Hutt. In addition to the patterns, there are many pictures of scenes of the characters from the actual movies - really fun for any Star Wars fan to have included. The hook is okay but I prefer to use my own for ergonomic reasons. The characters look to be fairly small - if you want to make them larger, use thicker yarn and larger hooks. The instructions should work well no matter the size. The tapestry needle is decent and works well for its purpose. I have purchased and crocheted other kits from this company (the Peanuts and Classic Disney) as well as one distributed by another company but which looks exactly like this brand with a slightly different box (Disney Winnie the Pooh). The instructions in the kits are all very similar as are the materials. I have been very impressed with the previous kits and believe this one will be just as good. On the whole, I really like the kit and the instructions and recommend it to an intermediate or above crocheter without hesitation.

Lucy Collin is a very talented 5-Star amigurumi designer. With the exception of Darth Vader, who unfortunately looks a little like a poodle man, the characters look amazing. The 3-Star review is for the Thunder Bay Press publishing company who produced this kit. The instructions aren't presented with a beginner in mind. Not sure this is entirely the fault of Lucy Collin's the author. If you are a

beginner, and ambitious, you can you-tube plenty of tutorials to help you through. As an intermediate to advanced crocheter myself, I find these instructions fair. I'm not familiar with needlepoint and the explanations in this book are very vague when it comes to the finishing touches that require the needlepoint skill set (you-tube helps in this area). Also stuffing is a big part of shaping the dolls and the book does not do a good job of offering tips in that department. I found while making Yoda it was better to stuff him at different intervals than what was suggested. My last gripe regarding the instruction book itself is that it is soft-covered and glue bound in a way that does not stay open to the page you are working on.

Materials: As one reviewer pointed out, the washers for the safety eyes are almost useless. I had to figure out a way to stretch them out to get them to work. Very frustrating. The yarn it comes with frays really easily so you have to be extra careful. Personally, I would prefer to pay a bit more and have the kit come with more of the materials needed to make at least most of the projects. Finding the correct size and color of eyes is not always easy and color matching the yarn is a challenge to get an authentic look.

Overall: If you love Star Wars and crochet and are looking for inspiration I recommend this kit. Just be aware there may be some researching of online tutorials needed. You'll also need access to a well stocked specialty yarn store. Michael's and JoAnn's Fabrics don't carry the safety eyes and color matching yarn is challenging. There is no listing with this kit of brands that carry the yarns used to make the rest of the dolls so you are on your own. Despite the negatives I'm excited to try and make as many of these as I can!

Update: There is an error on page 19 of Yoda's robe section. Row 6 should end with a ch 1 turn. Also on page 18 at the top Round 20 I only did BLO (back loops only) for the regular stitches. I went in both loops for the 3dc pop stitches to make the toes stand out more and I think it helps him balance better.

And a note for beginners: when the instructions say 'x' in next st (at the beginning of a row when not working in the round) they mean not the chain but into the last single crochet you made from the previous round. Things like this are not explained in the book.

This kit has been one of my best purchases! I currently have a Yoda backlog, :) The patterns aren't too difficult. The only suggestion I would make is that if you make R2D2 you get safety eyes that actually fit through the layers of yarn depending on the type of yarn you use.

Fun kit, but I don't recommend it for anyone below an intermediate skill level. You will need much more yarn to complete all the characters than comes with the kit. Before starting this project, I recommend making sure you have all the supplies. C3PO and Jabba the Hut require specialty safety eyes, and the black ones used for the rest of the characters are difficult to find in the size

suggested. Also, make sure you have several stitch markers available as you will be working in the round, and certain characters require you to mark places to be worked in different stitches. Overall I am really enjoying the kit, but I'm finding out I should have read through each character's requirements and picked up the specialty items all at once.

like another review said - definitely not for beginners. I had to go online to get a better idea of how to do certain things - well actually most of them. The book is visually pleasing and nice to have but I HATED that I would be reading how to do something and it would say "Fig A page 36" uhh.. it would be a lot nicer if the picture was on the same page of the instruction. Layout was just super annoying. It is annoying enough to make me hesitate on getting any other kits.

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