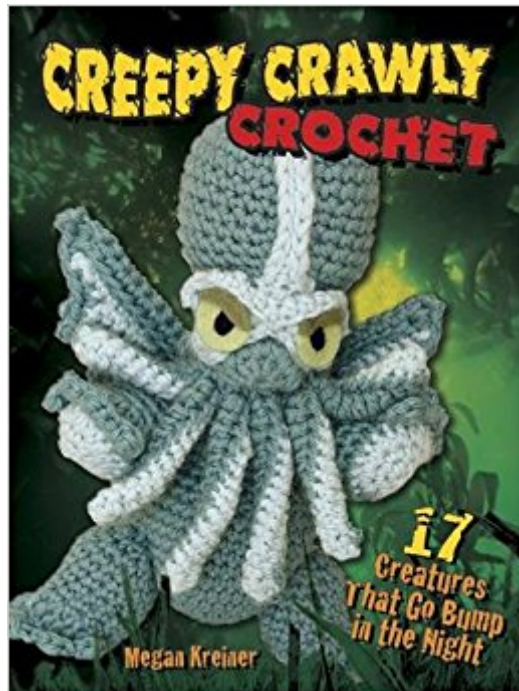




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Creepy Crawly Crochet: 17 Creatures That Go Bump In The Night



Synopsis

They're creepy but they're cute and cuddly, too! Inspired by classic literature, film, and folklore, these 17 crochet monsters will delight everyone with a taste for old-fashioned thrillers and modern tales of horror. Detailed instructions include assembly diagrams for ease of construction along with full-color photos. The patterns are suitable for beginners, but advanced crocheters will find them irresistible as well. These fetching fiends include Boo Boo the Voodoo Doll; Jack, the Headless Horseman, and his horse, Nightmare; Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde; Carl of the Dead and Daisy, his Zombie Dog; and other sinister characters. In addition to their value as handmade keepsake treasures, these characters also make great gifts for fans of horror and science fiction. "The moment I saw the Cthulhu on the cover of this, I knew I had to have it! And it did not disappoint!" -- Musing of Madjy "It doesn't matter what time of the year it is, if you crochet toys or dolls, this is the book for you. I can't wait to make my favorites." -- writeknit

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Customer Reviews

This is a remarkably well thought out pattern book. Since I've been blogging about craft books in my Yarning series, I've been able to get a handle on what makes a craft book actually usable and what doesn't, and this book has a number of features that set it apart as a book that you will actually USE to create the finished product. The finished products here look like they've been made from patterns that have been thoroughly tested, with all the kinks ironed out. While this may mean that, at first glance, you might think "I couldn't make that!!", the thoroughness with which the patterns and instructions are set out means you can

be confident that you won't be left flailing about trying to figure out what goes where and how to get from (Round) A to (Round) B. ~ Kreiner has used a whole range of unusual needlecraft techniques that add plenty of character to her..characters and~ the patterns include illustrated diagrams showing how to create the features on the characters' faces and bodies, so that readers can authentically replicate the finished product, rather than just get an approximation.~ I would heartily recommend this to those experienced in the art of crocheting amigurumi plushies who like to dabble in the dark side...mwahahahahaaaaa!- Yarning with Mad Martha from~ thebookshelfgargoyle.wordpress.comThe moment I saw the Cthulhu on the cover of this, I knew I had to have it! And it did not disappoint!~ I've been crocheting for almost 8 years now and consider myself to be fairly advanced and to have seen my fair share of books and patterns. So when I say that this book has some well-written and obviously well-tested patterns, I mean it! That said, this is a book that is probably best suited for someone who is at least moderately skilled at making amigurumi, considering some of the stitches and techniques used.The photos in this were also pretty darn fantastic and were accurate representations of what the creatures would look like when finished! (Nothing worse than an AmigurumiFail! right? ;)).~ The variety in this was also nice, with a good sprinkling of "creepy" creatures, most of which weren't overly "cute" and would be nice gifts for older kids (or, y'know, "kids" ;)).- Musings of Madjy from~ musingsofmadjy.blogspot.com/

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really original projects

This product was a Christmas present & they would recommend it.

This was a gift for someone else. She liked it.

Great book! Can't wait to make some of the items listed!

Always a winner with this designer.. have several of her books and her attention to details amazes me! KUDOS! A must have!

DISCLOSURE OF MATERIAL CONNECTION: I have a material connection because I received a review copy for free from Netgalley and the publisher. As an experienced crocheter (I've been crocheting for over 50 years) I feel confident in stating Creepy Crawly Crochet is the perfect instruction book with really cool, creepy but cute patterns. It begins with fiber and hook suggestions as well as where to find black fiber fill (around Halloween they sell it under the name "Halloween Hay"). This is important for creepy figures that are done in dark colors, because no matter how tight your stitches are, the crocheted fabric will allow white fiber fill to be seen. From felt to project bags there are suggestions and guidance regarding the best type of each item to turn out perfectly. Kreiner gives step-by-step instructions for crocheting from the beginning slip knot to binding off. She then follows with each stitch used in the following patterns, including "Finishing Touches" like whip stitching your project together and embroidery stitches that will add details to your project. Tips and Tricks is the next section that helps with the little things that will make your Creepy Crawlies perfect. The patterns themselves are clear, concise and detailed. There are images to enhance and clarify the directions. Each pattern has a color picture to allow you to see exactly how the project will look when finished. All of the Creepy Crawlies are cute in a creepy way. It is hard to pick out one or two that are my favorites over the others, but I have a soft spot for Frankie. He is on the top of my list to make for my grandson. My other favorite is Poe the Raven because he would look very cool sitting on my desk at work next Halloween. If you aren't that into creepy, you can still love this book. For instance, Jack and the Headless Horseman is a great pattern for a horse stuffed animal. You could make Jack with a head, and it is just a guy on a horse that all kids would love. After the patterns, Kreiner has templates for the felt pieces used to finish off the characters. She also gives the abbreviations for the pattern instructions, crochet hook conversion charts, yarn weights and resources. It doesn't matter what time of the year it is, if you crochet toys or dolls, this is the book for you. I can't wait to make my favorites.

Though I've attempted crochet in the past, I didn't have the coordination to keep it up as a hobby. Never the less, I adore amigurumi books, particularly those with sci-fi, fantasy, horror, and pop culture themes. This one has some really original and comical designs that I adored. Boo Boo the Voodoo Doll is my favorite but Poe the Raven and Bun Bun the Bunny are fun, unexpected critters too. From a technical standpoint I can't say whether the instructions would be easy to follow but I'm

guessing most of these (based on appearance and length of instruction) are not going to be easy for beginners. That said, it does have a section of crochet basics so if you're totally new you may find it an inspiring place to build your skills. Notes: Review copy received through NetGalley.

This book was super cute. I am a beginner so it was nice that I could follow the pattern. My other friends who are avid crocheters loved this book. 2 of them are planning to purchase it for Christmas gifts to themselves. I love the easy to follow instructions and the chart that details exactly what yarns to use. My first attempt was to make Poe the Raven. It turned out fairly good but I am gonna do it again since he looks a little off (I miscounted somewhere). This is the perfect book for anyone looking to crochet something a little more fun and festive. I gave it 3 stars only because I wished the cover had a few examples on it instead of the 1 big one and because I wanted there to be even more creatures to make lol.

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