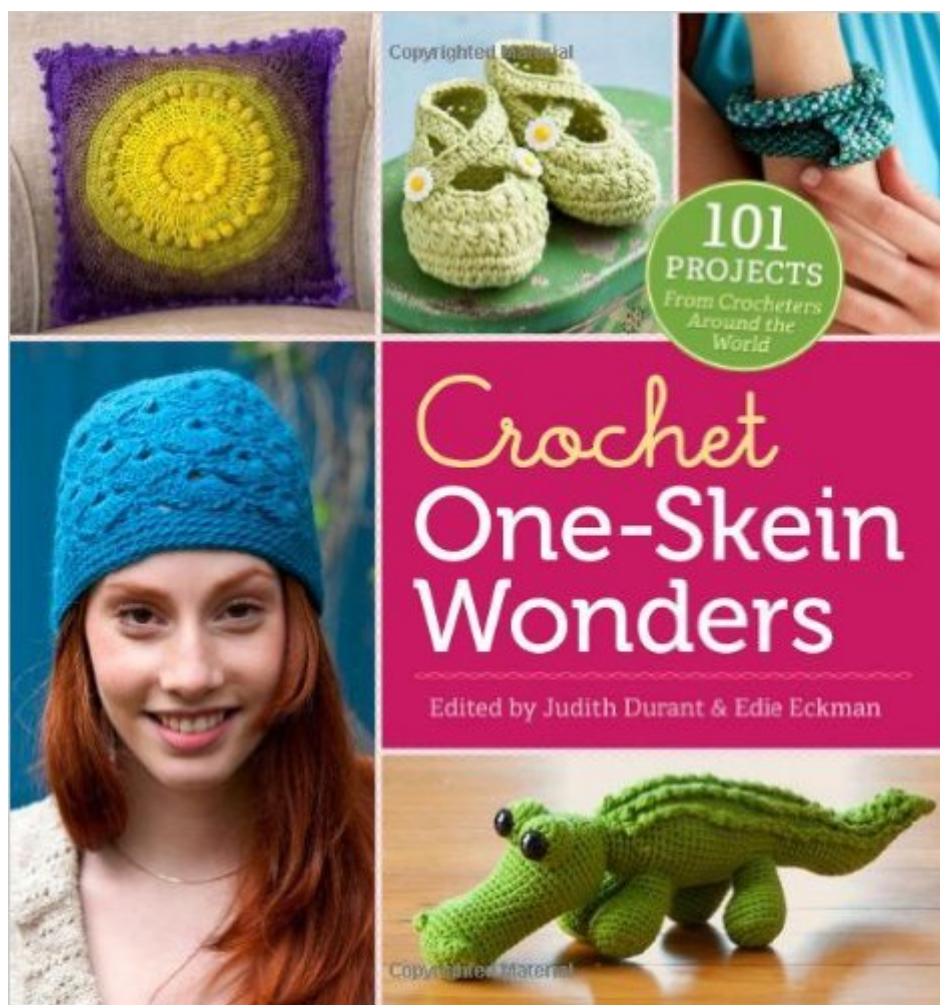


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Crochet One-Skein Wonders®: 101 Projects From Crocheters Around The World



Synopsis

Finally, a One-Skein Wonders® book just for crocheters! Edie Eckman and Judith Durant offer 101 exciting crochet projects — including jewelry, scarves, bags, hats, dresses, and home decor items — that each use just one skein of yarn. With projects organized by yarn type and weight, you'll be crocheting lacy shrugs for the springtime and heavy-duty beanies for the snowy winter months. Whatever your experience level, you're sure to find a delightfully portable project that suits your individual style.

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Customer Reviews

I have always loved looking through those 'One-Skein' knitting books. I usually crochet though and always wanted one for that instead. Now, here it is! Particulars about the book: 1) All skill levels are covered, but most projects are geared more toward those who already know how to crochet, not someone just learning. With 101 projects though, there is something for everyone to make. 2) Like those one-skein knitting books, this one is broken down by yarn weight. Of course, this can be very helpful when you dive into your stash. :-) The side of the book's pages is color coded so you can find each yarn section quickly. 3) First rate photos. 4) The patterns are clear and the font is easy to read. Rounds are clearly labeled and helps are given for specific areas of each project. 5) Somewhat easily accessible yarn, but you may want to consider substituting. This is simple as yardage is given (not just weight.) Keep in mind though that a satisfactory finished product will depend on the

coloration of the yarn.⁶) Charts are included for motifs and some of the stitch patterns⁷) A good variety of projects Speaking of projects, here is how they break down: Home items (9), Jewelry/accessories (7), Scarves (13), Cowls (7), Shawls/Cape (3), Adult Hats (7), Shrugs (2), Baby items (16), Stuffed Toys (7), Gloves/Mittens (6), other head items (6), Purses/Bags (10), other containers (3), Doll items (2), Belt (1), Hanky (1), Slippers (1) So, as you can see, not just hats or scarves (yeah!). And the ones that ARE hats and scarves are pretty darn nice. The amount of yarn varies also, depending on its weight.

Full Disclosure: I received a digital advanced reader's copy of this book for reviewing purposes. I have but one complaint about this book: where are the difficulty guides? This book is full of great projects, and as it says, they truly are projects from around the world--particularly, it features several amigurumi projects and several projects that feature Tunisian crochet. Variety is certainly not lacking here--there are plenty of hat and scarf patterns, as part of the typical crochet fare (especially as you would expect for a book that focuses on one-skein projects)--but there are also pillows, jewelry, stuffed animals, baby clothes, and some neat projects like a water bottle holder, yoga mat bag, and e-reader holder. And the authors have kindly added visual patterns as well as the usual scripted patterns for those who have difficulty following along with crochet patterns--they've thought of almost everything. I tried my hand at a few projects, which is part of the reason this review has taken so long to come to light. One of the first I tried was one of the fingerless gloves. My hands are always freezing when I'm typing, so these were great. I wasn't entirely sure that it was going to work when I was crocheting them, but they turned out. I decided that I would try a few other projects out of the book as well. The book is divided up into yarn weights, and I have a supply of worsted-weight yarn that makes my husband groan every time he sees it, so I thought I would try working with some of those projects, which was where I came straight into my complaint about this book. I am not a novice crocheter.

Crochet One-Skein Wonders fits in with this great series very well. Edited by Judith Durant and Edie Eckman, it's a collection of projects by different designers that can be done with one skein of yarn or less. There are over 100 patterns in here, in sections divided by yarn types. The vast range of projects at several different skill levels ensures that there is something for everyone. If you are a beginning crocheter, this will be a book that can grow with your skills. Because crochet uses so much yarn, most of the patterns are for accessories, with some housewares, toys and clothing to mix it up. The patterns are done in both American style written instructions and in international

crochet notation. Each pattern starts by explaining what special stitches or techniques you might need to know so you'll know if it's going to be really easy for you make, challenging or "I'll get back to this project when I'm a lot better."If you see a skein you want but have no idea what to do with it, this book has you covered. Super fine cotton threads, lace weight wools, bulky hand dyed wools and the weights in between.My favorite projects are:Susan Levin's Bangle Bracelets made with sock yarn.Melody Fulone's V-stitched Elegant Fingerless GlovesSarah Grieve's Bellisfaire Beanie which is a lightweight hat perfect for fashion or cool spring or fall evenings.Brenda K.B. Anderson's Maywood Purse is felted and embellished, and looks great.Renee Rodgers' Handpainted Shoulder Bag uses an easy stitch technique and a bulky yarn for a quick to stitch purse that's simple, but still artistic looking.There are actually a lot of patterns I like in here.

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