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crochet about six months ago, and recently, I decided I wanted to try making my own patterns. This book has a great assortment of patterns and has been very helpful. The pictures are big and clear, so it's easy to see the stitch work (although some of the background colors are kind of drab, which makes the pattern look less appealing). There's a great variety of stitches to try, and while some are more complicated than others, none of them are too difficult for me. The instructions are clear, and I especially appreciate the inclusion of diagrams for each pattern. I just learned to read diagrams from this book, and it's far more convenient than reading the written instructions. There are basic instructions, too, some of which I used, and these are clearly explained and diagrammed. The only thing I thought was missing from this book was suggestions on what size and texture of yarn to use for the different patterns. I'm trying to find a good pattern to make a purse right now, and I've gone through several that just don't look right with the thread I want to use. It would also be nice if there were suggestions on what kind of projects each pattern is best suited for. But overall, I love this book. Any crocheter will find this book practical and easy to use.

This stitchwork classic features 500 designs ranging from traditional patterns to original motifs--crocheters of every level will find essential information and inspiration on every page. Each design features a close-up color photograph, a diagram showing each stitch and its placement, and easy to follow instructions. A pictorial index displays a thumbnail view of every design for easy selection and navigation. No wonder *The Complete Book of Crochet Stitch Designs* is considered a must-have reference for crocheters!

About the Author Linda Schapper's artistic vision is expressed in a wide range of media, from patchwork quilts and crochet to painting and liturgical textiles, all of which are characterized by a folk-art style. She has traveled and taught extensively in more than 30 countries, had some 100 exhibits of her patchwork quilts, and written eight books--four of them on crochet. Linda lives in Orlando, Florida.