

Convertible Crochet: Customizable Designs for Stylish Garments

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Doris Chan : Convertible Crochet: Customizable Designs for Stylish Garments before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Convertible Crochet: Customizable Designs for Stylish Garments:

41 of 43 people found the following review helpful. The Absolute Teaching Manual By HomeFree I took me years to understand Doris way of teaching. Finally it has arrived. The ultimate teaching manual for those who want to have success working with motif joining (connection). This book is truly designed for use by "intermediate to advance" crochet crafters who already know the basic various stitchery because you will not find them broken down here like in the back of craft magazines. So, with that being said, THANK YOU DORIS, you've finally are saying what I've wanted to hear you to say over the years. If you know the basics, Doris can get you to work and make wearable art. 10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Doris Chan has done it again! By Tanis Galik Doris Chan has done it

again creating her signature lacey garments! If you are an intermediate or advanced crocheter who is looking for some new ways to use motifs, this is the book for you. As always, I took the book to my Fiber Fun Group of beginning crocheters. The designs and motifs were a big hit, but since they are mostly beginning crocheters, they felt at this point the projects were too difficult for them to crochet on their own. However, for an intermediate or advance crocheter, these motifs present an exciting challenge. Each pattern can be assembled or styled into multiple looks. The 24 motifs are interchangeable, connectable and adaptable, creating 22 projects. Doris provides techniques for measuring, finishing and sizing so your garment reflects the real you. There are decorator suggestions on how to crochet buttons, rope and braids to add that designer touch. I especially liked the tip to use button studs to making your garments more versatile without committing to a button hole in a certain location. The instructions are clear and beautifully illustrated. My personal favorites are Titan Top page 75, T-Bird page 104, Kerry Top Skirt page 120 and Andromeda Vest page 126. Doris designs beautiful doilies that fold, drape and grow into lovely items to wear. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Like a Tool Kit, Construction Set, and Crayon Box Combined By NanaI ran into the work of Doris Chan on Ravelry while looking for plus-sized sweaters to crochet for myself. I was so impressed with the resulting sweater that I came here looking for books she might have published. If you're a process person, this book is definitely for you. If you find yourself working on a pattern and thinking how you could adapt it to suit yourself, this book is also for you. If you've ever wondered how to design something with sleeves or how to add a collar to a piece, this book is for you. If you just want a book of patterns for Sweaters A, B, and C, you might be disappointed. "Convertible Crochet" includes several sets of motifs in square, pentagon, hexagon, and octagon shapes. Each motif and shape comes in two sizes--major and minor. The motifs have been carefully designed so that they are very easy to "join as you go," and instructions are provided for how to do that. There are also instructions for how to stabilize the motifs for use at stress points and joinings. The motifs will be familiar to anyone who loves or has admired the lace thread doilies, bedspreads, placemats, and lace trims our grandmothers created with little tiny hooks. The magic happens when you take those tiny motifs and patterns and expand them by using garment-weight yarns. For me, I needed to sit down and read the book pretty much from cover to cover. I selected a design that was compatible with my size and shape, made a gauge swatch, and set to work. I'm delighted with the results. There are garments in the book that I'll never wear, but I can see myself making up my own garments from the motifs and instructions. Loved it!

Dare to Wear Crochet in More Ways Than One Convertible Crochet is a brand new way to think about crochet fashion, exploded lace motifs, and flattering silhouettes. Award-winning designer Doris Chan helps you get more out of crochet with these endlessly adaptable patterns and techniques that can work with a variety of different looks, personal styles, and body shapes. You'll learn to personalize these designs by easily making alterations, adding removable elements, or simply styling the piece in an ingenious new way. Make it once. Wear it again and again.

"Chan works in module style, explaining how to make one motif and then expand it into stylist wraps, dresses, and scarves. Chan's use of lace makes her designs both classic and hip, avoiding the bulky heaviness that regular crochet can have." --Publisher's Weekly About the Author DORIS CHAN broke into the crochet design scene when a photograph of her first doily shawl attracted the attention of a notable yarn company, and she's been at the forefront of modern crochet design ever since. Her work is featured in the design catalogs of yarn companies, including Caron International and NaturallyCaron.com, Tahki Stacy Charles, and Coats Clark, in magazines such as Interweave Crochet, Vogue Knitting Crochet, and Piecework, among others, as well as on Knitting Daily TV and Knit and Crochet Now on public television. She is an avid professional member of the Crochet Guild of America and a CYCA certified crochet instructor. Catch up with Doris at her site dorischancrochet.com, discover her independent pattern line, DJC Designs, and coming soon from Interweave Crochet, her DVD workshop Top Down Construction.