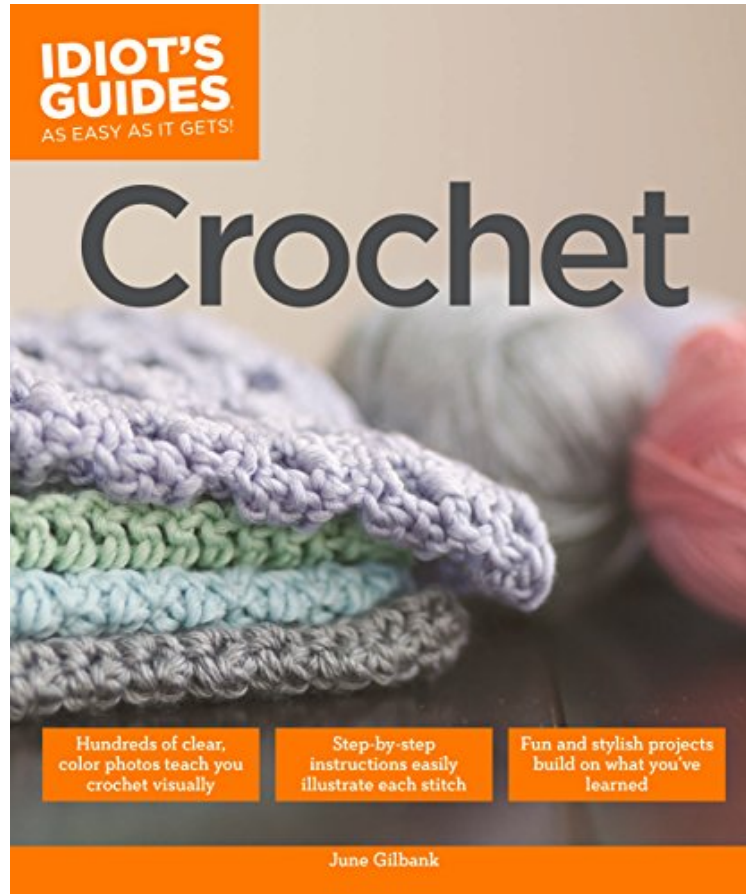


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**June Gilbank : Crochet (Idiot's Guides)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Crochet (Idiot's Guides):

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Crochet by June Gilbank from PlanetJuneBy Alicia BrinkA great book from June Gilbank. If you haven't discovered PlanetJune or June Gilbank this is a great introduction. This book is designed for the beginner to intermediate crocheter. I consider myself in the intermediate category and there are several topics in here that I will refer to so I can improve my skills. The book starts with the basics of yarn and hooks. Then to making chains and all the basic stitches all the way to the more complex stitches. Each chapter builds on the one before. There are projects with each chapter that allow you to practice what you have learn. June always has excellent photos of what she is showing. This is true with any of her patterns. June writes some of the clearest and easiest to understand patterns out there. There are 17 new patterns. (actually more as some of the patterns have 2-3 options.) In addition to just crochet stitches and patterns June provides instructions on blocking and care of your finished product. I wish I could say more about this book, but I really need to go and crochet a project from June now!3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful Patterns and Excellent InstructionBy PyrotecaThis is

a wonderful book for either learning to crochet or improving your crochet abilities with new techniques. The author walks you step-by-step through the most basic parts of crocheting, including yarn selection, hook size etc., and then builds on these basic skills so that you can manage any of the projects in the book. There are loads of pictures to visually demonstrate the different techniques, and the written instructions are very clear and explained thoroughly. An absolute beginner who has never done crochet could easily learn from this book. The patterns are also wonderful. They are geared mainly for the home with a few patterns for wearable items such as a hat or fingerless mitts. The patterns are easy to follow with very detailed instructions, and they allow you to try the new skills that you have learned from the book. Even the practice projects at the end of the first few chapters are excellent and will produce something beautiful and useful. This is one of the few books I have purchased where I like almost every pattern in the book and could see myself actually making more than one or two of the listed patterns. That is a rarity in and of itself. The book is not just for beginners. I consider myself to be at the intermediate level, and there are still new things for me to learn in this book. I think even if you are advanced, there will be some tips and tricks to help make a homemade item into a professional looking item. Thus, I think this book has something to offer everyone. Overall, this is an excellent book on how to learn and perfect your crochet technique. If someone wanted to learn from a book, this would be at the top of my list of recommendations. I learned from a book many years ago, and I wish that this book had been available then.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. June Delivers! By Judy I have been a regular customer of the author for 5 years. All of her crochet patterns and online tutorials are well thought out and very understandable. June Gilbank delivers the same excellent quality of instruction and patterns in this book. If you are just learning to crochet, this is your go-to book. (Lucky you! I wish I had this book when I was just starting to learn!) If you want to improve your skills or want to have a great reference for patterns and stitches, this is your book too! I consider myself an experienced crocheter and I am learning new things from this book. Overall, I love the new format for the Idiot's Guides. I love having lots of color photos! In this book there are hundreds! This format is well suited to June's style of instruction as she includes a lot of pictures in her individual patterns for sale.

Tailored for the complete crocheting novice, Idiot's Guides: Crochet is a fun, charming guide to learning the basic stitches and techniques. Photographed in a film-strip style, the dozens of full-color photographs and instructions allow the reader to clearly see how each stitch is executed. Every lesson is accompanied by a practice project, so the beginner can try out a newly learned crochet skill. More than a dozen unique projects are included, as well as galleries of crochet stitch patterns.

From the Author I had three goals for this book, because I wanted to make an ambitious 3 books in 1 volume: The complete beginner's guide: To create the clearest, most comprehensive learn-to-crochet tutorials, with ultra close-up photos of every single step, so people really can learn to crochet from my book. The crochet tips guide: To distill all the knowledge and tips I've picked up over my crocheting life into clear, easy to follow instructions. The beautiful pattern book: To create a collection of stylish original accessories and home decor patterns that would make perfect gifts, so you'll want to make everything in the book! The patterns need to be simple to work (but not boring for experienced crocheters) and show some of the variety possible in crochet, so you'll learn more as you make each pattern. I was fortunate that my editors were happy to accommodate my vision, and I've crammed all of these goals into the 264 pages and 750g (that's over 1.5lbs!) of this book. The Idiot's Guides series has had a complete makeover and you'll be very pleasantly surprised when you see the lovely design and hundreds of full-colour photos. This book is different from every other crochet book on the market and excellent value for money, whatever your crochet skill, as it's perfect for both beginners and more experienced crocheters. I hope you'll find it a valuable resource, whether your goal is to learn to crochet, to improve your crochet skills and knowledge, to find a selection of clean, timeless designs to crochet, or all of the above.