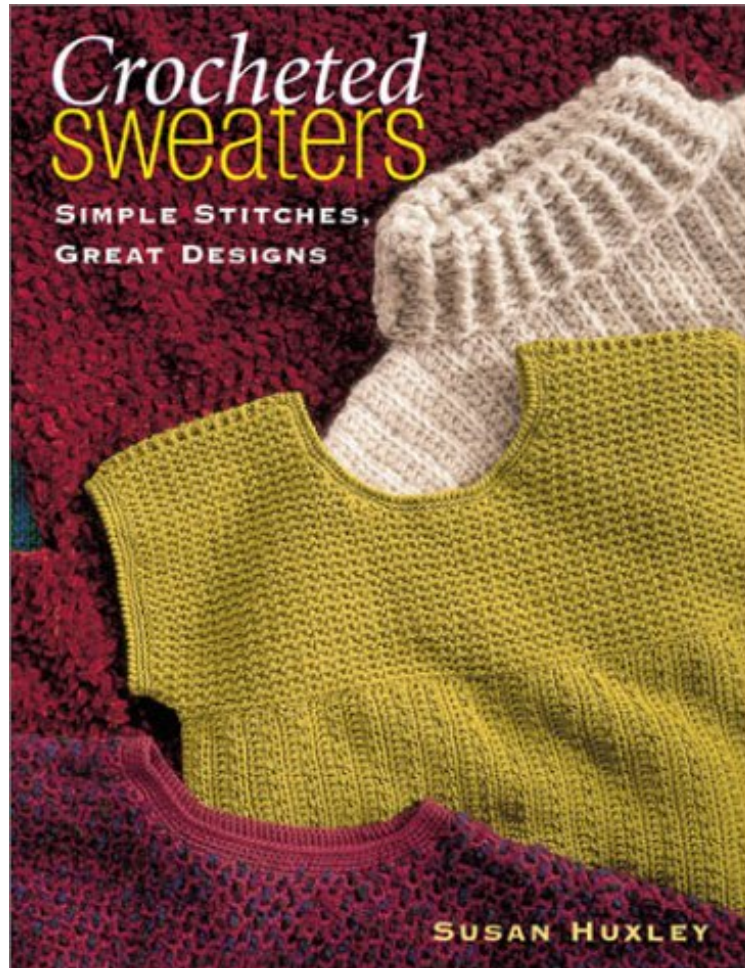


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Christopher Rich : Crocheted Sweaters before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Crocheted Sweaters:

39 of 41 people found the following review helpful. Terrific for beginners, and lots of warm-weather sweaters!By R. Kelly WagnerThis book could be used by a beginner who has only done straight scarves, to do their first sweater. Pages 95 to 117 are a pretty comprehensive "how to crochet, how to choose a pattern, how to choose a yarn" set of instructions. There are sweaters in here using only the simplest of stitches, and very thorough instructions for sweaters that use more complex stitches.While several people have mentioned that they found some of the yarns obscure, I have had no problems finding these yarns in specialty shops and especially on eBay; you may not find them at big chain crafts stores (we don't need to mention names) but then, if you are going to make sweaters you'll want to wear for a lifetime, you don't want to use mass market acrylic yarn, so the hunt for specialty yarns is worth it. The section of the book on how to choose a yarn will help you find equivalents if you don't find the exact brand. There are many

interchangeable medium-weight cotton and rayon yarns. And for those whose only place to buy yarn is a chain store, check out, say, the "Bright Ideas" pattern, made with Lion Brand Microspun microfiber yarn. For many of the obscure DK/sport weight yarns, you could substitute Berroco Cotton Twist with no problem! If all else fails, bring the book with you when you shop for yarn, and use the guide on pages 124-125: hold a sample of a yarn you've found against the picture of the yarn called for, to see if it's the same width and fuzziness. The only other trick to substituting yarns is the stretchiness factor; if a pattern calls for a very stretchy yarn, you can't substitute cotton or rayon. But most of these patterns call for chenille, fake-fur and eyelash, and cotton or rayon blends to begin with. (Can you tell I really like this feature of the book? I'm a cotton nut!!) Many of the sweaters are made with cotton or rayon yarns and have short-sleeved versions, so that they are suitable even for people who live in warm-weather climates. If you're in Florida or Texas or a similar climate, you'll appreciate this! As I write this, it's 99 degrees in the middle of September, and I haven't made a long-sleeved sweater or used wool yarn in YEARS! I am continually disappointed by new books of sweater patterns that seem to assume everyone lives above the 38th parallel; this book is one of the few that has just as many sweaters for those of us down around the 31st parallel. Even many of the long-sleeved sweaters are made with cotton blends rather than wool blends. One especially valuable feature of this book is the "Foundations" sections at the end of several patterns - these are mini-lessons, tips and tricks. There are a few that taught me something new, even though I have been crocheting for ::mumble:: (forty years) ::mumble::. Beginners could flip through and read all the Foundations bits before starting on something.

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Great Basic Sweaters! By C. Fry This lovely instruction book has around all the basic sweaters you could want, so if you have more than an inkling of crochet in your back pocket, you can then add to any of these to "make them your own." They are all easily adaptable to styling, giving you that special sweater you always wanted. Susan's instructions makes it all easy as pie! (except pie isn't easy for me).

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Best book for sweaters By Sharon Good looking sweaters that I would actually be caught dead in (unlike many other books). The yarns may be hard to find (as other reviewers have pointed out) but the "visual guide to featured yarns" should make it relatively easy to substitute.

Take a fresh approach to a classic craft! Create these stylish crocheted designs, even if you've never held a crochet hook before. Learn a few basic crochet stitches step by step, and then combine them in innovative ways for sensational sweaters-most designed especially with beginners in mind. Twenty gorgeous patterns feature sizes from extra small to extra large; many of these sweaters will make a perfect weekend project for experienced crocheters. Choose from an array of seasonal styles, such as a summer-weight sleeveless shell with a matching beaded shawl, a classic crewneck pullover, and a comfy cardigan. A one-stop guide to crocheting basics introduces the yarns, stitches, swatches, and smart tips that will ensure a perfect fit.

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