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Star Wars Crochet (Crochet Kits)



Synopsis

An out-of-this-world crochet adventure, the Star Wars Crochet kit offers a fun and interactive experience by including a full-color paperback book with step-by-step instructions for crocheting Star Wars' most memorable characters, plus yarn, a crochet hook, a needle, stuffing, and safety eyes. With instructions for twelve different characters and enough materials for two complete projects -- Yoda and a stormtrooper -- your crochet collection can also soon include Luke Skywalker, Darth Vader, Princess Leia, Jabba the Hutt, and many other favorites. Use the force of crafting to create this amazing cast of characters with Star Wars Crochet.

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Customer Reviews

Overall, I am impressed by the quality of this kit. The kit includes enough yarn to finish two Star Wars projects, specifically one each of Yoda and a Stormtrooper, and after that you will need to purchase additional yarn, fiberfill, safety eyes, and other assorted items to finish more of the characters. The kit does not say exactly what size the yarn is but it seems to be at most a worsted weight 4 and it appears to be acrylic and/or wool rather than cotton. It does state that the models shown in the book were made with either weight 4 or 3 but doesn't detail which is which. The colors of yarn included are: white, black, pale green, beige, and brown. Also included is a tapestry needle for seaming the figures and adding features with yarn, an inexpensive crochet hook in size 3.50 (US E/4), four plastic safety eyes and fiberfill. There are also fairly detailed instructions including many diagrams. Unfortunately, there are no directions included for how to place the safety eyes. I am sure

that this information can be found on the internet with a simple search. The directions do tell you exactly where to place the eyes. I must admit that I won't be using these eyes but will instead find ones that I can purchase so all of my figures will be consistent. Either that or I will embroider eyes on using basic satin stitches. While the yarn in this kit is very nice, I will be using my own stash to be sure that the sizes, colors, look, and feel of my characters are consistent. The instructions are detailed but I don't think that this is a project for most beginners. It uses techniques that crocheters with a bit more experience would feel comfortable with.

Lucy Collin is a very talented 5-Star amigurumi designer. With the exception of Darth Vader, who unfortunately looks a little like a poodle man, the characters look amazing. The 3-Star review is for the Thunder Bay Press publishing company who produced this kit. The instructions aren't presented with a beginner in mind. Not sure this is entirely the fault of Lucy Collin's the author. If you are a beginner, and ambitious, you can you-tube plenty of tutorials to help you through. As an intermediate to advanced crocheter myself, I find these instructions fair. I'm not familiar with needlepoint and the explanations in this book are very vague when it comes to the finishing touches that require the needlepoint skill set (you-tube helps in this area). Also stuffing is a big part of shaping the dolls and the book does not do a good job of offering tips in that department. I found while making Yoda it was better to stuff him at different intervals than what was suggested. My last gripe regarding the instruction book itself is that it is soft-covered and glue bound in a way that does not stay open to the page you are working on. Materials: As one reviewer pointed out, the washers for the safety eyes are almost useless. I had to figure out a way to stretch them out to get them to work. Very frustrating. The yarn it comes with frays really easily so you have to be extra careful. Personally, I would prefer to pay a bit more and have the kit come with more of the materials needed to make at least most of the projects. Finding the correct size and color of eyes is not always easy and color matching the yarn is a challenge to get an authentic look. Overall: If you love Star Wars and crochet and are looking for inspiration I recommend this kit.

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