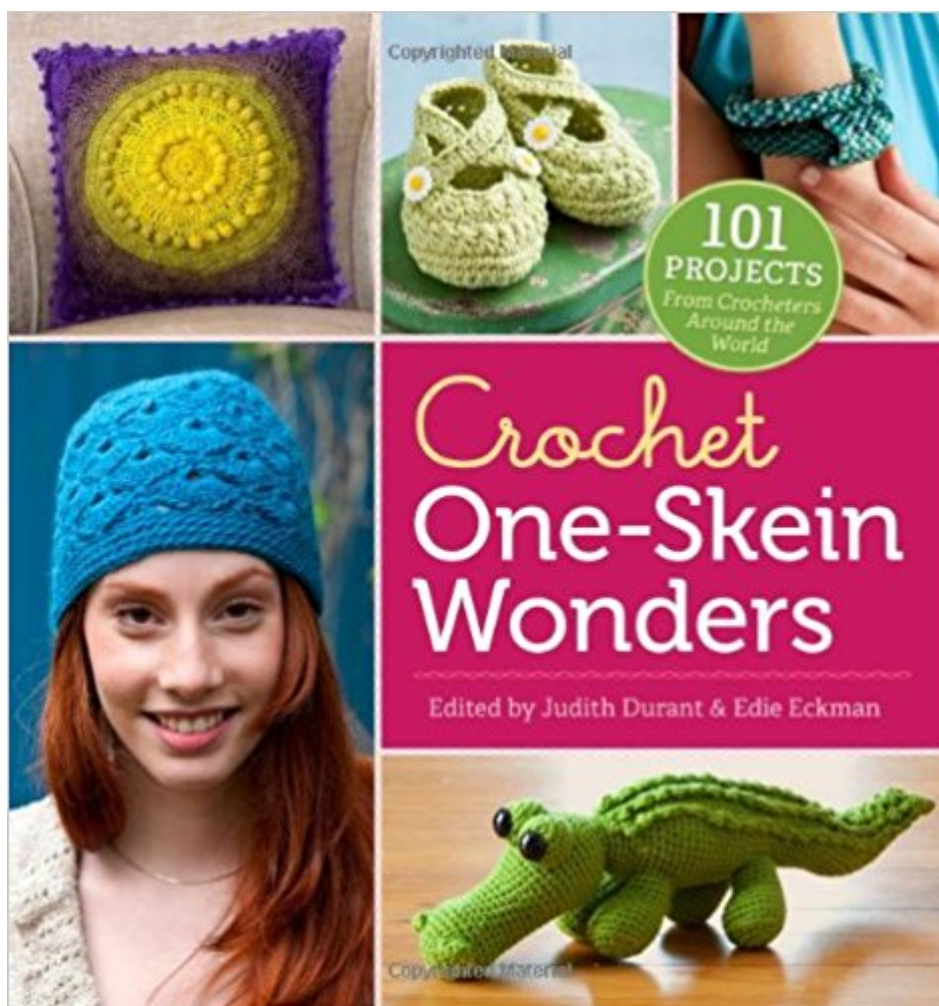


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Crochet One-Skein Wonders™: 101 Projects From Crocheters Around The World



Synopsis

In this all-crochet addition to the One-Skein Wonders® series, Edie Eckman and Judith Durant offer 101 exciting crochet projects including jewelry, scarves, bags, hats, dresses, and home decor items that each use just one skein of yarn. With projects organized by yarn type and weight, you'll be crocheting lacy shrugs for the springtime and heavy-duty beanies for the snowy winter months. Whatever your experience level, you're sure to find a delightfully portable project that suits your individual style.

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Customer Reviews

There is no longer any excuse to point to a stash of unused yarn and say, "I don't know what I'm going to do with these fibers." Thanks to Durant, who pioneered the franchise of One-Skein Wonders, and her collaboration with Eckman (of *The Crochet Answer Book*, 2005, among many others), any needleworker can add another 100 possible projects to the ever-growing inventory of "gotta makes." With classifications by yarn weight, which is an easy-to-use differentiation, the seven chapters offer at least one item in every conceivable craft category, including jewelry, home decor, belts, women's wear, doll clothes, men's scarves, toys, and baby apparel. Directions are clear and accessible, rendered in

written instructions and universal-symbol diagrams, and accompanied by color photographs. Should the crafter opt for the beady bangles or the hair scrunchies? The switchback or the gratitude scarf? How about Louis the Lobster or Niles the Crocodile? And so the "too little time, so many projects" excuse goes up in smoke. --Barbara Jacobs

One Skein of Yarn -- 101 Ways to Get Hooked Discover the possibilities in a single skein! More than 100 crochet patterns -- organized by fiber weight so you can quickly find the best projects for your yarn -- turn your orphan skeins into charming treasures.

I have always loved looking through those 'One-Skein' knitting books. I usually crochet though and always wanted one for that instead. Now, here it is! Particulars about the book: 1) All skill levels are covered, but most projects are geared more toward those who already know how to crochet, not someone just learning. With 101 projects though, there is something for everyone to make. 2) Like those one-skein knitting books, this one is broken down by yarn weight. Of course, this can be very helpful when you dive into your stash. :-) The side of the book's pages is color coded so you can find each yarn section quickly. 3) First rate photos. 4) The patterns are clear and the font is easy to read. Rounds are clearly labeled and helps are given for specific areas of each project. 5) Somewhat easily accessible yarn, but you may want to consider substituting. This is simple as yardage is given (not just weight.) Keep in mind though that a satisfactory finished product will depend on the coloration of the yarn. 6) Charts are included for motifs and some of the stitch patterns. 7) A good variety of projects. Speaking of projects, here is how they break down: Home items (9), Jewelry/accessories (7), Scarves (13), Cowls (7), Shawls/Cape (3), Adult Hats (7), Shrugs (2), Baby items (16), Stuffed Toys (7), Gloves/Mittens (6), other head items (6), Purses/Bags (10), other containers (3), Doll items (2), Belt (1), Hanky (1), Slippers (1). So, as you can see, not just hats or scarves (yeah!). And the ones that ARE hats and scarves are pretty darn nice. The amount of yarn varies also, depending on its weight. Fine weight yarn usually comes in larger skeins anyway (some up to 500 yds or so) and some of these patterns call for one of those skeins, but that doesn't mean you will use all that yarn of course. I do wish there was at least one pattern for a summer top or vest. I know that would have been tough with only one skein, but that amount of yarn could complete a dishcloth or two. Small quibble and not enough to deduct a star though. Something to note, the patterns do not state level of skill. But, just skimming through each one does help. A case in point, the Small Brown Bag with Beads looks easy, but upon reading the 'Pattern Essentials', you find it does use a beaded chain stitch, a tight picot-e stitch, and a beaded tight picot-3 stitch. This

book is well planned and executed with the knowledge gained from the others in this series. I appreciate the approach since crocheting something with just one skein of yarn can be a challenge. All in all, a very worthwhile book of 101 crochet patterns.

I have all the One-Skein Wonders books, but this is the only one completely using Crochet. Like the other books, there are colored photos of each project. There are patterns for all different weights of yarn and most patterns also have a chart. The instructions are clear. I haven't made many patterns in the book yet, but so far I have found no errors. This is a great way to use up your yarn stash! Most knitting or crochet books only have a few patterns and with 101 in this (and all the One-Skein Wonder books) there's plenty to choose from. It's a huge 286 page book and has an Appendix that explains all the different stitches and has abbreviations for them along with a symbol key for using charts and an Index so you can look up every project and every stitch. I'm posting a photo of the Sea Breeze Shawlette (enlarged to show detail). :-)

This is a great book, well worth it! I bought another crochet book on (The Complete Book of Crochet Stitch Designs: 500 Classic & Original Patterns), and it was about the same price, but that book was a disappointment. The only reason why I didn't return it was because it wasn't worth the shipping to send it back. This book is great. It has a lot of easy patterns with colorful pictures and easy-to-follow directions. It uses American terms (UK double crochet is a single crochet in this book). I highly recommend this book. This was a design I did when I got the book, it took me about 1.5 hours to do (I didn't do the edging or the loop, but just a quick crochet to see how easy or hard the patterns and directions were).

It contains 101 Projects, but you can't see what they all are until after you buy. (You can see the names of the patterns in the sample, but only pictures for the first couple, and they aren't all listed on Ravelry.) But for \$2.99 I figured what the heck. Well out of the deal I got 2 patterns I like. Okay, 2.99 is an acceptable price for 2 patterns; but I would be asking for a refund if I had paid full price. The rest of the patterns aren't particularly inspired/distinctive. A few of them I doubt anyone would ever wear/use; they seem to be there just to get that number over 100. For the majority of the projects, they took one single picture. For a few they took two, but they are from the same angle. Sometimes they used the same picture twice, but cropped it the second time, which I don't see the point of; if they had space for another picture, they should have taken a second picture! I guess it's helpful to people that are easily visually distracted, but it would have been more helpful for everyone

if they had shown the items from multiple angles. With toys it is vital to see them from multiple angles to figure out how to sew things together. There is only one toy in this book that has multiple angle pics, and it's an ugly one. So get it while it's 2.99 and I guess it's worth it if you can find 2 patterns you like. Or maybe this would make a nice gift for your grandma that doesn't use the internet. But if you're reading this then you have the ability to go to Ravelry...

There are several reviews that detail the structure and content of this book, so I'll keep this review to my thoughts on it. I am one of those people that can't sit through a 2-hour movie because I get bored or my mind can't keep on it all the way through. I am the same way with crochet projects. I find that big projects often don't get finished, and conversely, I get the most satisfaction from small projects. I also tend to find beautiful yarns but can only afford one skein. When this book arrived I scanned it, then browsed through it. I'd say about 90 of the projects are things that I'd actually make and gift to someone (or myself). I've made the tunisian bag and everyone loves it. I'm on to my next project now. If you have a yarn stash that is full of single skeins, this is the book for you. Projects for all yarn weights and composition and on trend projects. Winner.

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