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Star Wars Even More Crochet



Synopsis

Continue your interstellar yarn adventure with Star Wars Even More Crochet! With instructions for twelve different characters and enough materials for two complete projects; BB-8 and a Jawa; your crochet collection can soon include Obi-Wan Kenobi, Lando Calrissian, Rey, Finn, and many other favorites. This kit offers hours of crafting entertainment with out-of-this-world results!

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Customer Reviews

Lucy Collin learned to crochet as a child, taught by her grandmother. But it wasn't until she had children of her own and discovered she could use her slightly rusty crochet skills to create amigurumi characters and cute toys that her obsession was born. Nine years later, Lucy has combined her passion for designing creatures and characters with her love of science fiction and fantasy. She has published patterns in magazines such as Inside Crochet and Crochet Gifts and created the patterns for the book Hollywood Crochet. Lucy Collin lives in West Sussex, England.

I own a few of the Thunder Bay crochet character kits. This kit is similar in quality to those I have purchased in the past. While the kit has a small booklet which contains instructions for 12 characters, be warned, the kit only contains enough materials to make 2 - specifically, a Jawa and BB-8. Because of this, with prior kits and with this one as well, I will substitute my own yarn and other materials so that I can keep the my stitches and the final amigurumi consistent in size. The book includes instructions for 12 Star Wars characters, including:

Jawa, BB-8, Rey, Finn, Poe Dameron, Kylo Ren, Obi-Wan Kenobi, Lando Calrissian, Admiral Ackbar, Nien Nunb, Cantina Band, and Greedo. I do re-use the yarn in the kits for other projects and I note that some of the yarn seems to be slightly thicker. Most appear to be 3 while others (gray and black) are more of a light 4 in weight. I'm not sure if different weights were used or if the yarn manufacturer's product is inconsistent in size. I would guess it is the latter as I have run across this in skeins of yarn in the past. I think that this kit and the patterns are good for intermediate and above. It would not be the first kit that I would give to a beginner to learn how to crochet. There are more advanced techniques used which, while there are good instructions and photographs, may be difficult for someone new to crochet to follow. If you are a beginner and want to work on these characters, it could be a fun challenge but I recommend having someone more experienced around to ask questions. This kit includes materials needed (except glue) to make BB-8 and a Jawa: yarns in black, dark brown, light brown, gray, white, and orange; an E/4 (3.5mm) metal crochet hook; a metal tapestry needle; two pairs of plastic safety eyes (one pair in black and one pair in amber) and stuffing. While the author doesn't state which yarns she used, the patterns were designs for DK weight (size 3 light worsted). She does state that worsted weight works as well. As I prefer to use a worsted weight in 4 for mine, my characters come out larger than the ones shown and generally take more yarn to finish. I like Vanna's Choice or Red Heart yarn for many of my characters as they have such a wide range of colors available. I generally pick a brand and stick with it for the full range to be sure my character sizes and colors stay consistent. The hook is okay but I prefer to use my own for ergonomic reasons. The characters look to be fairly small - if you want to make them larger, use thicker yarn and larger hooks. The instructions should work well no matter the size. The tapestry needle is decent and works well for its purpose. There are also fairly detailed instructions including many diagrams. I have purchased and crocheted other kits from this company. The instructions in the kits are all very similar as are the materials. The last few kits I have purchased (Marvel, Rudolph and this one) have even better photographs and instructions than those of the earlier kits. On the whole, I really like the kit and the instructions and recommend it to an intermediate or above crocheter without hesitation.

As with her first book, the patterns are well written and easy to follow. I am so glad that some of the characters that I wanted to make were in this second book. I would love to give this product 5 out of 5 but I cannot. The book itself is 5 out of 5 however the supplies that came with it were not. The biggest issue was with the yarn which is all supposed to be the same weight however as soon as I opened the box I could tell this was not the case. I made the Jawa from the yarn provided and I

needed to make alteration to the pattern in order for the hood to fit because the head (black yarn) worked up bigger than it (dark brown yarn). This also makes the feet on the Jawa look funny because the feet (light brown) are huge compared to the body (dark brown yarn). Almost all of the yarn splits easily when working with making bumps and fuzzy places where there should not be any. I would rather just be able to buy the book by itself and use my own supplies than wasting time and effort with this provided. I have been crocheting for most of my life and I can make these supplies work however a novice to crocheting will have difficulty and frustration.

This is the second kit from Lucy Collin that I have purchased. Her designs are really fun and easy to understand. **THIS IS NOT SUITABLE FOR A COMPLETE BEGINNER.** Make sure you know all of the basics and practice making a few things prior to trying to do anything like this. Once you are familiar with the basics it is a great way to learn techniques and challenge yourself while being able to complete a project in a relatively short time. There were a few tricky bits for me, mostly with the construction of the pieces rather than with the crochet stitches themselves. The only designs I have not cared for are for Darth Vader and Kylo Ren which both turned out looking like a Muppets "Pigs in Space" version of the characters with pig snout rather than evil looking mask. If you are interested in completing more of the designs in the book (rather than just the 2 that have supplies included) there is a complete list of the yarns used for each one on Lucy's blog - link in the about the author section of the book.

Don't get me wrong, this book is **AMAZING**. It fills the gaps of the last book (and I hope there will be more) but you might need to be a little more skilled at crochet to work on these projects as there is lots of sewing on and fine details. Don't be deterred--the projects really are fun!! I gave this three stars because the "starter kit" is worse than the first. The hook is okay, but the yarn provided in this new set is **TERRIBLE**. Your hook will catch and miss fibers more often than not (and I am an expert crocheter). My suggestion is to dump the yarn and the hook it came with and just use your own or stock up on the majority of the colors needed for the projects. These projects pair really well with Caron Simply Soft yarns and you can use a clothing shaver to eliminate fuzz after a project is finished. The photo is an example of what you can expect this yarn to do. If you liked the first book, you will really enjoy this one because it has so much more!

I purchased the first star wars kit from a discount store and was so excited. So much in fact, I ran out and bought this one after just making the Yoda in the other package. I've completed the BB-8

and part way through the jawa. The designs are so much fun and so interestingly converted from real things to crochet. My only complaint, and it might be based on the lot I received so not ask might have the same problem, but the safety eye washers DO NOT FIT. Luckily this and the original star wars kit made me so excited I had already bought a safety eye kit for the other characters, so I just swapped out the washers.

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