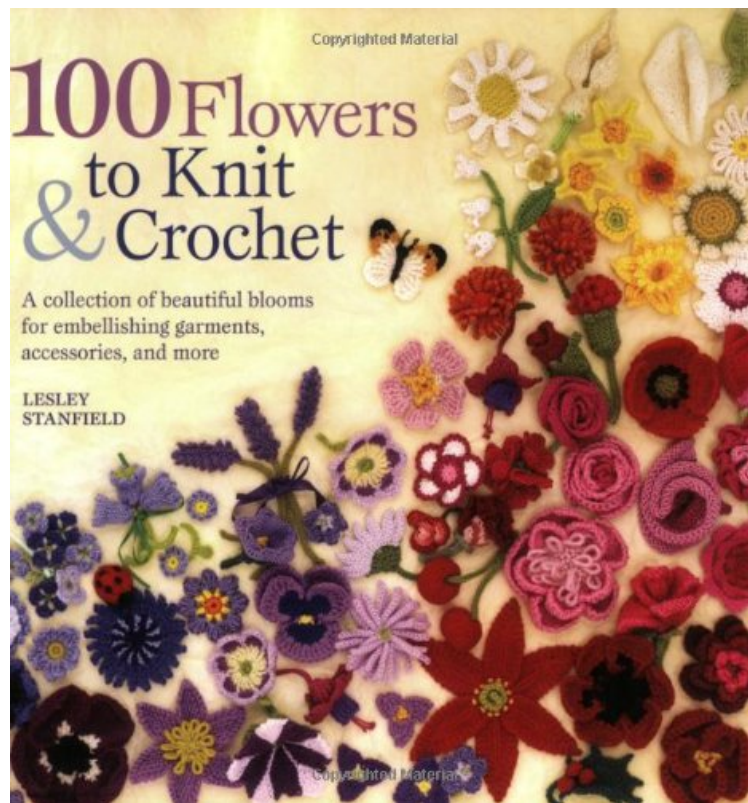


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106 of 107 people found the following review helpful. Excellent variety and clear instructionsBy Stacie LabeanI received this book yesterday afternoon after work and was delighted with the layout and quality of the instructions. There is a general information section, followed by a photo directory of all of the flowers included, grouped by color, then sections for knitted items and crochet items. Each section is further grouped into easy, intermediate, and advanced patterns. The patterns themselves are cross-referenced to the photo directory by number and include both text instructions and chart. I finished a knitted rose last night before bed, and started a crocheted rose this morning while riding transit to work. I'm extremely pleased with the book and the my results.16 of 16 people found the following review helpful. Ok resource for knittersBy A. L. KirchhoffI found the book a little too heavy on the crocheting and not

enough patterns for knitting. The book contains 40 patterns for knitting, and 60 for crocheting. For the knitting patterns, 29 are for different kinds of flowers and the rest are for leaves, fruit, a butterfly and ladybug. The knitting instructions are fairly straightforward although the instructions for putting together the final product (petals, etc.) aren't as clear and require some tinkering (although that could be the nature of making embellishments using a book and not seeing it done in person). There's a nice tutorial in the beginning which describes basic techniques and abbreviations. The photography is great and the book is well organized by skill level and color group. Although the author provides suggested yarn and needle sizes, no approximate flower sizes are given which is disappointing. You can estimate which flowers are larger or smaller relative to other patterns in the book based on the pictures, but otherwise you have no way of knowing whether the finished product is 1" or 4".

19 of 19 people found the following review helpful. Only 40 knit patterns . . . By Anonymous I am giving this book four stars only because there are just 40 of the 100 patterns for knitting and I wish there were more. The variety is excellent -- even better if you are capable of knitting AND crocheting, which I am not! -- with attractive designs that make you want to grab your needles/hooks and get to work. There are a few suggestions for embellishing items in the back but mostly you are left to your own imagination on what to do with what you make. Everything is photographed very well and the instructions are fairly clear with the projects being split up into difficulty levels. There isn't much on knitting or crocheting how-to, so I would say this book isn't exactly for someone just learning to work with fiber. There was also one direction I noticed for some of the knit patterns that I feel is a bit unclear when they are having you do multiple stitches in one stitch, or I am assuming that is what they want as I haven't tried it yet. Aside from that, I would highly recommend this book to any knitter or crocheter but will say that just knitters might be a bit disappointed in not being able to do over half the designs. Or perhaps it will inspire those of us who can't to pick up some hooks and learn!

100 Flowers to Knit Crochet showcases a lush bouquet of blossoms perfect for embellishing your favorite clothing or accessories. As a finishing touch for all your handmade garments or a great pick-me-up for a vintage find, these lovely blooms are the perfect way to use up scraps of yarn or try out interesting new yarns. Breeze through this gorgeous collection featuring a colorful palette of simple spiraling roses, saucer-sized poppies, delicate lilacs, an assortment of vegetables, and more. All are shown full-size and in scale and is complete with stitched leaves and embroidered stems. Each flower pattern has full instructions, yarn requirements, and a suggested skill level. An additional section serves as a refresher course with basic techniques and provides inspiration for embellishing your finished flowers with beads, buttons, and sequins. You can also learn how to use the flowers in a range of fun projects, from customizing clothing and accessories, to decorating gift-wrapped packages. This book will inspire all knitters and crocheters to pick up their needles and start creating their own beautiful blooms.

About the Author LESLEY STANFIELD has authored a number of books on knitting and crochet, including 150 Knitted Trims. She is a long-time hand knitting designer and has been the knitting editor at Woman and Family Circle magazines.