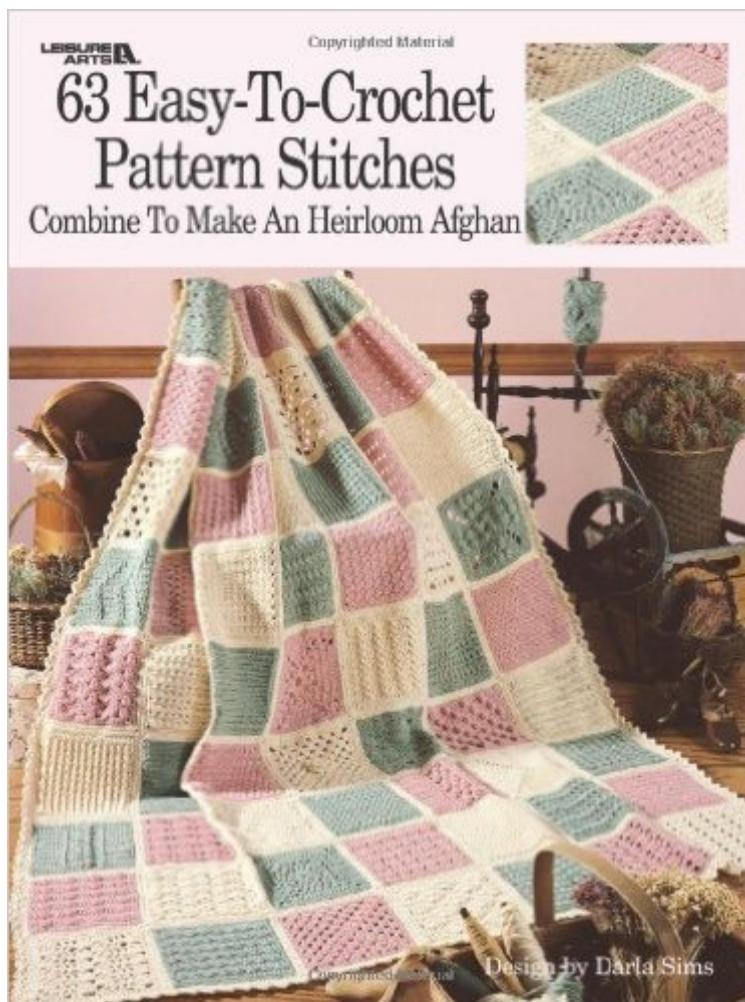


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# 63 Easy-To-Crochet Pattern Stitches Combine To Make An Heirloom Afghan (Leisure Arts #555)



## **Synopsis**

Not only will you be able to make the beautiful Sampler Afghan included in this booklet, but you will have 63 basic pattern stitches that can be used for other projects. A Basic Stitch Guide and clear, easy-to-follow instructions are included.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

This book taught me my first crochet patterns; ALL 63! My first Afghan came out exactly like the one on the cover and I have learned to incorporate the stitches I've learned into other self designed afghans. I have used these wonderful patterns so much that my book is torn apart, pages lost, stained, and you name it. I am buying a new one which I WILL enclose in sheet protectors! I have made many beautiful things and this book is responsible for all of them. I had never crocheted before this. A whole new world has been opened up for me. THANK YOU DARLA SIMS.

I agree with others--this is a great book. Yes, there are clear instructions on how to make each stitch. Yes, there are clear instructions on how to assemble the squares for the afghan. But here is one aspect of the book that I really treasure: the author gives you instructions on "multiples" for many of the more complicated stitches. What are multiples? Let's say you want to take that new stitch you learned and use it on something else. Once you decide the general dimensions of your new project and you establish your gauge, you can take the multiple of that stitch to know how long to make the beginning chain. The author uses the example of the Alternate Puff Stich. That has a multiple of 4 + 2 chains. So the beginning chain needs to be any number divisible by 4 plus an

additional 2 chains. It could be 14 chains (which is  $12 + 2$ ) or 90 chains (which is  $88 + 2$ ), or whatever. Money is tight right now, so I am careful about which books I buy. This one is valuable enough that I will order another to replace my damaged copy.

This is an excellent book for anyone who wishes to learn how to crochet. It is very well explained with a profusion of pictures and diagrams. While it covers the most basic stitches it also takes in quite complex designs as bobbles, clusters and cable stitches. Anyone who actually make the Afgan would become a most proficient crocheter.

This is a great pattern booklet. A wide variety of stitch patterns. Everything from beginner (which I am) to advanced. They give complete instructions on how to do SC,HDC,DC,TR, the differnt post sts, clusters, popcorn and puff st. The most important thing for me, which is why I bought it, is that they have full colored photos of each square. It's not like some stitch pattern books that only show a tiny photo (or section) of it. You can barely see the pattern they make...these photos are great. Instructions are clear and concise. Great book

This booklet features 63 stitch patterns (6 of which are squares worked in the round) to make into a sampler afghan, with instructions for edging, assembly, and border. I'd describe this as an "entry level" stitch guide designed for someone who isn't quite ready to buy a stitch guide but who is tired of using the "same old" stitches. What I like: The special stitches are described within the pattern so you don't have to do a lot of flipping to the back of the booklet. The booklet lays flat, so you can easily read and crochet at the same time. The booklet is more affordable and lightweight than a book. Stitch multiples are included so that you can easily adapt the stitches for a project of a different width. What I don't like (or what's missing): Most of the stitches are pretty standard, so if you have any other stitch guides, there is likely to be a lot of overlap. There is no pattern difficulty rating listed. The font is fairly small. There are no stitch symbols, only pattern abbreviations. I give this booklet 4 stars if it is your first stitch guide, but only 3 stars if you already own a comprehensive stitch guide. It is a good starter for someone interested in learning more stitches or working a pieced afghan.

Love this book. I just ordered my second copy - the first one is in pieces because of its extensive use. When I received my first copy in the late 90's I was using the patterns to crochet pillow covers for a friend. In 2010, I was finally pulled into actually utilizing all 63 patterns for an afghan. I am now

on my fifth afghan and am hooked on the simplicity of the patterns. I tire very easily to most afghan patterns which constantly repeat the same instructions.

READ the product description. This is a 26 page booklet. It has instructions and photos of 63 different crochet patterns. It has some drawings of specific stitches and those drawing are great -- large enough I can see the detail of the stitch. The reason it gets only 3 stars is the photo of each square is not on the same page as the instructions. The photos are on pages 10-17, while the instructions are on pages 1-9 and 18-26. This makes for a poor user experience. It leaves the reader to have to flip back and forth between the page w/ a square's instructions and the page w/ the square's photo when trying to learn how to build the square. Better would have been to put each square's instructions and photo on the same page.

Most of these blocks I never would have thought about making because an afghan in just one pattern looked a bit much for me, but combining two or more (or even all), they seem to make the blanket perfect! It is beginner friendly as well. :)

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