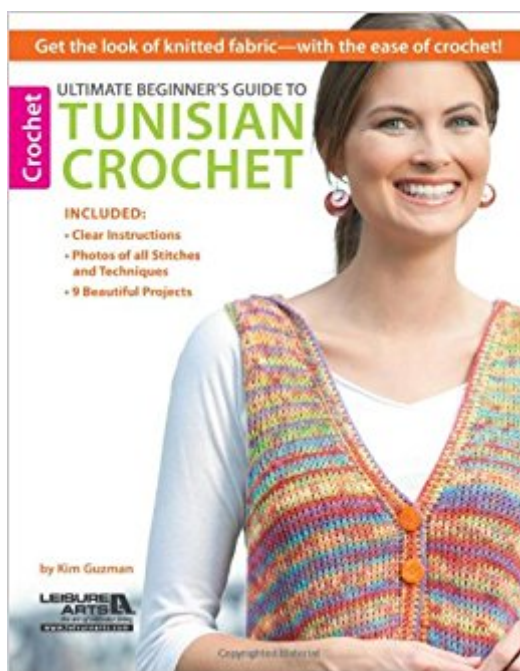


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Ultimate Beginner's Guide To Tunisian Crochet



Synopsis

If you like the ease of working with a crochet hook, but admire the look and feel of knitted fabric, you'll love learning Tunisian crochet. Award-winning teacher Kim Guzman walks you through the basics and takes you through each step with clear photos and friendly instructions. Included are several different Tunisian crochet stitches, stitch patterns and techniques such as short rows, making a cable, seaming, joining new yarn, learning to felt a project and so much more. Nine fresh projects for you to explore will help you develop the skills you need, presented in an order making it fun and easy to learn, going from a beginner level with the stockinette-look scarf to the more intermediate level of the cute hooded vest. Designed for a variety of yarns, the nine unique projects include Stockinette Scarf and Hat, Seed Stitch Ruana, Drop Stitch Cowl, Diagonal Hearts Crib Cover, Felted Duffel, Cabled Mitts, Hoodie Vest, and Mitered Vest.

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Customer Reviews

Kim Guzman is an award-winning teacher and crochet pattern designer. She writes a variety of patterns including garments, home decor, accessories and gift items. Kim has authored 12 books, most of them in her favorite form of crochet--Tunisian crochet. Tunisian crochet offers Kim more flexibility in her designing due to its unique look, which can mimic knitting or weaving, depending on the stitches used while still maintaining crochet's ease. Being able to combine these looks together in one project brings all needlework together and makes Tunisian crochet a favorite among many. You may often hear that Tunisian crochet is the "step-child" of knitting and crochet. "Not so," says Kim, "it's more like the best of both worlds!"

I had some difficulty at first, Read, Read, Read! then you will get it. Watch the last stitch on the left side, makes the difference of a straight edge or a disappearing one. Projects Ok for beginners.

While I have only been crocheting for several years now, from the start I found and fell in love with Tunisian/Afghan crochet. Kim Guzman's book is one that should be at least looked at for those just starting to familiarize themselves with the style and the projects she includes are both easily understood/followed and can make for great gifts to family/friends. There are several basic stitches covered with this book, Tunisian Simple Stitch, Knit Stitch, Reverse Stitch, Extended Stitch and one or two others that are enough to keep you busy working the projects in the book as well coming up with some on your own. Instructions are easy to follow and are accompanied by pictures to allow you to see exactly what is being described. Some of the pictures however can be a bit difficult to determine just exactly what is going on due to the selection of yarn/color of yarn. Not many mind you, one or two that come to mind and if you have trouble with those in the book you can just go to her website where she has tutorials. This book is one that can lead to many hours of crocheting bliss as well some fantastic ideas for creating your own designs.

This book has nice photos and written instruction for learning Tunisian Crochet. If when reading through the pages, you don't get something. Stitch it out and compare to photos. I found the drawings a bit confusing as the step they describe and the process don't jive in my mind. If I were to show what they intended, I would show it differently. Deciphering how someone else sees steps would require more drawings or a different one. I was able to figure it out and it is an enjoyable new technique.

I actually started a tunisian pattern in a different book, but the instructions were not very clear. I ended up using the instructions in this book to help me on my first tunisian pattern and the instructions in this book are very clear and easy to understand.

This guide is not very good in giving specific instructions for the technique. The pictures are not clear as to what the person trying to perform the technique is supposed to do. The written instructions appear to leave out vital information to learning this skill. Again, this book falls very short of being a good descriptive guide on "how to" master the techniques shown.

More than half of the patterns in this booklet are worth making and the yarns that are used are displayed very well. The designer definitely mixes color well and makes these items very wearable for every woman. The only thing that might be a minus for this book is that the two vests that are included are not in expanded plus sizes. One of them goes up to 46 and the other to 48 so it will be okay for many people but for those who are looking for garments that are larger than that, you will have to be comfortable with altering patterns before attempting them (and if you are experienced enough to alter a Tunisian pattern, then you are probably not looking at buying "The Ultimate Beginner's Guide..."). The beret and scarf are absolutely fabulous, as is the ruana. The drop stitch cowl would be great as a regular scarf, too. The duffel bag is very nice and could be used for a long time without going out of style. This book is definitely worth the money if you are interested in Tunisian. Even if you have some experience with Tunisian, this book is worth looking at.

I expected more. I was a little disappointed by how small the book was. I wish there would have just been more.

This book is amazing and the instructions are wonderful. Helps you learn different stitches and patterns. Love this book and am so glad I ordered it. If you want to learn Tunisian crochet this book is fabulous!

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