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Hello Kitty Crochet: Supercute Amigurumi Patterns For Sanrio Friends



Synopsis

Hello Kitty Crochet is all about cute: the whimsical world of Hello Kitty and her Sanrio friends meets the Japanese art of amigurumi, or crocheted dolls. With easy-to-make patterns for adorable characters and accessories, Hello Kitty Crochet allows you to make all your favorites, new and old, from Badtz-Maru and My Melody to Pekklee, Purin, and Little Twin Stars. Whether you're a seasoned crocheter or have never picked up a hook, you'll find helpful tips and how-tos for creating kawaii crafts. It's the perfect way for crafters and cuteness lovers alike to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Japan's most famous kitty.

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Customer Reviews

“Hello Kitty is more charming and mysterious than I thought!.. an impressive feat.” “BoingBoing” “This book is perfect for that crafty Kitty fan in your life” “PopCandy” “...seriously adorable!” “Scholastic.com

Mei Li Lee is a Malaysia-based blogger and crafter whose blog amiguruMEI has won a following of fans for its sweet, simple, and fun crocheted craft projects, many of which feature characters from the world of Hello Kitty. She also writes Craftypedia, a biweekly column for Malaysia's leading

English-language daily.

Video note: The attached new video (July 2015) shows Tuxedosam, Keroppi, Kiki, Lala, Purin, and Hello Kitty. This book is darling! I especially love that it's hardcover and bound in signatures, so it lies flat when you work! I pre-ordered it and was pretty much counting down the days until it came out! I'd seen Mei Li Lee's website and almost made one of the patterns she had there for a few Sanrio characters, quite some time ago. It was neat to find out her website's Sanrio patterns are responsible for her being discovered. PATTERNS Anyway, down to the nitty gritty of the book. First, there is a really great selection here. I really appreciate how it's NOT just about Hello Kitty. I'm a Sanrio fan who will choose Hello Kitty items last since she's so easy to find; whereas the other Sanrio characters never get their due. The sad thing for me, however, is that the character I was looking forward to making the most, Cinnamoroll, is featured on page 12, yet is nowhere to be found in the book! I'm sure crafters could easily create him (except for his cinnamon bun tail!) since the projects reuse the same basic patterns, but this seemed like an oversight. Please skip this specific paragraph if you want to be surprised and don't want to know which patterns *are* included in the book. The patterns included, in order, are: Hello Kitty, Apple (accessory item), Hello Kitty Ballerina, Hello Kitty's Mama, Mama's Basket (accessory item), Hello Kitty's Papa, Papa's Hot Chocolate Mug (accessory item), Mimmy, Hello Kitty Dressed as Tuxedosam, Hello Kitty Dressed as Purin, Dear Daniel, Camera (accessory item), Monkichi, Bananas (accessory item), Deery-Lou, My Melody, Strawberry (accessory item), Little Twin Stars, Star Wands (accessory item), Tuxedosam, Ice Cream Cone (accessory item), Keroppi, Teru Teru (Keroppi's friend), Pochacco, Purin, Pandapple, Badtz-Maru, Hana-Maru (Badtz-Maru's friend), Chococat, Jelly Bean (Chococat's friend), Tabo, Hangyodon, Tako (Hangyodon's friend), Kuromi, Cherries (accessory item), Pekkle, Sugarbunnies (I believe they are Kurousa and Shirousa), and Macarons (accessory item). Quirk Books didn't put all the patterns in the book. Some of the things you see in photos aren't included, such as Mimmy's teddy bear, Deery Lou's Red Mushroom, Pochacco's friend Pi-chan, Pandapple's bee, etc. I know I'm going to sound like a spoilsport, but I don't like being told to visit a webpage after I've bought a book (especially since, as I have mentioned, these aren't on the site yet). I wish Quirk Books had made the book exhaustive and included ALL of the patterns. I would have been willing to pay more for a pattern-inclusive book, and imagine most people would be. This is why I'm technically giving the book four-and-a-half stars. just won't let me. The book somehow seems less special since it isn't exhaustive. The author does an excellent job in explaining feature placement (such as what row the eyes go on, and how far apart). This is such helpful information since part of what makes Sanrio

characters look like Sanrio characters is their very specific feature placement. The pictures are also very detailed, large, and clear, and can be referred to for help. The Tuxedosam hat pattern is misprinted for rounds 3-9. The author was kind enough to look up the pattern for me after I contacted her through her website, and she has posted corrections there. (There's a link in the Comments section, as well as information on modifications I made for Keroppi.) I also ran into errors in the patterns for Kiki's and Lala's hair, but these were minor and easy to work around.

MATERIALS If you don't like mixing materials in amigurumi, then you may be in for a little disappointment. I consider felt a cop-out of sorts, and there are a lot of projects that use it. That being said, I think most people who do amigurumi could come up with workarounds in yarn, perhaps by adapting other patterns. For example, Keroppi's eyes use yarn for the circles, while Chococat's use felt. Keroppi's bowtie is felt, but Tuxedosam's isn't. Some things might be a bit more challenging to change, like Badtz-Maru's eyes or the Deery-Lou pattern.

Another thing called for is light pink brads. I was unable to find them looking in two major craft stores, so maybe these aren't common in the U.S. The closest I found were dark pink in a mix, which was too expensive to spring for. These are definite stash-busters, which is so nice! However, they're nontraditional to USA-based amigurumi (which so often uses a size G hook and size four yarn) in that they use smaller hooks and yarn and embroidery floss. For the yarn, I'm using size three and size four yarn (removing one ply from the four to get it down to a three).

One little tip I like to leave with people creating amigurumi is that I stuff it with the yarn used. This is a nice stuffing that additionally helps alleviate any see-through.

For anyone who loves Sanrio, crochet, and amigurumi, I would recommend this book. I just want people to know that it doesn't contain all of the patterns shown. That being said, it *does* include those listed on the contents page in the preview--just not some of the extras seen throughout the book.

I love making Amigurami dolls and jumped at the opportunity to try this Hello Kitty Crochet book when I found it on . I made these smaller in scale by using Aunt Lydia's Crochet thread size 10 with a Clover Amour hook in size 1.5mm. When using these materials my dolls came out to be very tiny so I could make keychains out of them. I customized these by using the thread colors I had on hand and I love how they turned out. The directions are well written for beginner/intermediate crocheters. The only thing I didn't like was that I kept having to turn pages to refer back to instructions. The page numbers are in an odd spot (middle of right hand side of book) which kinda made it difficult. Definitely not a deal breaker though! I still would definitely recommend the book as the dolls turned out so cute. I appreciate the hardcover as well as most of my crochet books are paperback.

This is such an adorable, pretty book! I love the photos of all the characters because they are truly brought to life. I've followed Amigurumei for some time and was so excited to hear that she was coming out with this book. The patterns are easy to follow and there are so many to choose from! I'm very happy that I purchased this book and added it to my collection. Update: I've made several of these patterns and they've turned out wonderfully. For those of you who say the book and patterns are not for beginners, you are correct. Honestly, Amigurumi patterns are not for beginners in general and it takes awhile to learn how to crochet in spirals and to get the hang of how Amigurumi works. Don't expect to just pick up the book and instantly be able to create magic. I suggest watching some Amigurumi tutorials on Youtube before trying this book. Hope this helps.

This book right here is the main reason I decided I wanted to learn how to crochet. I wanted to be able to make these amigurumi dolls! If you don't already know this about me, you should probably know that I have an extreme love for Hello Kitty and her friends. I collect the stuff! Now, this book is not necessarily for beginners. At least not until you are more familiar with how to read crochet patterns. Once you feel comfortable doing that, you should find this book much more user friendly than you would have otherwise. You also are going to want to know how to do the magic circle and the single crochet stitch. Over all, I really love this book. It has so many different characters for you to make! Like almost every one in the Sanrio family is in this little pink book! The one thing that I don't really like about this book is that since a lot of the dolls start with the same pattern, you have to find that pattern in the back of the book...and then return to the character you are working with to make their clothes or accessories. However, marking these pages will make it much easier on you to reference them when you need to! Find more of my reviews here:[...]

These are the best looking amigurumi patterns I have seen for these characters. It is a small book, but loaded with clear color photos. The instructions should be simple for anyone with a good basic knowledge of crochet. Most of the characters are based on the same body instructions, which are clear and not that complicated. So far I have only made Hello Kitty, but feel that they will all be about the same. The patterns do call for US dk (3) weight yarn, which is not as easy to find these days. I think these amigurumi patterns are just very cute, and plan to make several with this book.

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