

Crocheted and Fabric Tapestry Rugs (Rugmaker's Handbook)

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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Recommended for experienced crocheters. Great vintage book.By

Robin Abdullah This is definitely a vintage book. The pictures are black and white and not very clear. The crochet charts were made before a standard crochet charting system was developed. The instructions often have that 'look at the picture and figure it out' paragraph that modern crocheters are not familiar with. Ms. Gray did a wonderful job of writing up a history and working out some basic rug patterns. No, not all the patterns in the book are charted or easy to understand. Rug finishing is barely covered at the back of the book. It leaves a lot for you to figure out on your own. Even though the book desperately needs modernizing, better photographs, and more of the patterns charted - it's a good reference book. She still has that element of 'your rug may not lay flat' but she at least tells you why and how to correct it. I recommend this book to anyone who wants to seriously make rag rugs that look nice. It's not for a beginning crocheter or anyone who has difficulty with charts. I recommend that you make your own charts by following the written instructions where given. When working with 3 or more colors in your rug and carrying them to do colorwork, she doesn't take into account how bulky your rug will be or how to carry the extra colors smoothly. There are some vague comments about it but nothing that really answers questions. Who knows if her designs are actually copyrighted though for the ones she says 'figure out by looking at the picture'. She gives a large lecture on copyright but leaves you more confused as to what she is saying is copyrighted than when you started reading the book. As far as I know, her designs are copyrighted if they are written down in the book or charted in the book. but a picture of the rug doesn't say to me that it is a copyrighted pattern (even if i can barely see the rug). All in all, she does answer a lot of questions that are not covered in other places. I still recommend purchasing her book. Hopefully someone else will take what she has written and expand on it for a more comprehensive rag rug making book in the future. 8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful!

By ljmck This book is like sitting next to your great aunt and having her tell you precisely, over a cup of tea, how to proceed. It's not folksy though, just direct, clear, and as helpful as you could wish. I felt very comfortable reading the directions, looking at the illustrations and photographs (all black and white, which is fine), and beginning. It starts with an easy project, a round hotpad, and moves onward, with a "handbook" in the back that explains fabrics and the dozens of other choices beginners face. I couldn't wait to get started and ran right out for fabric and have already started my first project, which looks surprisingly good because of the author's tips. I'm confident now that I'll be able to put all the patterns I've gathered to good use. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Compact but includes the math for any shape and pattern

By Jan S Small book but packed with clear, concise instructions on rug making with a crochet hook. Covers different types of materials, widths of strips to use, joining strips, and explanations of results with each variable. Most importantly, it includes the simple math for increases to create nearly any shape or size rug. If you don't have any other resources, this covers all the bases.

This third volume in the Rugmaker's Handbook series is designed to teach textile explorers of all skill levels to make crocheted or fabric tapestry rag rugs from fabric strip, with simple crochet stitches. Step-by-step directions make it easy to create patterned rugs in any shape including freeform rugs. This classic book has been revised, expanded and updated and for the first time includes directions to adapt rug patterns to any material, including yarns.