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Crochet in Color: Techniques and Designs for Playing with Color Kathy Merrick

Loveland, Colo: Known for her signature use of color, crochet designer Kathy Merrick shares her secrets to designing with color in unique and unexpected ways in her much-anticipated debut book, ***Crochet in Color*** (Interweave, October 2009, \$22.95). Merrick, who is famous in the fiber world for her best-selling Babette Blanket pattern, offers in this guide 17 patterns that explore a variety of ways to play with color and build your crochet color confidence.

“My extensive experience with crochet patterns has revealed that there is a niche that needs to be filled. I have seen many projects that are fascinating and take much technical skill, but even those of us who consider ourselves “arty” or fashionable may be hard-pressed to wear the finished pieces outside the house. There are also many projects that are practical and usable but not very challenging or exciting to make. My hope is that you will find this book a helpful resource that merges the best of both worlds,” says Merrick.

With a long list of projects encompassing wearables to various home décor projects, all of Merrick’s designs in ***Crochet in Color*** are made with fine yarns and big hooks to achieve a crochet fabric that is fluid and never stiff. And because Merrick focuses on simple shapes and less intricate designs, her projects are perfect for all crochet skill levels to create sophisticated and fun designs that play with color.

When asked recently about what she loves most about crochet, Kathy responded: “I like its immediacy, the fact that you need less “set up” to get going. I like that shaping is fairly easy to do and if you’ve bugged things up, you just give some tugs and it disappears. And I am hugely in love with the fabric that neat rows of half-double crochet make. Beautiful, beautiful and I never get tired of it.”

Crochet in Color encourages crocheters to shake their fears of experimenting with color, design outside the color wheel, and make unique color combinations work. Merrick also explains how to change colors in crochet, stranding techniques, and how to work over yarn tails. Plus, there are various tips and tricks, such as a proportion guide to working color bands and easy ways to finish your work.



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About the author: Kathy Merrick is a fiber artist with more than 30 years of experience crocheting and knitting. She has worked with Liz Prior Lucy, Kaffe Fassett, and Brandon Mably, all of whom have been significant influences on her designs and interest in color. She has had many designs published in *Interweave Crochet* magazine, including the very popular Babette Blanket, and she is profiled in the Spring 2008 issue. She lives in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania.

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