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Crochet Jewelry: 40 Beautiful and Unique Designs by Waejong Kim and Anna Pulvermakher

One of founders of Loopy Mango, Waejong Kim, is a crochet artist, and the store has become something of a destination for crochet fetishists.... The Loopy Mango crocheted products are unlike any crochet work you have seen. —*New York Times*, Jan. 2007

Crochet has made a comeback, thanks in part to fashion designers ranging from Prada to Mark Jacobs, and it is appearing internationally in jewelry designs. Crochet is not just for fiber artists anymore, beaders can join the crochet fashion world, too. **Crochet Jewelry: 40 Beautiful and Unique Designs** (October 2007, \$24.95, Interweave Press) by Waejong Kim and Anna Pulvermakher, designers and owners of the hip Brooklyn boutique Loopy Mango, is the beader's guide to creating head-turning necklaces, bracelets, earrings, rings, pins, and more, using simple crochet techniques.

"With a little guidance and a bit of patience anyone who is familiar with even the most basic of crochet stitches can create their own unique crochet jewelry," says co-author Pulvermaker. "You don't have to be a crochet expert to make this jewelry—just have fun and experiment."

Crochet Jewelry is a collaborative book that combines Kim and Pulvermakher's crocheted accessories with many different designers' work, demonstrating the varied approach that crochet can have in jewelry. Jennifer Hansen, owner of Stitch Diva Studios in Fremont, California, tackles hairpin crochet using wire and crochets embroidery thread on store bought hoop earrings to add some personality to basic jewelry. Carol Meldrum, design consultant for Jaeger Hand Knits and Rowan Yarns, crochets a beautiful butterfly pin to attach to any wardrobe, and twists crochet strands together to make an original bracelet. Whether beaders want jewelry made of beads and wire, or whether they'd like to incorporate fiber into their work, they'll find designs that tailor to their crochet abilities and design preferences. There are even designs that incorporate felting, another hot fiber trend that is crossing over into the beading and jewelry making markets.

With 40 jewelry designs, **Crochet Jewelry** is a great introduction for beaders and crocheters alike to crochet jewelry pieces that are wearable, fashionable, and fun. Readers can leave their mark on the jewelry world with these handmade pieces that are sure to be cherished and make great gifts.

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About the author: **Wajeong Kim** and **Anna Pulvermahker** are co-owners of Loopy Mango, a Brooklyn, New York boutique specializing in handmade clothes and jewelry, the latest fashions, and unique vintage pieces. Anna and Wajeong met at New York's Fashion Institute of Technology. Their shared passion for crochet led to the foundation of Loopy Mango where their creations are available for sale. Their designs and boutique have been featured in such publications as *The New York Times*, *Lucky*, *Elle*, *Vogue*, *Glamour*, *Time Out New York*, and *Daily Candy*. They both live in New York City, and combined they speak English, Russian, Japanese, and Korean.

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