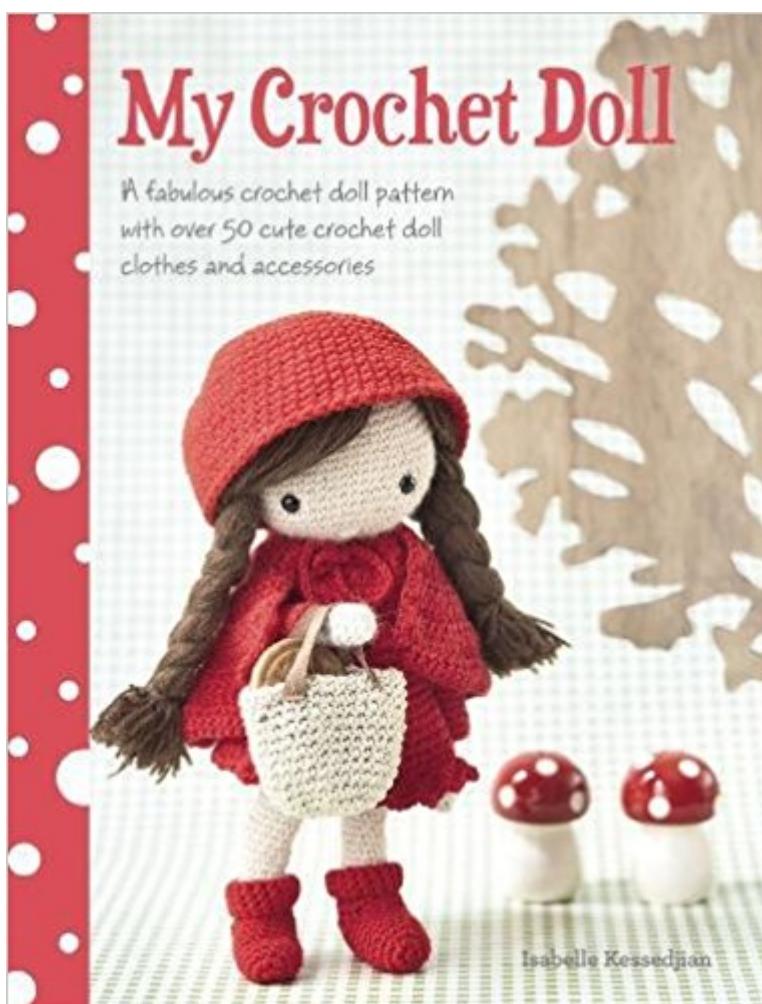


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My Crochet Doll: A Fabulous Crochet Doll Pattern With Over 50 Cute Crochet Doll's Clothes & Accessories



Synopsis

Instagram sensation Isabelle Kessedjian has created this adorable doll with her own very stylish wardrobe in crochet! Using Isabelle's easy patterns discover how to crochet your doll and then personalize her with your choice of hair, clothing and accessories for home and abroad. Each project is presented as a mini story to bring your crochet doll to life with a whole heap of extras to complete each scene, including: At the Beach with a bucket, paddling pool and air bed, Good Night! with bed linen, a pillow and cuddly teddy for sweet dreams! At the North Pole with a camera, penguin and a fish! The cute mini suitcase pattern is perfect for storing all your doll's belongings and doubles up as a bed too! Create the doll of your dreams for a little girl you love or the little girl inside!

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Customer Reviews

Isabelle Kessedjian is a painter, sculptor, teacher and serial crocheter. Isabelle shares her talent by conducting courses for children and adults in her Paris studio. She has a highly popular blog and Instagram feed with a very loyal fan base. She spends all of her free time crocheting!

The instructions were pretty good. I love the patterns, but I wish there were just a few more details or diagrams for some parts, like assembly or joining pieces. Not for a novice, but adorable patterns and dolls. Note: I made some modifications to adjust where I couldn't follow the pattern instructions.

Easy to understand instructions. When I start to crochet the head it says double crochet so I did double crochet stitches but didn't realise that the instructions were in English (UK) stitches. I have to redo it and change my stitches. UK and US stitches are different just like the unit of measures as in inches and centimeters or pounds and kilos. Double crochet in UK is single crochet in US. But they have a conversion chart so its really easy to follow.

I have made the doll and the underwear only so far. Pros: The patters are so cute. The little photo vignettes are adorable and made me want to MAKE ALL TEH THINGS!!! The different outfits are adorable and there are plenty of opportunities for customizing the doll and the outfits to suit one's fancy. The instructions (where they exist, more on that in the CONS section) are easy to follow and totally spot on. I have rarely found a crochet pattern book that was so well edited. If it says you should have 17 sts at the end of the row, and you don't, you can be certain it's because you missed something and not because of a stupid typo somewhere. (You can probably tell that this is a pet peeve of mine.) CONS: No gauge is given. She tells you the weight of the yarn and the hook size she used, but if you have different yarn, you're on your own figuring out which hook to use to make things fit right. This was a big deal for me, because I already have so much accumulated yarn that I am absolutely not willing to go out and buy special yarn for these projects. The assembly and finishing instructions are very brief and lacking in detail. The pictures show many different styles of hair, but the instructions for attaching hair are so sparse as to be almost useless. There are really no instructions for the face at all. "Make a stitch for the nose," or something like that was pretty much all she gave. There was a similar "Make a stitch" instruction for giving the doll an ankle, but I didn't figure that one out at all and just skipped it. The cons may outweigh the pros for some people, especially those less experienced with crochet or with doll-making, or both. In case anyone wonders, I used regular worsted weight yarn for the doll (I believe it was Red Heart), and a 4mm hook. I used a similar weight speciality yarn for the underwear and the same hook, and they fit perfectly. I used instructions from a different doll book I had to make and attach the hair, and I used the same book to come up with a reasonable face. (My daughter was kind of freaked out that the dolly didn't have a mouth, so I had to make her one.) If I find that any of the clothes do not fit with the same weight yarn and the same hook, I'll edit this review to include my variations. So, my overall rating is probably closer to 3 1/2 stars, but I rounded up to 4 because my daughter loves her dolly and I had a great time making it. **Edit: I have now made the pyjamas, the t-shirt (basic sweater pattern), and a few pairs of socks/shoes/boots. Since writing my original review, I have found a few

possible editing issues. The sock/boot/shoe pattern is a bit weird, the Red Riding Hood dress is problematic, etc. Mostly (besides the RRH dress, which I have no clue what's going on there), I've been able to make the patterns work anyway. I'm dropping my review to 3, just because there are those little things in here that could blindside a relative newbie and I hate when that happens.

Bought to make it for my grand daughter, but I am thinking about making them for an online business. Directions easy to follow (just follow directions exactly-I mean this book was written by a Brit and you need to stitch with European directions-they are different than American- be sure to go by European instructions which are in book) and must have fun.

I'm still making this doll, but it is coming together nicely. The only problem is that the instruction book has redefined the most common crochet stitches -- their "double crochet" is REALLY single crochet; their "triple crochet" is REALLY double crochet. Once I figured that out it started to actually look like what it is supposed to look like -- good illustrations and photos help (I first realized there was something wrong with the "double crochet" stitches when I looked carefully at the photos. The doll clothes and accessories are VERY cute.

What a charming book! Visually pleasing to leaf through. Crochet patterns are very well written and easy to follow. I've tried several pieces and adapted to fit Elf on the Shelf, my current passion. I would recommend to beginner with some experience to intermediate skill level. Stitches used are pretty basic and simple. I find myself leafing through the pages again and again as a visual treat.

Very fun designs and easy to understand. Originally I thought that this book was easy to understand, and gave it 5 stars, that is until I started to crochet. I know that it is written in UK terms, but I had to make many modifications to patterns so that they would come out correctly. I am glad I bought it, and it is inspiring.

I made the doll 1st, and the pattern for that, while difficult to follow (all of the instructions were written out in UK terms no diagrams) - was doable. I made the little red dress on the cover and was disappointed, the sleeves and the way the dress tapers in at the neck, friction of the arms on the sleeves, & narrow allowances would make it impossible for my 6 year old to put on/remove. I don't know if the author intended the clothing to be non-removable or if it's just that one pattern but I ended up pulling the sleeves out and making it more of a spaghetti strap dress. I will keep that in

mind and work slits into the backs of future garments that don't have closures in the pattern already.

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