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Erika Simmons, Monika Simmons : Double Stitch: Designs for the Crochet Fashionista before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Double Stitch: Designs for the Crochet Fashionista:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I wish I could give it more than 5 starts!!By Trish :-)

This book is like looking at a fashion magazine. The authors and designers, sisters, have produced some of the most modern and "doable" patterns I've seen in a long time. This is my favorite crochet book purchase in the past 10 years. I appreciate the designers giving us their ideas and patterns. Their ideas encouraged me to create an extra edging of a piece I am working on currently. I am just dying to start one, two, or three of the patterns in this book. I also appreciate the convenience and ease of some the patterns. They use readily available yarns, many of which are inexpensive namebrands that you can find at your local craft store and there are patterns for Intermediate Beginners and up. Love it!!! (Can you tell ;-)

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Fun and refreshing twists for the classicsBy pamela c. shorter

What I've enjoyed about this book is that it gave me a fresh, new appreciation for worsted weight yarn. For example, I love Red Heart Super Saver yarns because of their vibrant color palettes and availability, but they're not exactly practical and tend to make stiffer garments. This book has allowed me to use an array of yarns, including Red Heart, giving me wonderful results. The patterns are fairly easy to follow and this book takes care of that quick project "itch" when one wants something cute in a hurry. While some things in this book probably wouldn't work for me because I'm over 40, but having crocheted for over 30 years, I find this book refreshing. The only thing

that I would suggest is that you read through the patterns. Although they're fairly straight forward and simple, like with any knitted or crocheted project, it's a good idea to understand exactly what you're dealing with. Nevertheless, play with the patterns and have fun! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By L Simmons cute crochet patterns

Make a fashion statement with *Double Stitch: Designs for the Crochet Fashionista*, a collection of stylish, sexy, and modern crochet patterns for the fashion diva. Chicago-based crochet designers and twins Erika and Monika Simmons bring edge to the craft with twenty-five fashion-forward projects inspired by their retail design line using simple crochet techniques mixed with innovative construction, form-fitting designs, playful color combinations, and unique detailing. Even if you've never crocheted before, the simple techniques in *Double Stitch*—and the flirty, sassy designs—will have you crocheting in no time. Projects are divided into two main sections: "Out and About" features daytime crochet wear perfect for layering over T-shirts or wearing with jeans—taking you from the downtown coffeehouse to the beach with ease. Choose from projects that include a webbed halter dress, hooded poncho with matching leg warmers, a salsa belt, the remix T-shirt using a finished shirt with added crocheted sleeves, a tube-style apron top, plus much more. "Paint the Town" features evening looks with fun detailing, open weave crochet, and glamorous accessories. Projects include a gothic shawl, feather choker with matching cocktail bag, peek-a-boo full-length dress, slinky tailored shrug, corset with satin ribbon tie, shrunken jacket, plus much more. At the back of the book are all of the basic crochet techniques you need to create each project featured. The projects all have a hip, bohemian, urban vibe that can be dressed up or down based on the styling. Whether you live in a big city or just want to look like you do, the young designers behind *Double Stitch* show how easy it is to make crochet fashionably modern, flirtatious, and fun.

From School Library Journal Adult/High School—This book brings grandmother's crochet to the high-fashion world with more than 20 patterns for everything from leg and neck warmers to dresses. The authors deserve credit for the sheer creativity of the designs, even if they're not always practical (one choker necklace pattern incorporates feathers into the stitching, and others weave ribbons and buttons into patterns). Some of the ideas border on the ridiculous—the "hip hanger" looks like a sideways knitted apron worn over pants, and the patterns for fringed halters and bikinis are a little over-the-top even for those with the body confidence to pull off such a look. Projects are packaged and modeled by young "downtown" type women, giving this book a feel that is very different from the majority of craft books for young people these days—think club wear and hip-hop-inspired designs rather than the indie-hipster looks in books such as *Amy Spencer's Crafter Culture Handbook* (Marion Boyars, 2006). As such, it will appeal to different readers and crafters, and the wide range of projects guarantees that anyone will find at least a couple of patterns worth trying out. A caveat: *Double Stitch* has limited introductory instructions for absolute beginners.—Caitlin Fralick, Ottawa Public Library, ON Copyright copy; Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "These fashions will freshen a stale wardrobe and likely change how you think about crochet garments." - *Monsters and Critics.com* "Elegantly flirty, authoritatively saucy, these projects take full advantage of crochet's openwork and show a whole lot of skin." - *Yarn Market News* "Takes crochet to new levels with the edgy, body-shaping designs the Chicago designers are known for creating." - *Ebony* "The *Double Stitch* sisters have terrific, glamorous style that's shown off in this book. I'd call it the first really sexy, chic, club girl crochet." - *Crochet Insider* "Wear an item made from a pattern in this book, and truly be prepared to stop traffic. The projects are modern, flirtatious, and fun." - *Suite101.com*