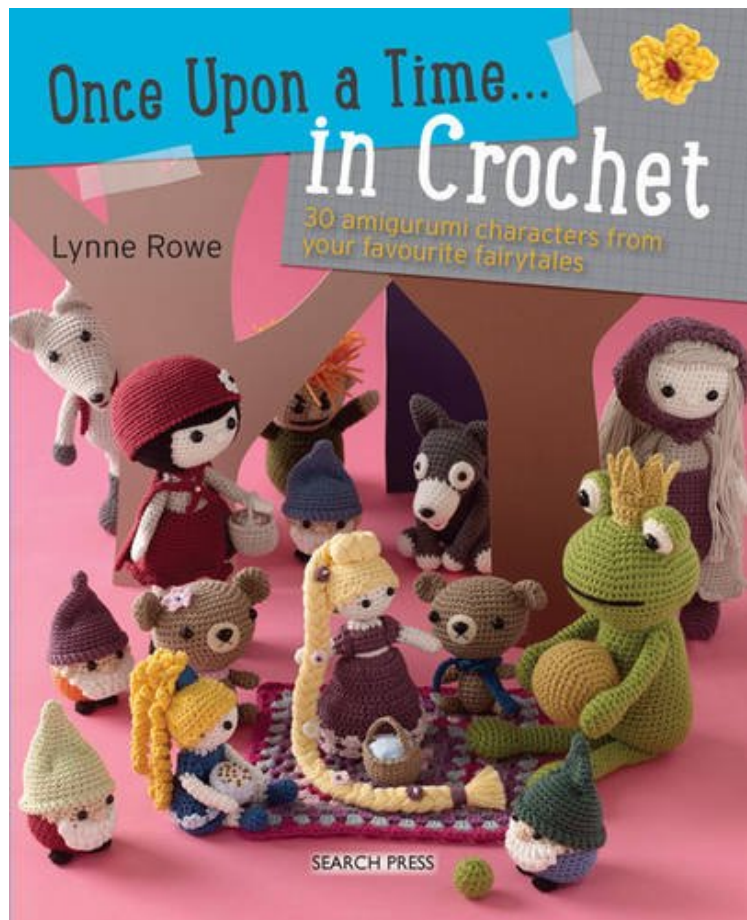


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45 of 45 people found the following review helpful. Fantastic book of amigurumi Fairy Tale charactersBy iiiireaderI had been looking for a great book of amigurumi fairy tale characters when I came across Once Upon a Time in Crochet by Lynne Rowe. I pre-ordered it a month or two ago and when it arrived, I was thrilled with both the selection and the imagination used to create the characters.To start with, the cast of characters: The Princess and the Pea (including bed and blankets), The Ugly Duckling, Three Billy Goats Gruff (and troll), Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Puss in Boots, Snow White and the Seven Dwarves, Little Red Riding Hood (and standing wolf), The Three Little Pigs (and sitting wolf), The Frog Prince, Hansel and Gretel (and witch), and to finish, Rapunzel (and her castle.)The

majority of the patterns are made with DK (8-ply) and fingering (4-ply) yarns. What is really nice is that the patterns each provide the weight and yardage needed for the various yarns. I imagine that you can substitute other yarns but you would need to be consistent and it would certainly effect the size of the project and the amount of yarn you would need. In addition to hooks and yarn, the author suggests that you also use a tapestry needle with a large eye (she refers to this as a wool needle but blunt ended needles are generally referred to as tapestry), stitch markers, sharp scissors, tape measure, rust-proof pins, project bag, notebook and pen, sewing needle and thread, safety eyes and noses, spray starch, toy filling, and felt and fabric pieces for various accessories, etc. I have crocheted for more than thirty years and all of these suggestions make a lot of sense. In going through the patterns, I noticed that there are some other odd bits and pieces you will need to finish the designs but nothing extraordinary that you will not easily find. The only thing that I wish she had added would have been actual brands of yarn she used and perhaps some on-line sources for some of the items she calls for. As yarns change and online stores come and go, I can understand why these may not be included. As far as hooks are concerned, you will need the size that gives you the best gauge and which are comfortable in your hand. For ergonomic reasons, I find Tulip Etimo to be the best for me and I like that they have a huge range in sizes. My next favorite is Clover Soft Touch but again, you have to use what fits best in your hand, has the head you prefer, and which doesn't cause undue stress in your hand or elbow. The author includes a number of hints and techniques. The techniques including starting with a magic loop, stuffing, adding safety eyes and noses (I really needed this!), stitching heads and bodies together, mattress stitch, making moving arms and legs, making pompoms with a fork (and fingers), blocking, attaching hair, making curls, and even making a hair cap. A good number of these techniques were fairly new to me, so I was really pleased to learn them. I am really pleased with this book. The pictures are outstanding. The directions are top-notch and take you through each part of the design. I follow US directions, so the book utilizing that format makes it easier for me; however, the author does include a UK conversion at the back of the book for those who follow that format. I plan to make each and every one of the characters in this book at least once and more likely, at least three times (for myself and my two daughters) so I am sure to put a lot of wear and tear on this book. It is a lovely book that I highly recommend to anyone who loves amigurumi or fairy tales. I believe that the directions are useable by anyone from beginner up to advance but a beginner might want to have access to someone who can answer questions if they have never crocheted before. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Love this book By Lola Love this book. So far I only crocheted one of the characters but I will definitely do more. The patterns are easy to follow. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Beginners take note! By k. play Some of the patterns are difficult to follow. Beginners to crocheting will find some of them challenging. There are a few that tell you to just follow the pictures for putting pieces together.

This fun, quirky book contains 30 cute and whimsical characters from 11 of your favourite fairytales, from Puss in Boots and the Ugly Duckling to Snow White and Rapunzel, using gorgeous amigurumi designs. The book also contains an easy-to-use step-by-step techniques section, showing the reader how to pin out their crochet pieces before assembling, make moving arms and legs and create a range of hairstyles.

August 2015 This fun, quirky book has 30 cute and whimsical characters to make in amigurumi crochet from 11 popular fairytales such as Puss in Boots, the Ugly Duckling, Rapunzel and Snow White. Step-by-step instructions guide us to perfection, through all the finishing touches required. * Machine Knitting Monthly * Jul 2015 I have to say I love this book!!! It's fantastic! No matter which fairytale is your favorite you'll find something in this book to make. The fairy-tales in the book; The Princess and the Pea The Ugly Duckling Three Billy Goats Gruff Goldilocks and the Three Bears Puss in Boots Snow White and the Seven Dwarves Little Red Riding Hood The Three Little Pigs The Frog Prince Hansel and Gretel Rapunzel The designs are fantastic! Each of them is perfect for each fairy-tale. Each of the patterns are in written format. The book starts detailing all the techniques you will need to make the characters. This includes clear to follow pictures. I love the designs. I love how each of the characters have been put together. They would make beautiful presents for children and even some adults. What wouldn't be better than telling the stories with the characters. It would make storytime so much more exciting. The ami's bring everything alive. I know the people that have seen the book have already put their requests in. Brilliant book!!! A Huge hit in our household! * Crochet Addict UK * July 2015 Once Upon A Time in Crochet is an adorable collection of crochet amigurumi projects from those timeless fairytales that we all know and love. I had initially been eyeing up this book because I'd always said that when I have kids I would want a fairytale themed nursery (although I'm not going to need that for about a decade I'm hoping!) As a literature lover all things that amalgamate my two loves, reading and crafts, always peaks my interest and this one certainly didn't disappoint! The moment I first picked it up and started flicking through it made me want to pick up my hook and get started! As you can see from the contents page, characters from 11 classic fairytales are represented in the book. This range not only includes the main character of the story, but often their friends, foes and additional props that makes this one jam-packed book! Overall it covers instructions for thirty characters and many more extras which makes it exceptional value for money. To read the full review you can do so here: <https://hannahackroyd.wordpress.com/2015/06/15/once-upon-a-time-in-crochet/> * Handmade by Hannah * Issue 66

Children love fairy stories - you can bring their stories to life with these adorable amigurumi patterns but inside crochet designer Lynne Rowe. Any of these story-themed toys would make a great treat for a child. Designs range from Goldilocks and the three bears to dashing Puss in boots, Rapunzel and her tower, oh-so-cute ugly ducklings and our favourite a sweet princess complete with a mattress, blankets and tiny pea! There are 11 fairytale sets in total, enough to fill a whole chest of storytime toys. We particularly like all the little design details, such as Goldilocks' curly blonde hair and Snow Whites tiny red apple. This book assumes experience with the basic crochet stitches, but includes clear photo guides to amigurumi techniques such as attaching parts together, stuffing evenly, adding safety eyes and creating different hairstyles. Amigurumi are quick to hook and perfect for using up odds and ends of yarn, so set aside a few hours and fall in love with fairytales again. * Inside Crochet * May 2015 Children love fairy stories - whether it's piles of Ladybird books by the bed or old Disney cartoons on YouTube, young children still delight in tales of the big bad wolf, or scare themselves with stories of Hansel and Gretel lost in the woods. You can bring their stories to life with these adorable amigurumi patterns by Inside Crochet designer Lynne Rowe (www.thewoolnest.blogspot.co.uk). Made using a selection of DMC natural fibre yarns, any of these story-themed toys would make a great treat for a child. Designs range from Goldilocks and the three bears to a dashing Puss in boots, Rapunzel and her tower, oh-so-cute ugly ducklings and our favourite, a sweet princess complete with a mattress, blankets and tiny pea! There are 11 fairytale sets in total, enough to fill a whole chest of storytime toys. We particularly like all the little design details, such as Goldilocks' curly blonde hair, and Snow White's tiny red apple. This book assumes experience with the basic crochet stitches, but includes clear photo guides to amigurumi techniques such as attaching parts together, stuffing evenly, adding safety eyes and creating different hairstyles. Amigurumi are quick to hook and perfect for using up odds and ends of yarn, so set aside a few hours and fall in love with fairytales again. * Inside Crochet * May 2015 This brand new release brings 30 characters from your favourite fairytales and really adds the novelty factor to what is already a technical crochet venture. Magic up a host of little figures and let them be enjoyed as presents or props in little re-enactments for fun family entertainment. With easy-to-follow patterns plus quotes to tell the stories, this book is right up our bread-crumbed street. Our favourite has to be Snow White and the Seven Dwarves. * Make it Today * May 2015 You'll know Goldilocks, Rapunzel, the Three Little Pigs and Puss in Boots. But you might not know amigurumi. It's the Japanese art of crocheting animals and dolls with big, cute, loveable faces. From the frog prince with a forlorn look on his face to the curly-haired princess with her giant pea and the ugly duckling who isn't really very ugly at all, it's harder to turn the pages of this book without saying 'Awww, adorable!' than it is to eat a doughnut without licking your lips. The patterns assume a certain amount of knowledge, so they're probably best tackled if you have some experience in crochet But they're off-the-scale engaging and gorgeous. * Woman's Weekly * This book is absolutely adorable, illustrating how to create cute amigurumi style crochet creatures with easy-to-follow patterns that are suitable for crocheters of all abilities. Great fun and a delight! * Hot Brands, Cool Places * About the Author Lynne Rowe was taught to knit and crochet by her Nan in her early childhood and has been hooked ever since. She has developed a wide range of specialist skills and loves to pass these on to others through her workshops and classes. She is best known for her whimsical designs which feature regularly in the UK's most popular craft magazines, along with articles and technical guides. Her practical approach makes her patterns straightforward, easy to read and fun to make and her aim is to encourage as many people as possible to knit and crochet. Lynne lives in Congleton, Cheshire.