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Lise Nymark : Dress Up Your Dolls: Sensational Outfits to Knit Crochet for Dolls Up to 18in before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Dress Up Your Dolls: Sensational Outfits to Knit Crochet for Dolls Up to 18in:

46 of 46 people found the following review helpful. Good Luck! if you are foolish enough to buy this.By Linda Susiel am an experienced knitter and have taught knitting. This book has been very frustrating. While the illustrations are beautiful, the text and instructions are extremely difficult. The text is very faint, being a pale gray rather than black. The instructions are written in paragraph form, making following the pattern very confusing. The instructions are not

written chronologically so the knitter has to try to figure out what part of the pattern to do next. There are no updates on the number of stitches made while trying to follow the pattern. There are no measurements for the clothing and dolls, making the sizing of garments challenging. I'm knitting for 4 18" dolls, all different brands and sizes. The only constant is their heights. Not much fun. If I wasn't one to persevere, I would have given up long ago. I appreciate that this is a translation from another language, but the end result should be useable. I wish the author would give it another try. I do not recommend this book to anyone.

25 of 25 people found the following review helpful. Cute Knitted and Crocheted Outfits for Small, Medium, and Large Dolls By Lynne E. DRESS UP YOUR DOLLS has patterns for cute outfits for small, medium, and large dolls. The outfits that should fit my 18" American Girl dolls are (1) knitted lacy blouse, peasant skirt, and headband, with crocheted basket; (2) crocheted May Queen dress; (3) knitted pirate captain's uniform; (4) knitted safari dress and helmet; (5) knitted hiker's sweater, scarf, backpack, and trousers; (6) knitted walker's cabled sweater, jeans, and bag; (7) knitting sleeping bag; (8) knitted tunic and hat; (9) knitted party dress; (10) knitted pants suit, and crocheted scarf; (11) knitted fairy tale princess' ball gown; (12) knitted fairy tale prince's outfit; (13) crocheted teddy bear outfit; and (14) knitted ski outfit. For medium (14-15.5") dolls, the patterns are (1) knitted pinafore dress and headscarf; (2) crocheted hooded dress; (3) crocheted leggings, jacket, and headband; (4) crocheted summer dress with short-sleeved sweater; (5) knitted pirate crewman's outfit; (6) knitted safari suit and visored cap; (7) knitted sleeping bag; (8) knitted dungarees and straw hat; (9) knitted flapper dress and hat, with crocheted flower applique; (10) crocheted ballet dress with tiara-style headpiece; (11) knitted party dress with hair band; (12) crocheted bunny suit; and (13) knitted snow coat and cap (shown on the book's cover). For small (12-13") dolls, the patterns are (1) knitted boy's trouser-suit with braces and hat, with crocheted dog; (2) crocheted sleeveless sundress and shoes; (3) knitted cabin boy's outfit; (4) knitted sleeping bag; (5) knitted play dress, hat, and play tent, with crocheted cat; (6) crocheted leotard, tutu, and crown; (7) knitted masquerade dress with "fur" shawl; and (8) knitted one-piece ski suit and hat. The patterns mostly call for sportweight or sockweight yarn. Specific yarns are named (e.g., Filatura di Crosa Zara, Dale of Norway Baby Ull), but none of the patterns give actual gauge information. You can look up the gauges for the named yarns on the Internet, or just wing it--as the author says, knitted and crocheted doll clothes are stretchy and don't have to fit exactly. The author also notes that "even dolls of the same height can differ in head and body circumference. . . . if necessary, you can probably make some simple adjustments [of a few stitches] to the length or width of the patterns to fit. . . . As a general rule, increases and decreases can be followed as stated in the pattern[s]." This book has a nice variety of doll clothes patterns, and the patterns can be used as a starting point for doll clothes of the knitter/crocheter's own creation. The book also has entertaining full-color photographs of the doll clothes being modeled in appropriate outdoor and indoor settings. I rate this book at 4 stars ("I like it" on the official scale).

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Darling patterns, not enough information to be usable By LC The designs are lovely, as is the photography. The level of detail on the garments is excellent. I like the decision to include patterns for multiple doll sizes (my child's favorite dolls are smaller than 18") and the reminder that a flexible fabric will stretch to fit a range of sizes. I am experienced with both knitting and crochet and the directions are comprehensible enough, if a bit terse. However, I am surprised to find no schematics, gauge, or other measurements given. Everything is "cast on X stitches, work for Y rows" with no mention of the actual garment size. Yes, I can measure the dolls, figure out a reasonable gauge for the yarn, calculate what I would need to cast on, and eyeball it to fudge against the author's numbers. But once I've done all that, I hardly need the book!

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Feb 13 Dress up your 12" to 18" dolls in this wide range of knitted and crocheted outfits. There is something for every occasion from fun to formal, and from simple to more complex according to ability. I think that my favorite features of this book are the wonderful staged photographs showing dolls clad in their new clothes doing various things. Dolls in pirate outfits play on a beach, others wearing winter outfits are in the snow with a snowman, or tracking through the long grass on a walk. These are not Barbie type dolls but the more traditional type of stockier toy more like a baby doll, only mostly with hair (there are a few baby outfits too). This book was originally published in Norway, so expect the yarns mentioned to be different although any yarn crafter worth their salt ought to be able to find something to substitute. Hooks and needles are given in both UK and US sizes, and patterns are in word format with a few charts. The level of expertise would be improvers upwards, but the patterns vary in complexity. It is an imaginative mix of everyday costumes and those for best, or for playing make believe. Some dolls sport everyday children's clothes, others are dressed in party best or as explorers, pirates, fairytale characters or a 20s flapper. There are accessories too such as a fairytale tent for a princess, toy monkey for the safari section, bunting for the party etc. adding to the fun. There is no index which I found frustrating when looking for something in particular, and anybody wanting a couple of "refresher course" pages of stitches had better look elsewhere. Overall this is a good book that does what it says on the cover, i.e. provide patterns for dolls clothes. * Myshelf.com * About the Author Lise Nymark is an art teacher at Oslo University who also holds workshops in needlecraft, knitting, and patchwork. She writes for craft magazines and is a freelance textile designer, creating knitting, crochet, and sewing products and working with yarn and fabric

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