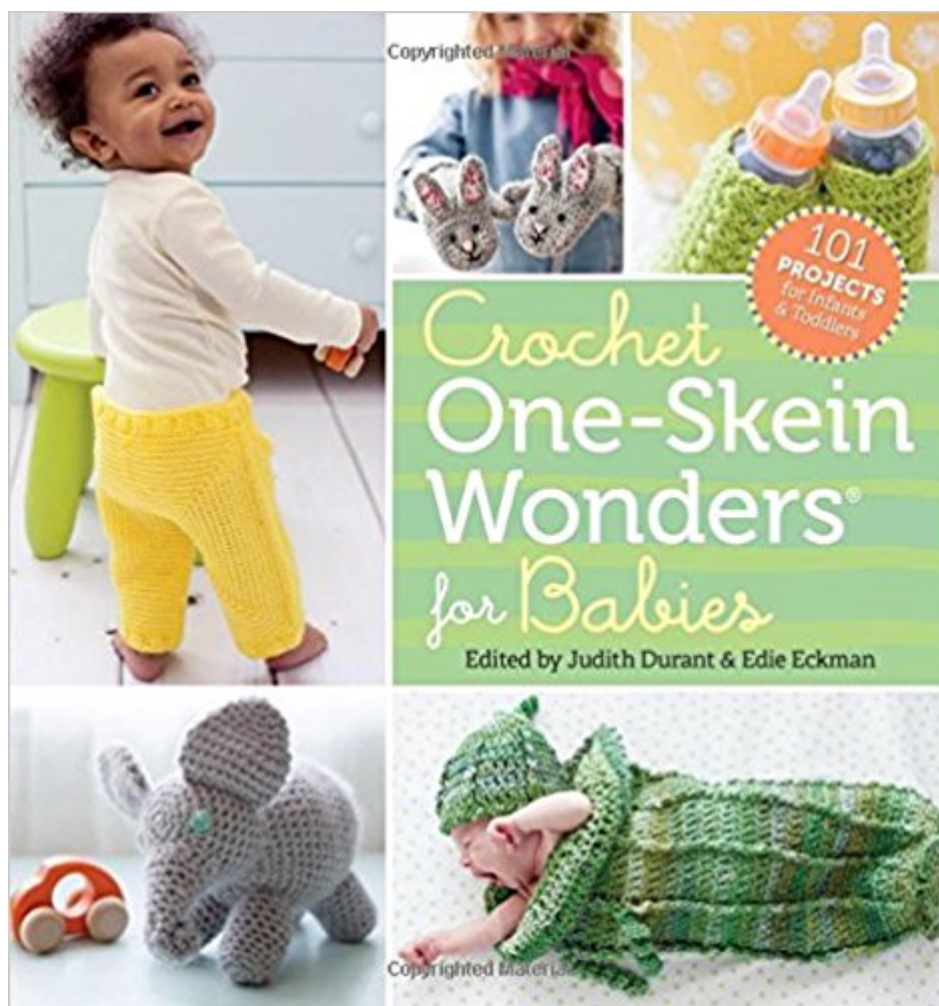


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# Crochet One-Skein Wonders® For Babies: 101 Projects For Infants & Toddlers



## Synopsis

Irresistible! This collection of 101 projects makes it easy and fun to crochet adorable clothes, toys, and accessories for the babies and toddlers you love. Each project uses just one skein of yarn, many take just a few hours to complete, and plenty are suitable for beginners. Hats and caps, booties and socks, mitts, dresses, tops and bottoms – plus blankets, bibs, soft toys, bottle cozies, diaper bags, and more – there's something here for every baby! These original patterns were contributed by 54 designers around the world, and each one comes with complete instructions, charts, schematics, and beautiful photographs.

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## Customer Reviews

One skein of cuddly yarn is all you need to create each of these sweet wearables, blankets, toys, and accessories for the little ones in your life. This blockbuster collection of 101 projects features practical and fun gifts for babies and toddlers, as well as perfect patterns for crocheting a family heirloom.

Judith Durant is the editor of the best-selling One-Skein Wonders series, which currently includes seven volumes; the author of Cable Left, Cable Right, Increase, Decrease, and Knit One, Bead Too; and the co-author of Knitting Know-How. Durant has been knitting for more than 50 years and has been writing and editing for more than 30 years. She currently lives in Lowell,

Massachusetts. Edie Eckman is the author of *Connect the Shapes Crochet Motifs*, *Around the Corner Crochet Borders*, *Beyond the Square Crochet Motifs*, *The Crochet Answer Book*, and *Christmas Crochet for Hearth, Home & Tree*, as well as co-editor of *Crochet One-Skein Wonders* and *Crochet One-Skein Wonders for Babies*. She is a nationally known teacher, designer, writer, and editor in both the crochet and knitting worlds. She lives in Waynesboro, Virginia.

I recently purchased the *One-Skein Wonders* book for baby knit projects and so enjoyed it, I wanted to get the crochet book as well. At heart, I am definitely more of a crocheter. I taught myself to crochet many years ago and it is a hobby that I have kept with throughout my life. I have a new baby granddaughter and want to be able to make her cute and quick crochet projects as she is growing so fast. I love the variety of hats, booties, tops and more that are in this book. The patterns are gathered from many designers (who are noted and acknowledged at the end of the book.) The patterns include type, color and size of yarn used to make the photo sample as well as a gauge guide and size hook used. The designs all include written instructions and most also have visual diagrams as well. Each project has a photo sample. I found the instructions to be generally well written but because of the wide group of designers, there were some differences in style of pattern. The type of yarn also varied greatly but should not be difficult to obtain via online shopping. Most of the projects are fairly simple and would not be tremendously difficult for a beginner with some experience to master. A few are more challenging but that is the fun of crochet: start with something simple and you can fairly quickly build your skills to more and more advanced projects. There are eight chapters in this book: Hats and Caps, Socks and Booties, Tops and Dresses, Bottoms, Bibs and Washcloths, Toys, Blankets and Sacks, and Bags and Accessories. There are projects for girls and for boys as well as a great many gender neutral ones, too. Many of the projects are for fairly young children but a good number can be used for older toddlers as well. I have earmarked a few of the toys to make for each of my grandchildren in different colors to match their rooms. I own books by both editors, Judith Durant (mostly knitting books) and Edie Eckman (whose crochet books stay on my crafts room table for easy access at all times.) I was so pleased to see both of these ladies involved as I know the high quality of their own books. At the end of the book, there is a glossary with written instructions on many stitches. A few also have a visual diagram of the stitch. Other techniques are also explained as well as yarn weights and recommended hook sizes for each weight. There are both an abbreviation key and a visual symbol key. I'm very used to written patterns, so seeing the extensive symbol key was marvelous for me to use to learn how to use

visual diagrams to better purpose. The hooks and stitches are all based on US crochet terms. There isn't a conversion chart for European measures. The actual measurements of the finished projects are in both inches and metric measurements. I put together a silent video of the sample photos of approximately half of the projects in the book and will also upload the chapter photos as well. I was provided a temporary digital advance reader copy of this book by the publisher, Storey Publishing, LLC, via Netgalley. After seeing the great projects, I immediately pre-ordered the paperback version of this book.

A lot to like about this book. I am enjoying a few of the patterns; very easy to follow for the most part; I'm an experienced knitter and crocheter. But as with most patterns, more and close-up photos of certain aspects of the finished patterns would be so helpful. That is just a personal bug-a-boo I have because while I understand the crochet terminology, sometimes photos clear up tiny ambiguities in some directions. Some of the photos chosen --are chopped off at a part I would have liked to see in greater detail, again--close up of a junction, etc. However, I do like the ease of both the 99% clearly written patterns, and the diagram/pictographs. Both help comprehension, just that more photos are always better for me. I have made several items so far, in one week. These are quick to do!

This is fantastic crochet pattern book with a lot of bang for your buck. You get 101 projects, which is a lot for one book. Each and every project has a photo of the finished product, an introduction, sizes and measurements, yarn, hook type, supplies, pattern essentials, a diagram and step by step instructions. It really has everything you need. The only drawback I found was that it's not for beginners and I'm very new to crochet. It will take a while to get up to the level for these projects. Although they only take one skein of yarn, they are intermediate to advance pattern, so they do take some level of skill. I'll keep it for the future though!

This is the second book edited by Judith Durant that I have seen and this one is just as good as the first. When you look through Crochet One-Skein Wonders for Babies, you are going to start looking for babies to crochet for and if you don't crochet, you'll be wanting to learn. My niece is pregnant and I showed her the pictures in the books and we both loved everything. I think my favorite is the hat with bunny ears or the Pink Camouflage Cap. Possibly it is the Spring Petals Bonnet or the Baby Crocs, It could be the In the Woods Vest or the Six-Button Vest. You get the idea, everything is adorable, affordable, and doesn't take much time to finish. The perfect gift for a friend, neighbor,

co-worker, and especially a new addition to the family. The instructions are clear and concise. The glossary has descriptions of how to do each stitch, which is especially helpful to a new crocheter. If you are not a crocheter, but you know someone who is, I think this book would be a great gift. I received this book from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

There is nothing worse than starting a project and realising that you need 2 or 3 (or 4) skeins for that adorable baby blanket, or the cardigan that would be perfect for your nephew. One-Skein Wonders® solves that problem! One skein (granted some of the skeins are rather large) and that is all you need. From toys and blankets, to caps and sweaters. You are sure to love the adorable project bursting with color and creativity on every page! If you are anything like me, you will be scrambling for the next few weeks crocheting like mad in order to get all of your projects done before Christmas Eve! Let me tell you, this book has 101 fun projects requiring only one skein. Mommy and Me Legwarmers and Tiny Tango Vest are a couple of my favorites. This will be the perfect pattern book to start your presents early for next year. This wonderful collection of patterns is put together very well! I wish had more time, because I would love to make a lot of the items in this book. The projects are very cute and the pictures depict them very well. The symbol key, abbreviations and glossary were very helpful and easy to understand. The patterns themselves have been designed with a lot of thought and are easy to understand. I received a free digital copy of Crochet One-Skein Wonders® for Babies from Storey Publishing through NetGalley in exchange for my honest review.

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