

## Plus Size Crochet: Fashions That Fit Flatter

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**Margaret Hubert : Plus Size Crochet: Fashions That Fit Flatter** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Plus Size Crochet: Fashions That Fit Flatter:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Not for the adventuresomeBy SammigFirst, there are a lot of positive things about this book. It is spiral bound, making it easy to keep track of where one is. It has jacket leaf edges that can fold in on a particular pattern, and a handy gauge in inches and centimeters on the back. There are great photo illustrations of stitches at the back (though admittedly the photos are of rudimentary stitches that most crocheters already know). The photos of the finished pieces are good, full size pictures that give a great idea of what the finished piece will loo like. But... and here's the not so positive stuff. The first thing is that the "plus" is more plus than I am, and more plus than most of the sizes I buy in stores. I'm just under six feet tall and almost always buy a 1X - but this 1X is far too big. I will need to adjust all my stitches to accommodate my (hardly slighter) frame. Secondly, there is a

woeful lack of adventure here -- cardigans are cardigans and anybody who crochets can make one. Even the tunic is really a cardy with no opening at the front. There are a few interesting stitches -- the silk scoop neck in particular is a lovely stitch and the directions for creating covered buttons is handy -- but a lot of what's here are pretty simple stitches on pretty simple designs. I'd have been interested in some doleman sleeves, perhaps, and some interesting cables. One gets the sense that the focus is on use of the various yarns more than on the finished products. For someone who has sophisticated skills at crochet, this might not offer any real challenges. Those looking to pick up a couple of ideas they can work into other patterns they already have (the collar on the short-sleeve pullover is cute) you might find some inspiration. On the whole, however, not my favorite pattern book.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Fantastic Book for Plus Size figures  
By Cyndi Morquan  
OH My Gosh! I am so happy with this book, I only wish I had ordered it sooner, like last summer. I could have made myself a nice winter sweater. I like nearly every style in the book. I really like this book in spiral, so much easier for working from, I don't have to bend the spine out of shape. It also has nice inside flaps that work for bookmarks on your project. I am currently working on 2 sweaters now, one for myself, and one for my daughter. She had to look in the book 4 times before she could truly decide which style she wanted, so many to choose from. It looks like most of the models are size 2x, and perhaps even a 3 x. This is more encouraging, as too often plus size clothing is shown on a large or maybe X-large figure, but it doesn't always look the same on larger sizes. We really appreciate the color pictures and full size models. The patterns are fairly easy to read and understand, and size range is up to 4x...Wow! I do wish the author had included a source for the yarns, as she chose to use quality yarns, even specialty fibers. I went shopping for yarns recently, and we did not find many of the ones she listed in the book, so I am buying them online. I like that the sweaters shown have a variety of fibers, some light weights, some bulky fibers, bright colors, and even metallic. I will look for more of her books in plus size crochet. Great value book for any avid crochet library! Happy Hooking

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very nice styles for us fluffier ladies  
By AnnBI  
look forward to tackling some of the more classic shapes to add to my wardrobe. Hourglass with rounder tummy of late. Crocheted by me as well as garments sewn by me....for me. Just remember, clothes are not to hide our shape or size, but to be accurate in drape for our unique shape to make us feel beautiful and go about our day not tugging or pulling at our clothing. A tip I read many years ago for any size or shape....to keep clothes from creeping up or getting hung up on your backside: wear a slick layer garment underneath such as a camisole/shell that is not to be seen or is a layer part of the look. The actual tip: Sew a slick fabric (lining) from waist to hem on the inside back of especially knit tanks, camisoles, t-shirts or shirts/blouses, sweaters to keep them from hanging up on your pants over your buttocks. Reduces or eliminates the readjusting tugging.

At last, a book of crochet patterns devoted entirely to the plus-size woman! Plus-size gals are a group that seems to be neglected in the plethora of crochet books on the market. The author, Margaret Hubert, has often been approached at trade shows and through her classes by women in this size category, begging her to design patterns that would fit them. A plus-size crocheter cannot simply take a smaller pattern and increase the number of stitches or rows to get a garment that fits and flatters. There are lots of proportion considerations when designing patterns for larger sizes. Plus Size Crochet has 20 crocheted garments and accessories for plus-size women. The projects are stylish and flattering for various large figure types. There are also hints and tips to help the crocheter accommodate her special needs. Only crochet book for plus-size women

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"Hubert, Margaret. Plus Size Crochet: Fashions That Fit Flatter. Creative Pub: Quayside. 2007. c.128p. illus. ISBN 978-1-58923-339-3. pap. \$19.95." FIBER CRAFTS Plus-size pattern designers fit roughly into two camps: the flaunt-your-curves designers and the disguise-those-figure-flaws-and-look-slimmera designers. In this book one of the few titles available on crocheting for the plus-size figure

Hubert, a longtime crochet teacher and author, places herself squarely into the second camp. The book contains 20 figure-flattering designs for cardigans, jackets, and accessories for sizes 1X to 4X, all with complete step-by-step instructions and clear photos of each project, plus close-up photos of garment details and the yarn used in the designs. Enthusiastically recommended for public libraries." --Library Journal, December 2007

About the Author Margaret Hubert designs both crochet and knitting patterns for yarn companies and magazines such as Crochet, Interweave's Knit and Crochet, and Woman's Day. She teaches at yarn shops, retreats, and national gatherings. She is the author of ten other books including the five books in CPI's "Hooked" series.