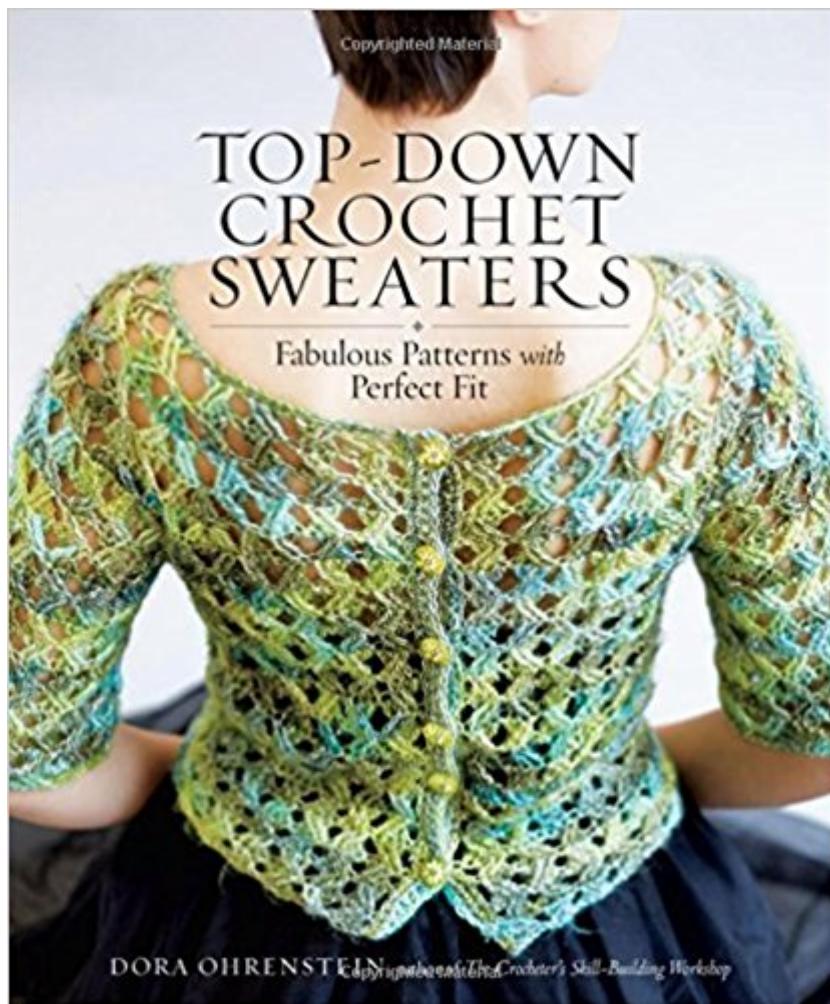


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# Top-Down Crochet Sweaters: Fabulous Patterns With Perfect Fit



## Synopsis

Welcome to the new era of crochet. Making garments from the top down is a favorite knitting technique that allows knitters to test and adjust the fit as they go. Now, thanks to designer Dora Ohrenstein, crocheters will benefit for the first time from a pattern book featuring the same beloved approach. These 14 fashionable patterns are sure to flatter bodies of all shapes and sizes. Show-stopping original photography, an extensive discussion of the benefits of top-down construction, and detailed instructions on how and why to adjust the patterns to ensure an exquisite customized fit will have crocheters tying themselves in knots to start strutting their stuff!

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## Customer Reviews

"If you've always thought of crocheted sweaters as lumpy, heavy, and unflattering, Dora's book will change your mind in about two minutes flat." • Franklin Habit, designer, teacher, author, and illustrator

Take it from the top. In the first collection of its kind, crochet designer Dora Ohrenstein presents 14 patterns sure to flatter all body shapes and sizes. From elegant to casual, here are contemporary options for every season and occasion. Making a garment from the top down lets you try it on as you go and adjust the length as necessary. Detailed directions on the top-down technique plus

valuable tips on choosing yarn and stitch patterns ensure exquisite sweaters with fashionable drape.

Beautiful crochet designs with a good deal of variation throughout the whole book. Very disappointing however that the sizes stop at XL, OR 2X, inconsistently, with variation of several inches within in those sizes -- not even consistent bust sizes. I am hoping I can make adjustments because I am plus, AND I hate tight clothing. If multiples were given for the patterns, I could size up to get the fit I prefer, but I do not see that information being given. If you want that, The Crochet Crowd has videos on You Tube to help with figuring out multiples using diagrams, so I will consult that to get the sizes I want. I find this lack of information & upsizing confounding at this time, when other designers are providing multiples, and sizing as high as 5X, and the bust sizing within a specified size is always consistent; not variable as these. Also: we are in an age of accepting women of all sizes & shapes....soooo, I would think a modern designer would recognize what competitors are doing & the current social milieu. I will keep the book because it is amazing and I will learn from it; but curiously, it is not convenient for women who want looser clothing OR for women who need bigger sizes and want to make beautiful crochet apparel. UPDATE 9.29.16: I upgraded this product one star because the designer was respectful, polite & so prompt in offering me assistance, and where to contact her on Ravelry. She also has a website with a contact email.

Beautiful designs. Thorough how-to for top down sweater crochet. Lots of details for the technique and individual patterns. Notes for sizing customization are particularly helpful.

Got this for the background on constructing top-down sweaters, and got the bonus of the great patterns. Terrific book.

This book is much more than just patterns. (There are 14 patterns included). Dora goes into great detail on the method of crocheting a garment Top Down. She goes on to discuss getting the drape that you desire and how to find that in various types and weights of yarn. Then there is information regarding choosing a size, measuring yourself, and what is ease. If that isn't enough, Dora explains how to read garment schematics, and includes at least 7 pages on making your own modifications to garment patterns to get the exact fit that you want! Very nice photos are included in this book, including back and side views of all garments. Stitch charts and detailed schematics are also provided for all patterns. These patterns are not for beginning crocheters. You have to know all basic

stitches, how to read your own work, how to read written crochet instructions as well as make use of crochet diagrams. I am starting on one of the first patterns, and hope to work up to the garment featured on the cover!

Nice patterns, well written, but could have more plus size items.

Not what I expected. Too much granny square construction. Revised several to suit myself, but gave the book to my local library.

So much more than a pattern book! This is like a full crochet class in making sweaters with an awesome, experienced instructor/designer.

There are some truly lovely sweaters and variations to try in this book and I applaud the use of varied size models. My one caveat for the book is that Ms. Ohrenstein uses rather hard to find designer yarns for the sweaters. Nor does she give the specific size or weight of the yarns chosen, but rather says in the front of the book that she'd used DK to fingering sizes [which is a significant range], but doesn't specify the weights for individual yarns that she used. There are some general guidelines for each sweater so experienced crocheters can probably make educated guesses for suitable substitutions, but why make it hard? The weights of the specific yarns used in the samples should have been mentioned. Other than this yarn weight omission, I was very impressed by the book and can't wait to try one or more of these beautiful sweaters.

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