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Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer Crochet



Synopsis

From bouncing Bumbles to Yukon gold, you'll love these adorable amigurumi figures from the classic television special Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer! This cheerful kit contains all the materials you'll need to create Rudolph and Santa. Colorful photos and step-by-step directions in the 76-page instruction book will also guide you through crafting the Bumble, Charlie-in-the-Box, Dolly, Spotted Elephant, Hermey, Moonracer, Mrs. Claus, Clarice, Sam the Snowman, and Yukon Cornelius. Warm up your crochet hook for this group of charming holiday characters!

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Customer Reviews

Kati Gálusz discovered the world of amigurumi when she wanted to make a unique gift for a toy-collector friend. What started as a quick fling has grown into the love of a lifetime, allowing her to combine her need for creativity with her two main interests, animals and great books and movies. After lavishing her creations on her long-suffering family and friends, she started to sell them on Etsy and share her crochet patterns on Ravelry. When she is not crocheting, she can be usually found with a book in her hand, surrounded by her dogs in her home near Budapest, the Hungarian capital.

I own a few of the Thunder Bay crochet character kits. This kit is similar in quality and I was able to purchase mine at a local big box store. It contains a small booklet which contains instructions for 12 characters but be warned, the kit only contains enough materials to make 2 "specifically,

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and Santa. Because of this, with prior kits and with this one as well, I substitute my own yarn and other materials so that I can keep the amigurumi consistent. As with all of the kits in this series, I think that this is good for intermediate and above crocheters. It would not be the first kit that I would give to a beginner to learn how to crochet. There are more advanced techniques used which, while there are good instructions, may be difficult for someone new to crochet to follow. If you are a beginner and want to work on these characters, it could be a fun challenge " but it will certainly be a Challenge. I recommend having someone more experienced around to ask questions. This kit includes materials needed to make one each of the two above mentioned characters: yarn in light brown, dark brown, white, black, red, and peach; gray embroidery floss, white thread; white felt; two pairs of plastic safety eyes, a red glass bead, a D/3 (3.255mm) crochet hook; sewing needle; and stuffing. While the author doesn't state which yarns she used, she does mention that she prefers acrylic for amigurumi (as do I) and that the patterns were designs for DK weight (size 3 light worsted). As I prefer to use a worsted weight in 4 for mine, my characters come out larger than the ones shown and generally take more yarn to finish. I like Vanna's Choice or Red Heart yarn for many of my characters as they have such a wide range of colors available. I also use my own safety eyes as I, again, want to be sure they are consistent. I'm generally inclined to embroider my eyes to make sure they are placed where I want them, the appropriate size for my project, and they are absolutely safe for all ages. There are also fairly detailed instructions including many diagrams. There are parts that I wish were more detailed and for that, I reduced my rating to a four. I wish that Thunder Bay had had crocheters test all of the patterns beforehand so that issues with instructions could have been dealt with beforehand. The book includes instructions for 12 character from the movie: Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Santa Claus, Clarice, Hermey, Mrs. Claus, Sam the Snowman, Yukon Cornelius, Bumble the Abominable Snow Monster, Misfit Doll, Misfit Elephant, Charlie-in-the-Box, and King Moonracer. The hook is okay but on the less expensive side. I prefer to use my own for ergonomic reasons. The characters look to be fairly small - if you want to make them larger, use thicker yarn and larger hooks. The instructions should work well no matter the size. The tapestry needle is decent and works well for its purpose. I have purchased and crocheted other kits from this company (the Star Wars, Peanuts and Classic Disney) as well as one distributed by another company but which looks exactly like this brand with a slightly different box (Disney Winnie the Pooh). The instructions in the kits are all very similar as are the materials. If anything, I think that the photographs in this kit are an improvement. On the whole, I like the kit (though I wish it contained more materials) and the instructions are fairly good and recommend it to an intermediate or above crocheter without

hesitation. I am personally using the kit as a way to get the instructions as I need to make three sets of these characters!

This crochet collection is so cute and the directions are really detailed. Can't wait to get started. Thank you , great job!

I absolutely love this kit. The patterns are simple and really resemble the famous Rankin-Bass characters. I'm an advanced crocheter but this kit is easy enough for beginners. Very clear instructions with photos to help you along. Most of the characters are about 3" tall using the included materials. And the characters! Rudolph, Moonracer, Santa & Mrs. Clause, Clarice, Bumble, Yukon Cornelius, spotted elephant, Sam the snowman, Charlie in the box, misfit doll and Hermy! All these patterns plus materials is a real bargain. The yarn is nice quality and it even comes with a special red nose for Rudolph as well as safety eyes, stuffing & crochet hook. If you love Rudolph (and who doesn't?), you must get this.

Do not listen to the reviewers saying this is easy for beginners. I have been crocheting for years and doing Amigurumi and this is still challenging. 3 stars reflect the minimal materials included, the poor quality of materials, the cheap book binding, and the instructions not being as clear as they could. The finished look of the designs are a 5 star but instructions could be better. I started making the Rudolph and got to the part where you add the eyes. First of all, the template is too small. The 6mm beads they give you will nearly completely cover the felt if you stick to the template. Second of all, they shouldn't say, "push the eye stem through the felt" like it's nothing. You need to make a prep hole and it's no easy task. I tore the first set and there was barely enough felt for me to try a second set and I still wasn't happy with it. Third, it should have been made clear that when placing the eyes that where your yarn end is, is where the back of the body is going to be. I didn't know this and my Rudolph is giving you Exorcist action now with his head looking over his backside. And also starting at Round 11 for Rudolph where you do start making the body. The instructions are really not clear and even with advanced crochet experience I just had to plow forward and hope I was doing it right. I feel like a beginner/intermediate would be lost. If you are using a stitch marker (which you should be using but they don't supply one of course), the 'end of round' begins to NOT mean you'll be back at your stitch marker. Very confusing for anyone unexperienced. And as I said in the review for the Star Wars crochet, it really sucks that not only are you given just enough yarn to make two characters (Rudolph and Santa), but they also don't give you the designer's yarn brand and color

names they used to make the other projects. After spending time researching myself, it looks like the brand most of these crochet kit authors are using is Hayfield Bonus DK (which stores like JoAnn's and Michaels don't carry so you'll have to find online). At the end of the day, I'm glad kits like this exist. I wish Thunder Bay could go a notch further and either offer deluxe versions with all the materials needed for a higher price. Or at the very least include a list of yarn brands and colors used by the designer. Wish me luck pulling my safety eyes out so I can rearrange them more aesthetically.

Was what i was expecting. Everything was there and was new.

This is DIFFICULT. I've been crocheting for years and done some projects that I thought were well above beginner level. This is the hardest thing I've ever done and the directions were soooo vague. The tiny stitches with the black yarn for Santa's boots were almost impossible (4 sc in one tiny stitch w/ cheap black yarn...oh yeah, I can see that.)

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