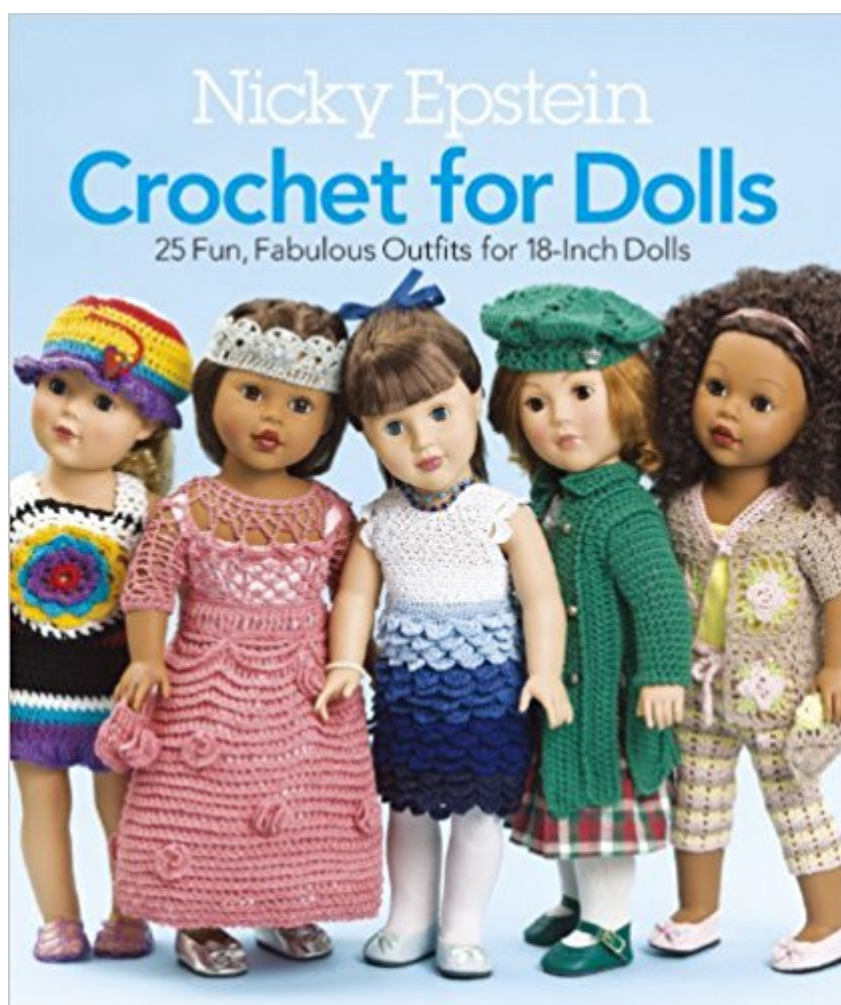


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# Nicky Epstein Crochet For Dolls: 25 Fun, Fabulous Outfits For 18-Inch Dolls



## Synopsis

Who better than design superstar Nicky Epstein to create an adorable collection of crochet patterns for today's wildly popular 18-inch dolls? Epstein's 25 playful, fashion-forward garments—from hats, coats, and jackets to dresses, skirts, tops, and pants—range from classic to chic to trendy, and she gives all the basics on measuring, getting a great fit, and choosing the right yarn and needles. Nicky's outfits make up a stylish complete doll wardrobe—perfect for a special little girl's special friend!

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## Customer Reviews

Nicky Epstein is a prolific crochet and knitwear designer, the author of numerous bestselling books on crochet and knitting, and a popular teacher who travels nationally and internationally to lecture and give workshops on knitting and crochet technique. She has created designs for many yarn manufacturers, and her work is frequently published in knitting and crochet magazines, including *Vogue® Knitting*, *Vogue® Knitting, Crochet*, and *Knit Simple*. In 2005 she received a prestigious award from The National NeedleArts Association, and in 2006 her work was featured in a retrospective fashion show at the Museum of Arts and Design in New York City, where she lives.

As always, Nicky Epstein outdoes herself with the originality of the designs. Based only on the

appearance of the darling outfits, I would give this book a 5. BUT except for a bathrobe, blankie, and outerwear\*, very few of the outfits are suitable, if made per instructions, for soft-body dolls. Most outfits are sleeveless, many with only shoulder straps on the bodice and some have wide necklines, one neckline plunges down the back. Even if you have a soft-body doll with all vinyl arms and legs, the dresses with straps and wide necklines will still show the soft body. \*If your soft-body doll has the partial vinyl arms I am unsure if most of the slender-looking sleeves of the outwear would fit over the soft part of the arms. I am disappointed because it seems to me that most of the outfits exclude use for the soft-body dolls. It is for this broad exclusion that I gave the book a 3. I plan on "tweaking" some of the outfits - example: The long dress shown on the cover will be given a different bodice (maybe the bodice of the blue and white dress shown beside it on the cover). Because I do love the darling clothes, I will be saving up to buy an all-vinyl-body doll - that will be much easier than trying to redesign the bodices on the dresses! I have made many of the Barbie knit and crochet outfits Nicky designed and the directions were easy to use, so I expect the same will be true for the directions for the 18" doll outfits. Except - the outfit on page 64 with the cowl neck tells you under "Finishing" to gather 1-1/2" of the center-front neckline and there is no opening down the back or side, so I'm wondering how the dress gets put on the doll. Maybe someone has made this dress and can enlighten me???

Wish I would of read the reviews before purchasing this book. Loved the fact that I could use crochet thread...however the instructions need to be a bit more clearer. I made the the far right outfit on the cover of this book and the sweater arms turned out too large along with the neckline, will need to tear out and fix on my own.

I thought I had bought the crochet book before, but it was the knit one. Once I finally got the crochet one, I was a little disappointed. She uses a lot of thread and very fine yarns. I was glad that at least she showed the yarn weight symbol on the pattern. In the knit one, I had to look up each yarn individually. Most of the yarns had been discontinued, so you will need to substitute. Patterns can be confusing to follow if you are a beginner. I am not, and I can still be confused. But the patterns are cute.

I should have read the reviews before I bought two of her books. They are full of errors and are totally worthless. Do not waste your money!

The cutest outfits

Great ideas using a variety of yarn types! Tweak it a little and make up your own styles as well! Well worth the money!

The book was in great condition!

Beautiful designs can't wait to try them all

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