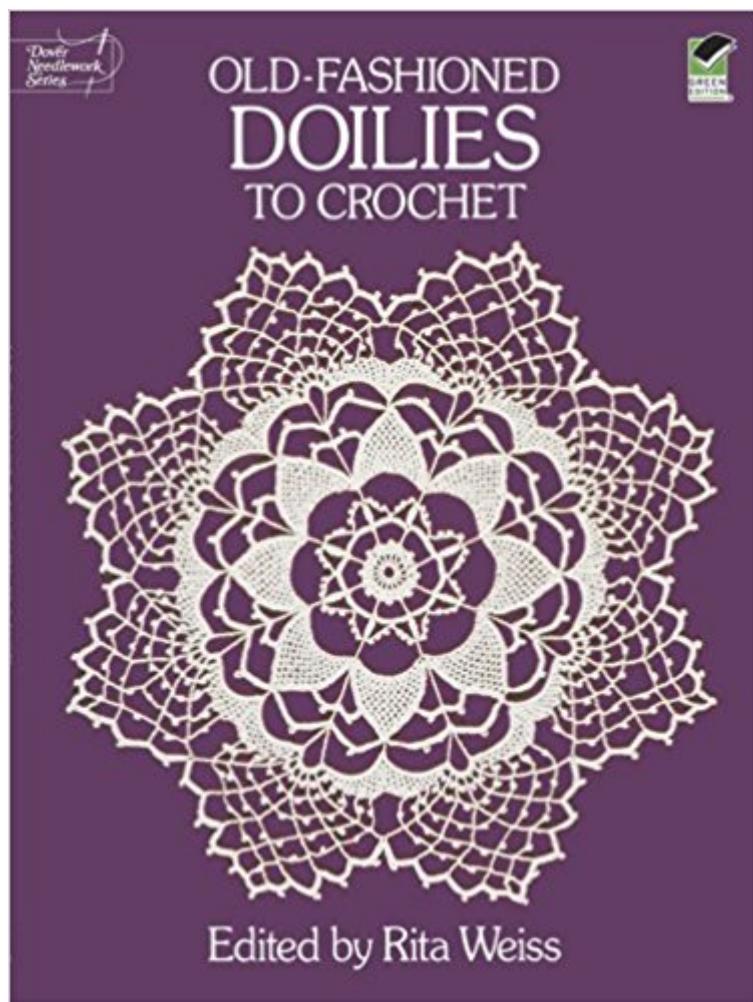


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# Old-Fashioned Doilies To Crochet (Dover Knitting, Crochet, Tatting, Lace)



## Synopsis

In the 1940s and 1950s, lacy crocheted doilies were at their peak in popularity. Frequently used to accent interior decor, these delicate cobwebs of finely worked threads could be made quickly and with little effort. Thread companies turned out thousands of inexpensive instruction booklets for needleworkers constantly looking for new ideas. Today, renewed interest in hand-crocheted items has once again created a demand for these elegantly simple • and simply elegant • doilies. With this eye-catching collection of patterns taken from now-rare thread company publications, modern needleworkers can re-create stunning designs for a variety of projects. Noted needlework authority Rita Weiss has selected 32 masterpieces in miniature that are as suitable for framing as they are for use as centerpieces, placemats, cushion covers, and much more. Patterns include the pansy doily, Spanish fan, morning glory, double ruffle doily, pineapple posy, ripe wheat runner, windmill wings, ring of roses, new daisy doily, sea foam, leafy spray, pinwheel trio, and twenty other exquisite motifs. This inexpensive and easy-to-follow guide also provides helpful tips for beginners• with abundant advice on selecting materials and working the pattern, as well as on the care and handling of heirloom pieces that will be passed on lovingly from generation to generation.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This collection of vintage doilies is exceptional in that it offers several different kinds of doilies. There are filet pieces, pieces with single or double ruffles, flower doilies, and other patterns you may remember seeing your grandmother make. It is a very useful book for the serious threadie to have.

I purchased this to use to teach my sister-in-law. It has easy pieces to work and they are very nice for using under a centerpiece on the dining room table, a lamp on a side table, or other places where you want just a little cushion under something to protect furniture. I know I'll use it over and over.

It is a really cool book. It has many beautiful models. However, if you like to crochet using the charts, this is not the book for you, because only 2 models out from over 20 have charts. If you understand the written crochet patterns, then it is the book for you! I understand both types of patterns charts and written patterns, so it works for me.

have already made some of the doilies and the patterns are the easiest to follow. They were christmas presents and the recipients loved them.

A lovely collection of vintage crochet doily patterns taken from thread company publications of the 1940s-1950s. Ranging in size from 4.5" to 21" if made using the suggested thread sizes, the patterns themselves are not too complicated for an intermediate crocheter. Beginners may want to try a few less challenging thread projects before tackling these. There has been no editing done on these patterns, and the original black and white photos are included. So far, I've found no errors in the instructions (these are written instructions, not symbols). The suggested thread sizes for most of these is 20, 30, 40 or 50 -- VERY small (size 50 is basically sewing thread). My eyes just aren't that good anymore, so I use size 10 thread with a 1.5mm or 1.8mm hook. This means that the finished product will be larger than the measurement in the book, but if size isn't critical, this works great. All told, I do like this book. It hearkens back to a time when these doily instruction pamphlets were produced by the thousands to keep homemakers challenged with new ideas and patterns. There are a few patterns that I will make more than once.

Love the vintage crochet books and they are getting harder and harder to find. This is not really for beginners, but if you know how to crochet or want to expand your knowledge, this book is great. The patterns use stitches like "long trebles", 5 times over the hook, instead of the basic chain stitch in some of the patterns, but they are beautiful when done. Make sure you use the required size of thread though as some of these are made with very small. Fantastic addition to my "library".

As a thread crocheter, I've collected doily patterns since I was a child. Growing up in the 50s, these were abundant in grandmother's and great-grandmother's homes and they bring me back to those simple times even before television! The instructions are clear and they work up easily if you've had experience with thread crochet and the feel of smaller hooks. A recommended buy. Rita Weiss is among the elite to thread crochet doily collectors. Her delicate designs are created to work up simply so if you're unsure about trying thread crochet...try these. You CAN do it, Rita will help!

This is a good book. Easy to understand. Nice patterns. These patterns are easy to use. Good book for a beginner.

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