

Interweave Crochet Summer 2011

Call for Submissions

In this issue, we will explore crochet lace. In the process, we will redefine some classic forms, expanding the design potential of what has been seen as strictly home décor. Summer is a perfect time to test new techniques with threads and light yarns—let's learn more about crochet while creating excellent crochet designs.

Doilies

Doilies are rich tools for learning about crochet. But the traditional form of doilies is not very relevant in the 21st century. Let's take this staple of crochet and make it modern in rich projects suitable for the way we live and move.

Technique Ideas: Try thin yarn on a large hook. Pull out one or two techniques from a doily pattern and explore how they would look as an edging or inset on a garment.

Project Ideas: An inset on a child's garment, a shrug or wrap, an afghan, jewelry, and more

The Look: Lacy but modern, pretty but not overly precious

The Essential Summer Garment

What one crochet garment do you turn to again and again in the summer? An evening wrap, a lacy skirt, an office shrug? Maybe you have a go-to garment for summer's special occasions, like dinner parties or weddings. Think lightweight, summery yarns—linen, cotton, silk.

Technique ideas: Innovative construction, clever use of stitch patterns and motifs

Projects: Light cardigans or vests, shawls, shrugs, skirts

The Look: Stylish, feminine, modern.

The Summer Home

What makes your home attractive in summer? A crocheted “cozy” for a glass bowl to hold summer fruit? A hurricane lamp cover? Placemats and table runner for outdoor dining? Crocheted, beaded flowers in a vase? Light touches for easy entertaining.

Projects: Light-hearted, pretty items with practical appeal, easy care

The Look: Natural, think hemp, linen, cotton.