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The sixth book in the best-selling Interweave Companion Series, **THE CROCHETER'S COMPANION** targets 38 million women in the U.S. who knit or crochet.

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## The Crocheter's Companion

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### Nancy Brown

Thirty-eight million women in America know how to knit or crochet—that's an amazing one out of every three women. Research from the Craft Yarn Council of America (2000 Tracking Study) shows that crocheters are passionate and loyal consumers, wildly dedicated to their craft. **THE CROCHETER'S COMPANION** (Interweave Press, September 2002, \$19.95), the sixth book in the popular Interweave Companion series, targets this crafty segment of the population, providing instruction, inspiration, and know-how for both novice and experienced crocheters.

"Crochet is making a comeback in the contemporary fashion world and is gaining in popularity with the young and not-so-young alike," says Nancy Brown, author of **THE CROCHETER'S COMPANION**. "The love of the traditional, the delight in the handmade, and the creation of beautiful heirloom treasures comprise the true spirit of crochet and are the force behind this book." With thirty-plus years experience as an entrepreneur in the world of crochet and a member of the Crochet Guild of America since 1975, she is well qualified to write not only about crochet techniques, but about the state of the craft as well.

With its pocket-sized, spiral-bound format, **THE CROCHETER'S COMPANION** is a handy reference designed to fit into a project bag or basket, to lie flat for easy use, and to provide the essential information that crocheters need to have at their fingertips. An

overview of tools, yarns and gauge precedes chapters brimming with easy-to-follow instructions and illustrations for:

- basic and advanced stitches
- finishing and decorative touches
- motifs and medallions
- other crocheting techniques
- helpful hints and troubleshooting

As the number of crocheters continues to grow, so does the need for quality instruction that will help inspire them and keep them crocheting for life. This easy-to-follow instruction manual ensures a swift, simple, and painless way to learn the art of crochet whether a novice in search of basic stitch instruction or an experienced crocheter looking for an advanced finishing technique to show off their finesse with the crochet hook.

Relaxation is the number one reason consumers pick up their needles but **THE CROCHETER'S COMPANION** is the tool that insures each project a successful completion.

Available in your favorite retail yarn shop, or bookstores nationwide in September 2002. You can also order by calling 800-272-2193 or visiting [www.interweave.com](http://www.interweave.com).

#### **THE CROCHETER'S COMPANION**

By Nancy Brown

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**About the author:** A crocheter for thirty-plus years, Nancy Brown has served as executive vice president of the Crochet Guild of America. She manages 10 states in her position as West Coast Representative for Skacel Collection, Inc., self-publishes crochet patterns, and markets them to retail yarn shops and catalogs. A knit and crochet designer, Nancy has published patterns in *McCall's Needlework and Crafts*, *Crochet Fantasy*, and American School of Needlework (ASN) Publishing. California Image Wear and Isabella Fiore have manufactured her crochet designs.

Other books in the popular Companion Series include *The Knitter's Companion* by Vicki Square, *The Beader's Companion* by Jean Campbell and Judith Durant, *The Weaver's Companion*, *The Spinner's Companion* by Bobbie Irwin, and *The Needleworker's Companion* by Shay Pendray

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