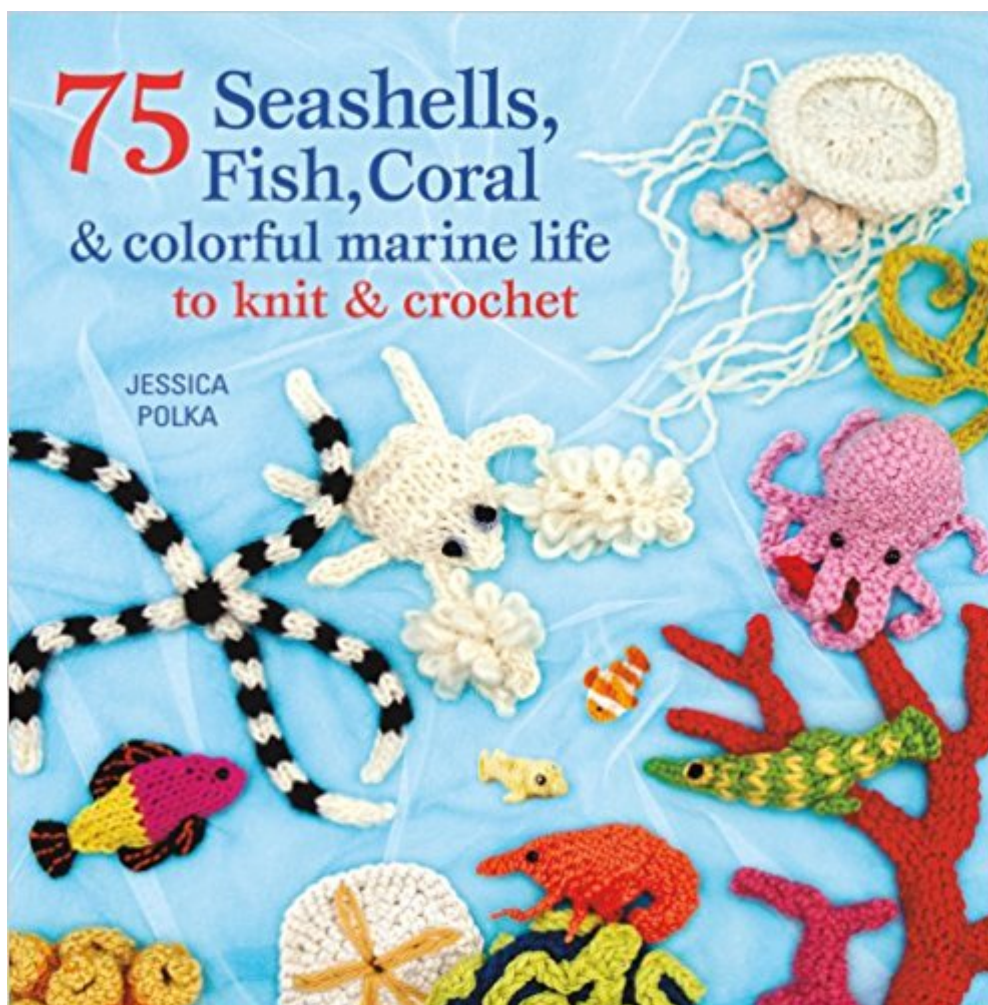


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# 75 Seashells, Fish, Coral & Colorful Marine Life To Knit & Crochet



## Synopsis

A captivating collection of knitting and crochet patterns taken from the shoreline and the deep! Dive into a beautiful collection of aquatic wonders to knit and crochet---from lovely shells, lush seaweed, and eerie anglerfish, to elaborate and colorful coral reefs. Each creature is beautifully presented in the directory at the front of the book; here they are shown living in their different habitats, including the beach, the tidepool, and the open ocean. Each is cross-referenced to the instructions chapter, where an easy-to-follow pattern, complete assembly and finishing instructions, yarn requirements, and charts for crochet designs can be found. Over 200 four-color images throughout. 75 Seashells, Fish, Coral & Colorful Marine Life to Knit and Crochet also includes a host of inspiring ideas for how to use your creations in a wide range of settings---elegant jewelry and accessories, unusual home accents, and large display arrangements.

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## Customer Reviews

“With items this small (the smallest being a ten-row fish, six stitches at its widest), don't be afraid to dive right in. • Knit Simple “Dive into an ocean's worth of underwater creatures with Jessica's wonderful patterns.... We really love that each project is silhouetted in multiple views, taking the guesswork out of what your work will look like. • Crochet Today!

JESSICA POLKA is a designer of soft sculpture and embroidery based in San Francisco. Her online shop, Wunderkammer, opened in 2007, and her designs have been featured in galleries and stores throughout the world.

First off, *75 Seashells, Fish, Coral & Colorful Marine Life to Knit & Crochet*, this book has 43 knit patterns and 33 crochet patterns. (Yes the book states "75" but there is really 76.) I am disappointed that over half of the patterns contained in M's Polka's book are knitted. It's the same sort of balance to M's Polka's other book, *75 Birds, Butterflies & Little Beasts to Knit and Crochet*. Some look cute, but not cute enough that I want to knit them. This review is all about the crocheting. The patterns are well written and well photographed. The instructions are clear and correct. Some people do better with a diagram, so some of the patterns use crochet stitch symbols to give another level of understanding to the pattern. I don't know but I presume (from the other reviewer) that colors match what is found in real life. I think my favorite is the puffer fish but all of the crochet patterns look good. There is a section of projects at the end of the book that combine both the knit and crochet marine life. But you could always switch the patterns around to make it all crochet if that's what you want. I'm not sure when I will need to create a deep sea diorama but it's good to know I could create one. I liked the seaweed shawl - it's a show piece and it would look good dressed up or dressed down. Despite the fact that *75 Seashells, Fish, Coral & Colorful Marine Life to Knit & Crochet* is not more crochet oriented, I am happy I bought this book. I have great-nephews who are into "fishy" things and I'm sure I will be crocheting the patterns from the book. I would recommend this book to any crocheter and you'd get an added benefit if you were a knitter. enjoy

The patterns are lovely, and it's fairly obvious how to convert to crochet on many of the knit patterns (can't say about the other way - I don't knit), BUT... no hook/needle sizes are given! Another reviewer said the patterns are badly written. I can't speak to that issue because I haven't tried to make anything from the book yet - I have plenty else to do where I don't have to experiment with the crochet hook size. Quite disappointed by the omission of such critical information.

I get the feeling that this author may be a superb crocheter and a great maker of odd shapes but the knitting instructions leave a lot to be desired. Actually I think she made some of the terms up instead of using widely used ones. Her charts are unusual to say the least. She also uses the term cord

when meaning I cord. If she had said I cord I wouldn't have needed to frog as much. Love the pictures and the concepts. The fish are very well done.

Have to agree with those who complain about instructions. I have been knitting/crocheting since I was a young girl, so I did not think I could have any problem following them ... I was wrong. There were no needle sizes, which, at least one size should have been listed, saying: "for a 3 in long turtle, use size xx needles". This would have helped immensely instead of knitting one with no idea of size.

Good for easy little projects and they make cute little gifts. Easy instructions.

there are some cute, fun projects to do. this book is full of pictures, directions, and drawn out stitch patterns. i found the stitch patterns hard to follow. although the patterns are easy to make, you do need some crochet experience to understand the directions. I don't knit but was able to look at the pictures and transfer the knitting section to crochet. if you are into sea life, crocheting or knitting, this is the book for you.

Very cute ideas. The perfect way to use up those last few ounces of this and that. I am working towards an aquarium blanket. I figure I will buy a blue blanket and just attach my own sea of shells fish and coral.

The book came sooner than expected! It was in great condition and was exactly what I had hoped for. I'm making a nautical-themed gift for my sister-in-law and this has almost everything I need!

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