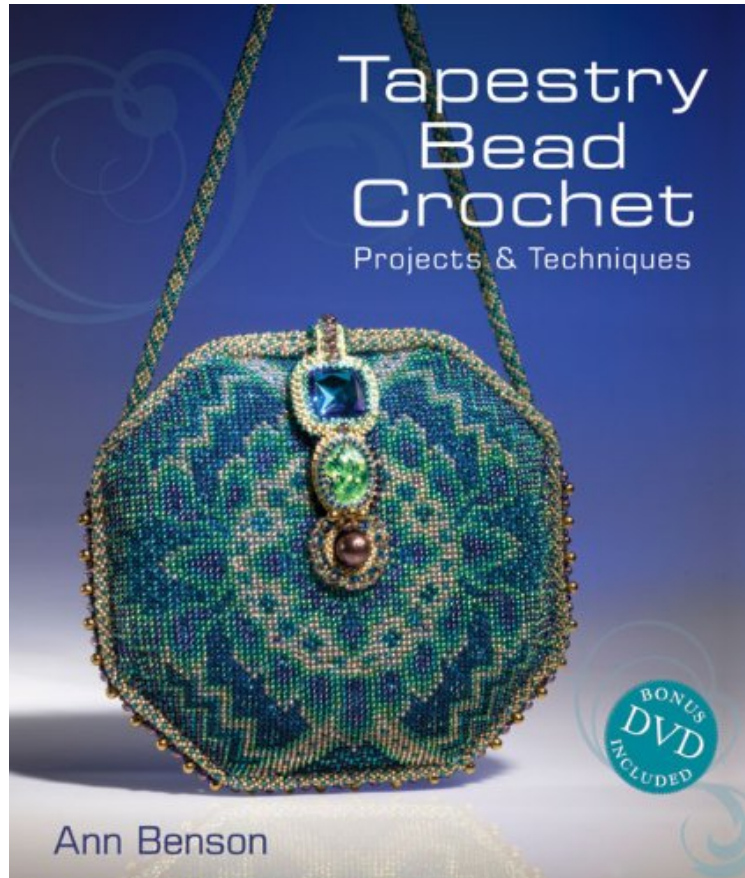


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**Ann Benson : Tapestry Bead Crochet: Projects Techniques** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Tapestry Bead Crochet: Projects Techniques:

45 of 46 people found the following review helpful. Tapestry Bead CrochetBy Lydia F. BorinTapestry Bead Crochet is definitely a collectible book! Ann Benson has authored beading books for years, and more recently, bead crochet books. Her work is stunning and she is well known as a professional fiber artist. Her beading books include patterns that can be adapted to tapestry bead crochet. Tapestries predate the 3rd century BC. The terms "tapis, tapisserie, tapisser = tapestry," originates from France with the earliest written reference of 1476. "Tapestry" means to create a surface depicting a richly complex design, which can include symbolism, a story or a mystery. In the beginning, tapestries were woven, then over time, tapestry motifs were made using textile techniques such as embroidery, crochet, knitting, stitchery, decorative needlework and beading. Bead knit and crochet bags spanning that past 200 years, often have scenic-pictorial designs, or period subjects such as Victorian, Art Deco, Art Nouveau, and Egyptian from the opening of King Tut's tomb. Ann combines traditional and contemporary patterns for the bags such as pictorial, bargello, paisley, animal, floral, and hexagon. Bag closures include drawstrings, metal handles, zippers and bead

crochet rope handles. The peacock bag with gussets is perfect to match my hairpin lace peacock shawl. The bags are larger sizes; not tiny pendant bags. Ann loves to design bead crochet jewelry and her tapestry crochet is perfect for creative and stimulating patterns. Bags are the primary projects; along with cell phone cases, an eyeglass case, a treasure box, leopard skin pillbox hat (wow), and rings for your fingers. She provides instructions to line bags, hats and containers with color photos. Lining often enhances the finish of a bag or even a treasure box. I do wish she had included the dimension, length and width, for each item. She does list the number of beads or stitches in the beginning rounds/rows plus dimensions for the linings. Bead and thread identification, bead crochet how-to, charts and how to follow them are provided. Beading finishes and tubular bead crochet are explained with step-by-step color illustrations. You should know bead single crochet and other basics, not just slip stitch, to work most the projects. To top it all off, a DVD is included with the book. Tapestry Bead Crochet will amaze and inspire you. You will want this book, I beadjest you not. Lydia Borin, The Beadwrangler 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Not for me By H. Heuser The book is lovely. The CD is very helpful. But bead crocheting is definitely not for me. I suspected this could be the case before I purchased, but the lovely photos caught my eye. I was part way through the first pattern and I realized I hated it. I rate it as a three star not because of the fact that bead crochet is not for me, but because I did find the instructions lacking a bit for a complete beginner. For example, in the introduction section it says to string 3-4 rows of beads when you're just starting, but then the very first, and simplest, pattern says to string the first 7 rows, which really was a big mistake, and wow did I make a lot of mistakes. I just ripped the whole thing apart and vowed never to try again (I am not a quitter and rarely do I not follow through on what I start). I'm going to give it to a friend at work who already knows how to bead crochet and maybe she can make amazing and wondrous things. 26 of 28 people found the following review helpful. Not for beginners By Customer I was needing a hobby and this images in this book immediately appealed to me. However when I tried to work on the projects they ended up being way above my level. I have not done anything but simple crochet in easily 10 to 15 years and I found myself getting frustrated as I tried to learn the basic crochet stitches needed for the projects. The book does a good job of explaining many stitches and materials and giving you some options for different or comparable materials. Because of the explanations the book appears to be somewhat geared towards beginners, but I had a hard time following and understanding what I needed to do. The materials needed for the projects in the book are very small as seed beads are used in the patterns. So the size of the materials does not lend itself well to a first timer like myself. Honestly I would advise knowing basic crochet and being proficient in those stitches and some of the lingo before purchasing this book. If you are an accomplished crocheter this should definitely work for you. There are quite a few projects ranging from really simple to the more complex.

Popular author Ann Benson brings a fresh look to classic romance, and crafters of all levels will fall in love with these 18 beautiful and stylish purses, carrying cases, and even a hat. Benson offers instructions on basic stitches and techniques-plus, the bonus DVD shows many of the methods in action, making this package especially helpful to beginners. Gorgeous photography throughout highlights the luxurious look of these vintage creations and provides a wealth of inspiration.

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