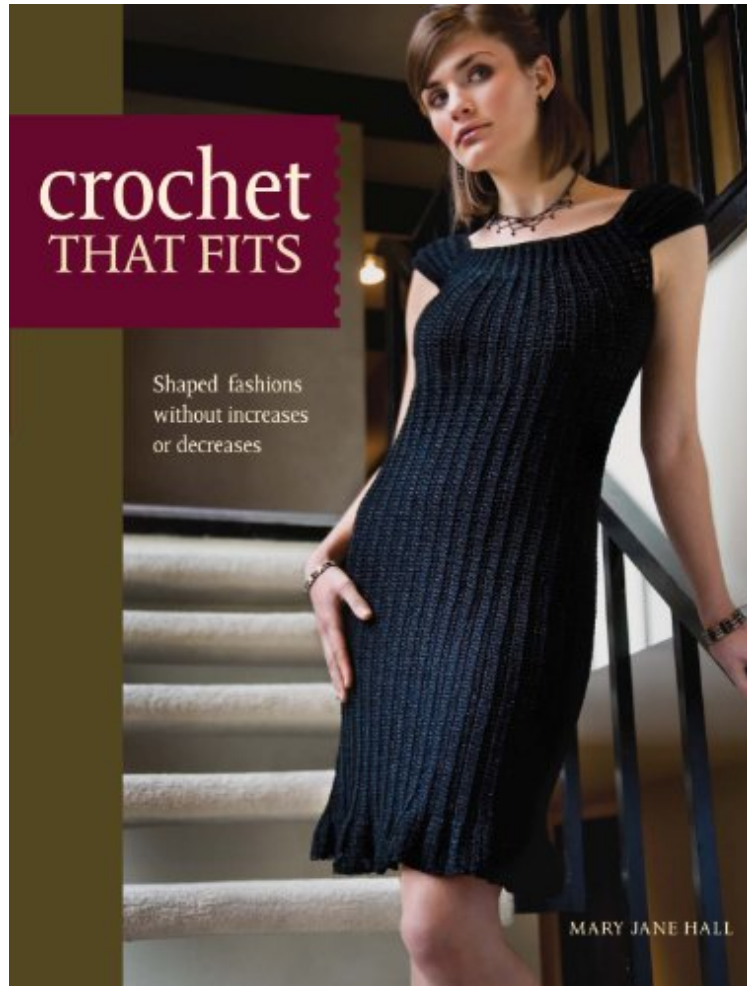


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Nice Contemporary Styles from Petite to Plus Sizes. By L.J. O'Neal I was actually surprised that I really liked just about all of the projects in this book, even the children's projects-and I don't have any little ones! I'm a plus size woman and usually have to compute my own increases for crochet instructions -not with this book- plus sizes instructions are included. I'm really looking forward to completing these projects. The purses, hats and other accessories look great too and appear very easy to personalize with your own creativity. Great buy. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fun for Those New to Crochet; MORE Fun for Those Who Are Experienced By Mrs. Barbara Sauls I have never described my crocheting experience as being a "fun" thing until now. This book is simply that: fun! The one pattern I have enjoyed most is that used to make the hat for

young girls; however, but it's the fact so many different items can be made with just one, easy and understandable method used in the hat that will fascinate you. It is used six times in the book. I have thought and you will, too, "Why didn't I think of this?" I have made 12 of the hats so far and not one of them are the same. The embellishments you can add are endless. I was introduced to crochet at age 4 by my great-grandmother, great-aunts and mother. It wasn't until I was in my early 30's that it actually "got my attention." I began when the granny square was in its glory the first time (the 1970's), and now "granny's" back and I still don't like the traditional square. When I did become serious about crocheting, the first thing I did was chunk the granny and yarn and fell in love with the old-fashioned steel hooks and cotton thread. Of course, there was little in fashion for those back then, but I didn't care and still don't. I made doilies. and one I particularly love and display in my home is a buffet runner made in filet. I have inherited all my great-aunt's patterns dating to the 1930's. If you have a chance, get some of the old patterns. You'll end having a good cry when you see how far down Americans have come regarding explaining, spelling and all English when you can actually understand the instructions. Compare those from long ago to some of those written today and see what I'm referring to. You won't find that problem with Mary Jane's book "Crochet That Fits...." It is written clearly, concisely and explained in "real" English (American, that is). I guess what I'm trying to explain about this particular book is: take the author's ideas and then "fly" with them! You soon will be as I have become: an embellisher (made that word myself, I think). If I had written this, it would thrill me to know I had helped someone learn things about their abilities they had no idea existed! Thank you, Mary Jane Positively Crochet!: 50 Fashionable Projects and Inspirational Tips 52 of 54 people found the following review helpful. Neat idea. Horizontal construction to get fit. By Suzanne R. Arnholt This is a nice book for making "shaped" garments. It does live up to its promise not to have increases or decreases. It creates garments largely by working in the "back loop only" with shaping done through different heights of stitches. For example, bust stitches in dc, waist in sc, hips in tr with sleeves added at the end. Given the title, I would have expected more actual garments. There were more than a few headbands and scarves, none of which have to "fit" much since elastic is sewn on the headbands and scarves fit anyone. That said, the idea is novel. Positively Crochet!: 50 Fashionable Projects and Inspirational Tips has a peach top in it that has similar styling to many of the garments in this book, and virtually all of them look like they are made of "ribbing" because of the back loop construction. So, if you are looking for vertical stripes, this has some good ideas of how to make your garments fit well.

Say "goodbye" to crochet's stiff, boxy, hippie-child reputation and "hello" to Crochet that Fits; garments that fit your shape accessories that fit your style, and looks that fit right in with today's fashion trends! This book teaches an innovative, easy way to crochet fashions that are soft, shaped and drapeable; from a little black dress that fits like a glove and a lacy baby-doll top, to cute and cozy slippers, ruffled shrugs and hobo bags. By using Mary Jane Hall's Graduated Stitch Method, along with the correct size hook and yarn, anyone can make flattering, form-fitted items! Different stitch heights do all the shaping for you, without the hassle and confusion of figuring out increases and decreases. With this method you are essentially building garments with squares and rectangles, but the finished product doesn't look at all boxy. 33 step-by-step projects feature a wide variety of patterns for adults and children An illustrated stitch guide get even beginners started quickly Detailed instructions make it easy to adjust the patterns to suit your shape (or others') because one side doesn't fit all! Easy enough for a beginner and stylish enough for the more experienced crocheter, these are projects you'll enjoy making and feel good wearing. With fits like this, you'll never think about crochet in the same way again!

About the Author Mary Jane Hall is known for her crochet designs, which have been published in numerous magazines. She is currently under contract to Hobby Lobby to provide crochet designs for their tear sheets and yarn labels. Recently, the Crochet Guild of America gave her the title "Professional Crochet Designer."