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Elegant Tatting Patterns (Dover Knitting, Crochet, Tatting, Lace)



Synopsis

Experienced tatters in search of especially delicate and beautiful tatting projects need look no further than this outstanding collection of patterns. Master tatter and traditional artist Janet Carroll has compiled 44 designs — some incorporating threads of two different colors as well as new and advanced techniques. With them, needlecrafters will be able to create an exceptional treasure chest of heirloom-quality doilies, Christmas tree ornaments, and much more. Clear instructions explain how to produce such lovely patterns as the delicate Ellipse, and Exquisite Crowning Touch, dainty edgings for throw pillows, cushion covers, pillow cases, tablecloths, napkins, handkerchiefs, collars, cuffs, and other domestic articles. Sure to add a special touch to linens and other fine fabrics, the lacy symmetry of these superb designs — clearly photographed for each project — will challenge intermediate and more advanced tatters.

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Customer Reviews

This is a nice tatting booklet - it is one of the dover series books, but this is a newer one, not a republished version of older patterns. I like this book because the designs are fresh and unique, and

the instructions are easy to read. There are doilies, edgings, egg covers, and glass ornament covers. There are some doilies that look like crochet, and some that have almost solid centers of chains. I don't like some of them, but I do like others -- the point is that there are several different styles of designs, and you'd probably find more than a few that you would like. I am not a very advanced tatter, i know rings and chains and have been tatting for a year or two, and if I am capable of doing several of these designs, so are many beginners! Off the subject, but there is a nice picture and bio of the author in the back. It always make me like a book more when I know a little more about who created it.

This is a lovely collection of original designs by Janet Carroll. The book contains several very large doilies, a selection of edgings and other smaller items and a large collection of patterns for Christmas ball ornaments covered with lace. The instructions are written in longhand as are most of the Dover Publications books, and there are no diagrams so some people may find them difficult to follow especially for the larger doilies, which are quite complex. Although there are patterns here which will suit the near beginner it is really a book written for someone who knows how to tat and has learned the basics. That said, it represents good value for money and will keep you happy for quite some time once it arrives.

Does this matter? Yes it does. At least in the kindle edition this it the case. Although it may be better in the paper edition. The book has a feel of someone saving paper and money on production. Again, I preface that this is the kindle edition. Photographs are insufficiently clear, and not helped by being in black and white. No graphical representation of the patterns, no required thread lengths. While the patterns are pretty, the book is not elegant. Copyright 1996, it is probably time for a new, updated edition. Since writing this I accidentally bought a hard copy. This book is much better as a hard edition, photos much clearer, I am glad of my accident. It is still not in colour though.

This is a dense book of patterns and information, not recommended for beginners.

pretty designs, bad instructions. most of them are wrong and there's no errata to be found in the book or online. images are in low definition, black and white, no diagram, only written instructions. no suggested thread length needed (you'll waste a lot of cotton). i'd never suggest this book to anyone

This book has several nice black and white pictures of the pieces. I particularly love the egg and ornament covers. The patterns are written long hand and can be difficult to follow if you are brand new to the art. It's good for inspirations and seeing what is possible. I'm a needle tatter, and the patterns are written for shuttle, but I could translate them over easily enough. My results are here: [...]

patterns easy to understand, and I enjoyed the history of tatting and have already made two of the patterns and they were accurate and turned out very well.

This has some fairly simple designs, a few doilies are very modern. I bought it for the egg and Christmas ball ornaments. The Christmas ornaments looked very nice on the tree with tatted snowflakes.

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