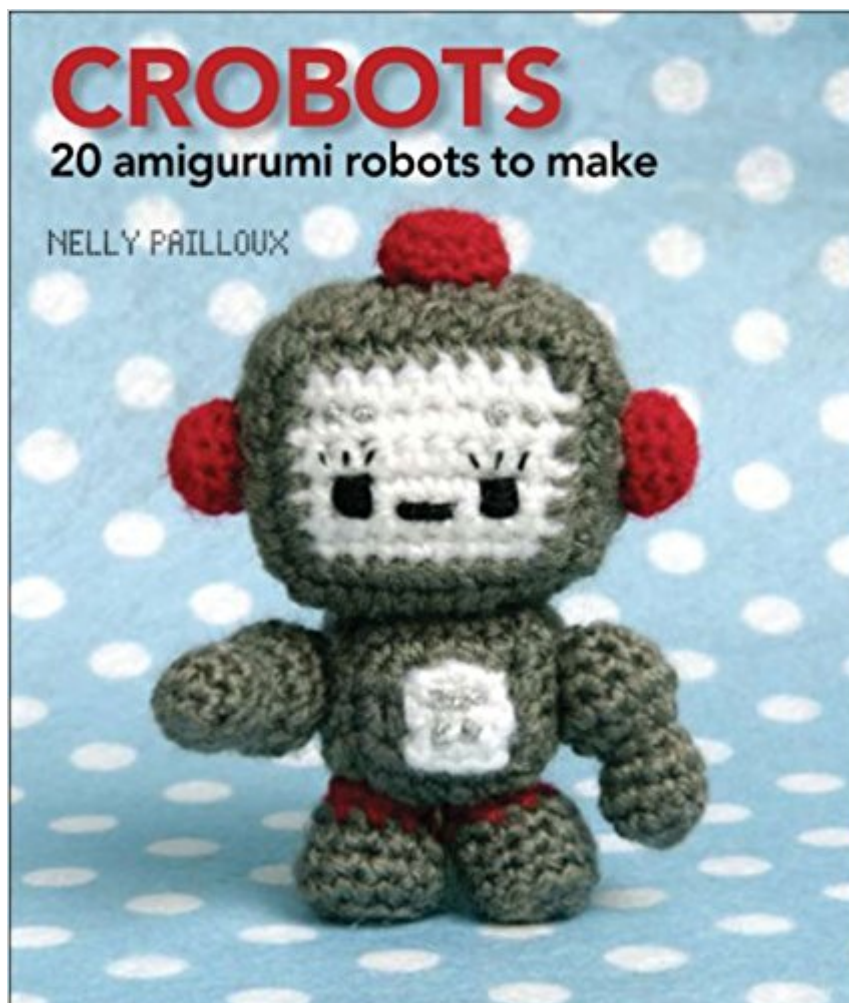


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# Croboats: 20 Amigurumi Robots To Make



## Synopsis

Amigurumi--Japanese for cute, little stuffed dolls. (See cute book cover if you're having trouble with the translation.) It's the latest and hottest craft craze among young and trendy crafters. Crobots features a 20-strong army of charming, cuddly amigurumi designs such as BigBot, BabyBot (don't let his age fool you), Geisha, DogBot, CatBot, and Thinker. The pattern for each design is simple enough for crochet novices, yet can be adapted to keep the experts interested and amused.

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## Customer Reviews

Nelly Pailloux is a keen craftswoman, finding inspiration for her creations in cookbooks, children's illustrations, and the media. She lives in the English countryside.

I have to say, this is the best Amigurumi book that I've come across as of yet! The book is VERY well laid-out. From beginner to veteran crocheter, this book makes it easy. All of the information that you need is laid out clearly, from what materials to buy to the stitches that you'll need to know, including great, clear illustrations on how to do those stitches. I love Creepy Cute Crochet: Zombies, Ninjas, Robots, and More! and its clever, off-the-beaten-path patterns, but that book is lacking the initial basic information that this book lays out clearly and simply for the reader. With "Crobots", you CAN just pick this book up, head to the craft section of your local department or art supply store, stock your basket with yarn and needles, and go get started! "Creepy Cute Crochet" didn't make it quite that easy. "Crobots" has absolutely adorable patterns, but they're not

child-friendly. I love the way that screws, grommets, pin backs, snaps, and other notions are utilized to add a more authentic feel to the crocheted robots that you're taught to make here, but their presence makes them child-unfriendly. As long as you keep that in mind, or opt for other, safer substitutions, I can't see anyone not deeply enjoying the patterns and designs in this book. I can't WAIT to complete my first Crobot!

This book is full of adorable and clever little amigurumi tchotchkes, with clearly written and understandable directions, even for a self-taught crocheter like me. My one-star downgrade is not directed at the talented author, but rather at whoever designed the page layouts and put the backstories about each Crobot in large, bold type, and the directions and supply lists in a tiny, lighter print. Annoying! There is plenty of "white space" on these pages, with room for techno-style design embellishments that add nothing but a "look." I think users of a book like this want clearly visible and easy-to-follow directions, not the art director's self-indulgent doodles and squiggles. The photography and diagrams are good; it's the needlessly fine print used for the "meat" of the book that's the problem. Yes, it's a cute little book when you're flipping through it, but when you sit down with your hook and yarn to use it, better crank up the reading light and get a magnifying glass. Despite my rant, my first little crobot is looking good, and I'll be making more!

I bought this book to make little robots for my 2 boys (ages 5 and 2). I don't think I will make about half of them without modifying them. She uses a lot of little parts such as pen springs and screws to make the arms and things for the robots, which I worry about coming off and my 2 year old choking on them. Or, coming off someplace and I step on them. The screws aren't even connected tightly into the robot, they are just screwed into it, so I don't see those staying there for long. Some of the robots are ok, some are just basically animals with a lot of strategically placed beads and springs. Not a bad book, but I wouldn't buy it again.

All the patterns in this book are cute amigurumi patterns. Unfortunately only about half of them appear to be designed with "robot" in mind. I like the book and will definitely be able to use the patterns; however I was hoping for more robots, and maybe a small amount of history on the reason that style of robot was used. I am a total geek and would have loved to have 20 true robot patterns for gifts. Many of these patterns seem like cute little dolls that have had sequins and beads added to make them seem like robots.

This was a cute book with nice amigurumi robot instructions. I liked the illustrations, they helped a lot when you were doing amigurumi robots. I would recommend this to all of you who like to do crafting. I only gave 4 stars because all the little parts of the robots were kind of hard to attach and also I was a bit concerned if these amigurumi robots will be handled by kids (too many tiny parts to come off). I just like to do these as a decorations.

I want to say right off these crobots are not for kids. If I were to make them for a child, I would make sure I didn't use any beads or buttons or anything else that could possibly become loose from the crobot. Those cute little decorations are definitely a choking hazard. The projects are cute and relatively easy to make, the photographs are cute as well. But sometimes the directions seem a bit off - why would you make 4 legs for a crobot that isn't supposed to be four legged? And 2 bodies? Weird. Plus sometimes if you follow the directions exactly, you will get lost. I've been crocheting a long time, so I was able to work it out but for a beginner it may cause a lot of problems. I would be happier to recommend this book if the directions were better edited. So I recommend it with the warning that you probably puzzle your way out of a pattern. If you can deal with that going into it, you will be better prepared than I was.

I bought Crobots after finding author Nelly Pailloux's web site, La Fee Crochette. Her work is lovely and the robot patterns are quite nice. My only concern is that I need a crochet tutorial every time I pick up my hook and the explanations here were a little vague. Work wise, however, this book is worth buying because of the fun patterns. My son had a robot themed birthday party and I made a few crobots as prizes. They were quite popular!

Great little gifts for boys. Enjoy crocheting for the little guys. They have lots of fun playing with them. It changes up for me, I did not have some of the stuff called for so I made it up as I went along.

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