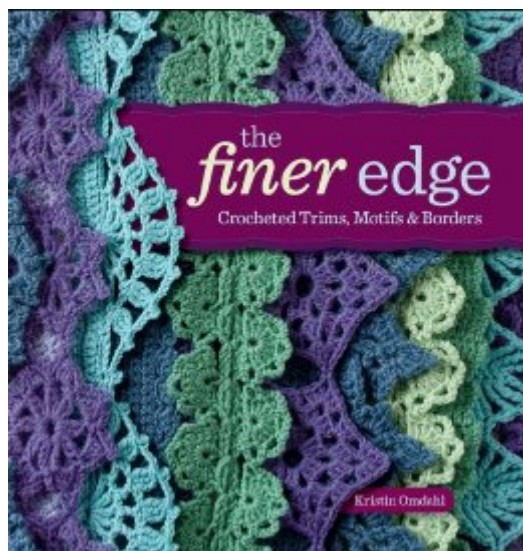


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Synopsis

An innovative collection of 40 stitch and 12 garment patterns from best-selling author Kristin Omdahl, *The Finer Edge* demonstrates various techniques, construction methods, and versatile applications for crochet edgings. While crochet edgings are customarily used to trim or finish blankets and garments, designer Kristin Omdahl treats you to both traditional and novel new ways to expand your use of edgings. You will learn how edging patterns can be used to create entire fabrics, reformatted to make individual decorative motifs, reverse-engineered from existing fabrics, and even used to create three-dimensional designs. Focusing on construction techniques for edgings, *The Finer Edge* is divided into separate sections based on top-down, sideways, and bottom-up methods to help guide the reader. Though there are 12 project patterns that highlight the edgings, you'll be inspired to creatively mix and match within each edging's section. Also included in this gorgeous book are charts, illustrations, and photographs of crochet swatches and a pattern collection that includes multiple sizes, including plus sizes. Discover innovation at its finest with *The Finer Edge*.

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Customer Reviews

As you would expect from a well-known crochet designer like Kristen Omdahl and publisher Interweave Press, *THE FINER EDGE: CROCHETED TRIMS, MOTIFS, AND BORDERS* is a beautiful book. The full-color photos are gorgeous, and the crochet patterns have both written-out and charted instructions. Nevertheless, I was a little disappointed, because I expected a collection of many patterns for crocheted edgings. (Can anyone ever have enough patterns for decorative crocheted edgings?) The book does indeed deliver a collection of interesting edging designs, but it is focused on "expanded use of edgings to create entire fabrics, make individual decorative motifs, and produce three-dimensional designs". Thus only about half the book is devoted to an Edgings Reference Library (20 top-down, 8 bottom-up, 14 side-to-side, 12 miscellaneous). The rest of the book is devoted to Projects (10 in all). Some of the projects are quite innovative: (1) a cowl made of crocheted-together edging strips, (2) a car coat with a collar and edging of vertical stripes worked in horizontal rows, (3) a net top with applied spiraling flower edgings, and (4) a flower crocheted onto a bag made from simple square motifs. Because of the limited number of actual edging designs, I rate *THE FINER EDGE* at 4 stars ("I like it" on the official scale). If you're looking for a collection of crocheted edgings, you might consider these excellent ones:

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