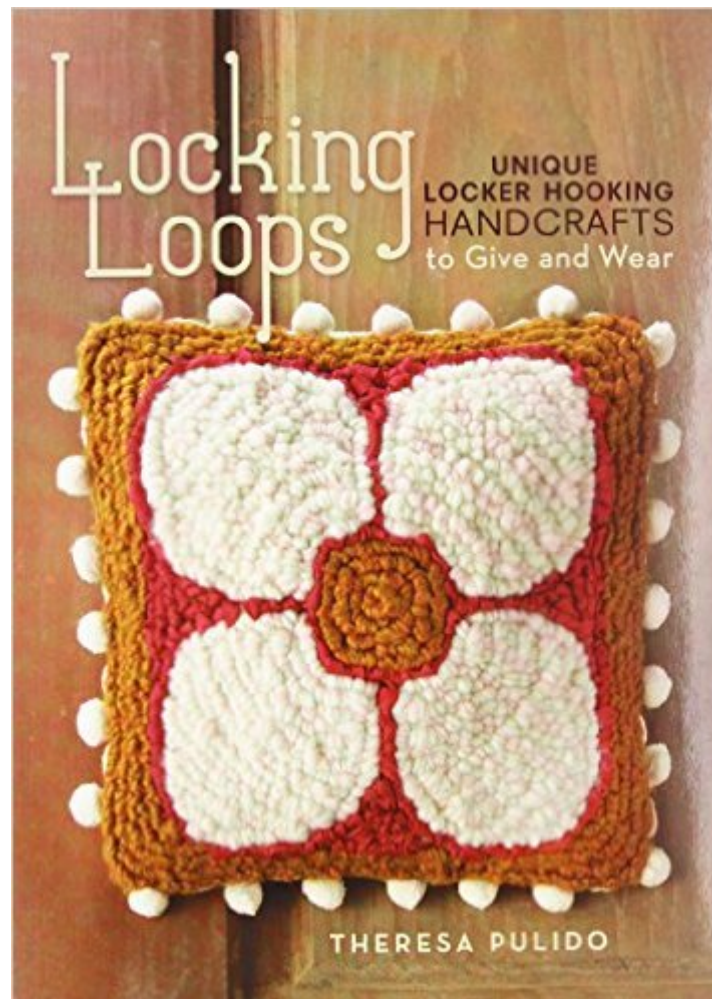


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# Locking Loops: Unique Locker Hooking Handcrafts To Wear And Give



## Synopsis

Get hooked on color, texture and design! Theresa Pulido introduced her fresh, colorful take on locker hooking in her first book, "Hook, Loop & Lock," and in "Locking Loops" she's back with even more fabulous, original locker hooking projects. Whether you are already a fan of locker hooking or new to it, you're sure to find inspiration in these pages. "Locking Loops" features new techniques, stunning projects and exciting new materials for locker hooking. Try your hand at these new designs for gifts, accessories and home decor. Every project can be customized to fit your unique sense of style. In "Locking Loops" you will find: 30 projects including rugs, pillows, tableware, baskets, bags and wearables like a belt, brooch, bracelet and more. Color stitching charts and step-by-step instructions to make each project a breeze. An in-depth technique section with an exciting new technique, ruched frames, which displays fabric beautifully. If you've been looking for new ways to use up the fabric, yarn and ribbon in your craft stash, locker hooking may be for you. And if you love projects bursting with color and texture, "Locking Loops" is definitely for you! Locker hook your way to a beautiful new project today.

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## Customer Reviews

I can't believe how many projects are offered or the variety! I want to make the shawl collar (that's what brought my attention to this book) but after thumbing through the book I now want to make the bracelet/cuff, the Christmas ornaments and at least one of the handbags! Oh - and a cover for my new Kindle Fire too (when it is shipped). Best of all, I now have a use for all the yarns I've been collecting for years - AND - I can combine this with some quilting projects (because first and

foremost I am a quilter). I can use all the thin fabric scraps and bits of ribbon that I've also been collecting...This book came along at a perfect time for me because I've entered the "use it up or get rid of it" stage and now I've got some really fun ideas on how to use a lot of things I've been saving in totally new ways. The book is very easy to understand, the techniques clearly explained and the photos are very inspirational. If you've got baskets of yarns, ribbons, fabric strips, or are want to recycle some fabrics or garments, this technique is perfect - I'm SO glad I found it. Check out the author's website for her videos (that's where I first saw her techniques - on YouTube) for more inspiration.

This is a follow-up to Pulido's first locker hooking book, Hook, Loop & Lock (which I own and reviewed). I was hesitant to pick this one up since the first book seemed to tell me everything I needed to know about the craft (also - I didn't like the picture on the front cover). Good thing I didn't judge the book by its cover - it's wonderful inside. While Pulido reviews the basics offered in the first book, she also introduces new framing techniques that alone are worth the cost. She also provides a nifty chart to figure out how wide to cut your fabric depending on the type of material and canvas used. I will say that this book didn't excite me quite as much as the first, but it did provide lots of inspiration. I was able to look at the project's unique instructions and implement them on my own creations that suited my taste better. In fact, I needed the instructions for the pillow on the front cover to make my own rug which looks nothing like it, but uses the same techniques. Don't get me wrong - I love most of the projects listed as-is and wouldn't change them at all. I only wish I could finish making my baskets in time to make the Christmas ornaments - they may have to wait until next year. If you enjoy locker hooking and want to make contemporary decor that can range from elegant to funky - do not hesitate to buy this book (even if you already have the first one). It has served as a reference guide and project inspiration. I would recommend it to anyone.

This book is really informative and has lots of photos. The only thing I would change about a book of this type that uses fabric, is some photos of what the fabric looked like before it was all cut up. Some of the strips are prints and I have no idea what to look for in the store to get the same effect.

This is by far the best book on locker hooking I have read, and I own a few! Enthusiasm for the craft shows in every sentence and is infectious -- I was tempted to start a new project at midnight! In Locking Loops, meant for locker hookers with a bit of experience, the "review" of basic techniques is better than any of the other authors' books meant for beginners. The projects use new and

imaginative techniques, which you can then also apply to other projects you dream up yourself. And I mean imaginative! This is not a book showing much by the way of row after row of basic loop making! You'll see long full loops, fringe yarn looped along with the fabric, ribbon and yarn, the author's original "ruched frames" where locker hooking rows frame an area filled with long stitches of fabric strips. Projects are three-dimensional, shaped, colorful, and have tons of touchable texture. Much of the work should be considered fabric art! Textile-based mixed media bracelets, flower-shaped LH embellishments that are gorgeous, and a clutch made from rows of sari silk strips and rustic cotton osnaburg are just plain gorgeous! This book is a definite recommend!

This book is to the point, yet the concepts are clearly and briefly explained. The author's passion for locker hooking is beautifully conveyed. A quick read through the book made me want to make everything in it and more. The idea that creating my own designs was a feasible option was refreshing. The illustrations visually added to the versatility and artistic components of locker hooking. My first projects were two different cuff bracelets. As with any new craft, it took a bit of fumbling to feel comfortable with the process of actually doing locker hooking. Locker hooking is a repetitive craft so increased skill occurs quickly.

I have another book of this same author "HOOK, LOOP AND LOCK" in printed material. I would have rather preferred to have this "LOCKING LOOPS" book in that same format but anyway digital or printed it still is a beautiful and full of new ideas book.

Thanks to Theresa Pulido, locker hooking is my newest craft addiction. I own both books, and while the first introduced me to the craft, I feel that this second book, "Locking Loops" has better, more specific details with regards to instructions and lots of little tips to make the projects work better for you. In addition, there are many beautiful photographs that have inspired me to try my own wearable art and 3-D projects. Needless to say, several friends and relatives received locker hooked gifts this past holiday season! This is a terrific book for both beginners to the craft as well as folks experienced at locker hooking. Check it out today, but be ready to get completely "hooked" on locker hooking yourself!

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