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**Free-Crochet.com Reveals Most Popular Free Crochet Patterns of Summer 2014**

*Free-Crochet.com analyzed the top downloaded crochet patterns of May and June 2014 to discover current trends in crochet.*

Back-to-school accessories, afghans, and Christmas gifts are some of the most downloaded free crochet patterns at Free-Crochet.com in May and June 2014. Steve Suddarth, Marketing Analyst at Free-Crochet.com says, “It’s still early, but all indications are that scarves, hats, baby patterns, and filet crochet are top crochet pattern picks for summer 2014.” However, many crocheters are working on projects for the fall and holidays. Specifically, the following free crochet pattern styles are popular:

**Chunky Yarn Scarves**: Scarves made of thick yarns crocheted with larger hooks take center stage to complement cardigans and coats this fall. Chunky cowls and ruffle scarves are top downloadable [scarf patterns](http://www.free-crochet.com/list.html?cat_id=473) because they have staying power and are relatively easy to produce in short periods of time.

**Crochet Flowers:** Patterns that include crocheted flowers continue to be popular downloads. From hair clips to Afghans to doilies, any item made with crocheted daisies or roses are sought after patterns for decorations and gifts.

**Character Crochet Patterns:** Character hats and stuffed animals are crochet gifts that children at heart love to make and receive. [Beginning crochet patterns](http://www.free-crochet.com/list.html?mode=list&offset=40&limit=10&status_id=A&cat_id=492) with stuffed animals are often downloaded for use in crochet classes for kids. July is the time to make Halloween costumes, hats, and stuffed creatures, too.

**Shell Stitching:**  Crochet fans are prepping to head to the beach this fall by choosing patterns with shell stitching. Afghans and sweaters made with thick yarn and shell patterns are fashionable, as well as warmer. Pot holders and doilies made with shell stitching are not only beautiful, but thicker.

**Tunisian Stitching:** The basic afghan stitch or Tunisian crocheting is known as a combination of knitting and crocheting. Cardigan, sweaters, and scarf patterns made with this stitch are popular crochet downloads.

**Filet Crochet:** Shapes and personalized lettering through filet crocheting are popular on fall clothing and décor items for holidays including Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Summer is the time to make filet crochet items for upcoming holiday gift giving.

Suddarth adds, “Besides neutral creams, pea greens, grays, and browns, we’re seeing patterns come in with bright palates of berries, orange, and lime; jewel tones of teal and wine; and soft tones of peach, pink and lavender.”

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