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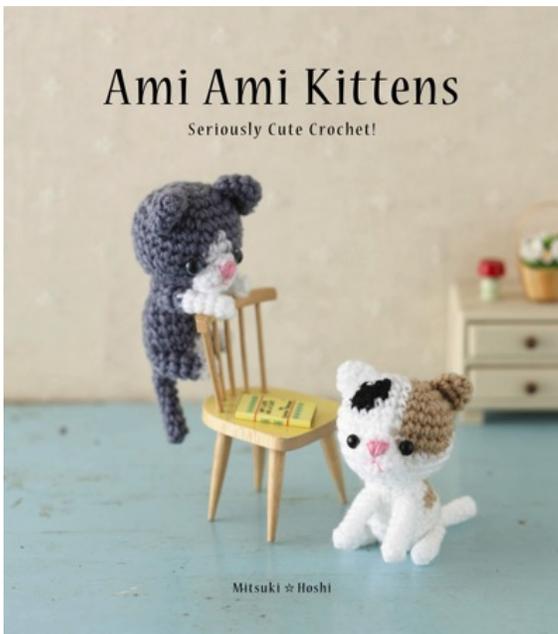
REVIEW: The Cutest Book in the World?

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*The Japanese are the masters of the cutie-verse like no other culture in the world. My lust for all things kitty-san started with [Hello Kitty](#) [1] back in the 1980s (yes, according to die-hard fans, I know she was "born" in England, but Sanrio, the parent company touted with creating HK is a Japanese company). For many years I've been putting together a small collection of Japanese books, collectibles and toys featuring cute-ific felines, so you can imagine my delight when a certain book arrived in my mailbox. They had me at the title: **AMI AMI KITTENS: Seriously Cute Crochet!***

What IS Ami Ami? Using crochet, a new craft form called [Amigurumi](#) [2]; which translated means *knitted stuffed toy*, was born...but what crafty artists do with this form is what makes it so special.



In her latest book **AMI AMI KITTENS: Seriously Cute Crochet!**, [Mitsuki Hoshi](#) [3] not only creates amazingly detailed crocheted kitten figures, she places them in perfect miniature scenes, each with delightful details that make the Amigurumi seemingly come to life.



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I barely opened the book before I was swept away by the sweetness of each image, which spans the full width of every page. These may be the cutest photos I've ever seen. The tiny kitten figures are photographed as if they're real kittens; being mischievous, acting curious and carefree, only they're made out of yarn. They're so completely adorable that I immediately wanted to learn how to crochet OR beg Ms Hoshi to create some kitten toys for me.

Even if you're not crafty, just looking at the photos is enough reason to add this book to your collection because you'll smile every time you turn the page, whether it be the first time or the hundredth time. If you're a cat-loving crafter, there are complete instructions and patterns in the book so you can make your own tiny crocheted kittens.



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TINY. KNITTED. KITTENS!



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Details from the Publisher

AMI AMI KITTENS: Seriously Cute Crochet! ^[4] (Harper Design; Trade Paperback; On Sale: March 1st, 2016; \$14.99) is a craft book following on the heels of the great success of AMI AMI DOGS and AMI AMI DOGS 2, but now for cat lovers!

In *AMI AMI KITTENS*, crocheters will learn:

- Basic crocheting techniques (perfect for beginners!)
- Spiral techniques to ensure stuffing will not come out
- Patterns and detailed directions for many different types of kittens! Including: Tabby, Pointed, Black/White Solid, Calico, Black and White, Scottish Fold, Siamese, Russian Blue, Munchkin, Maine Coon, British Shorthair, and American Shorthair!

GIVEAWAY

If you'd like to WIN a copy of **AMI AMI KITTENS: Seriously Cute Crochet!** ^[4] simply leave a comment here about something cute. Enter by 2/14/16 at 11:11PM EST. Winner, as chosen by me, will get one copy of the book. Entrant's mailing address must be in the United States for a chance to win. One comment PER person, please. Comments are moderated to prevent SPAM so it may take a few hours for your entry to appear. **BOOK MAY NOT SHIP UNTIL AFTER THE PUBLICATION DATE of March 1, 2016.**

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