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THE REVIVAL OF CROCHET

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For the last few decades, the craft of crocheting (and knitting, and cross-stitching, and embroidering) have been deemed as an "old lady craft". Uncool and certainly a waste of youth to take the time to do. Recently, however, it seems that young people, those who are a part of "gen-z" have been taking up the craft.

Popular among those on Tik Tok and eventually spreading to other social media platforms is the quote "crocheting is for old ladies and hot people, and I'm certainly not old". It seems that this rise in learning the craft, along with the other "old lady" textile arts and hobbies, including bread-making, can be connected to the shutdown caused by Covid-19 in 2020. With no school, no work, and no options to leave the house, many people found that they had nothing but time to learn crafts and pick up hobbies. Now, Tik Tok is filled with artists displaying blankets, sweaters, cardigans, stuffed toys, hats, etc made from crochet and with a youthful twist.



Passing on the tradition of knowledge and crochet is also a part of this trend. Traditionally, the knowledge of crochet would be shared from family member to family member, but gen-z has changed this a bit, too. Now, crocheters make video tutorials and post them to Tik Tok, Youtube, and Instagram for others to learn.

Having the ability to crochet allows younger people to be able to create a garment that they otherwise likely would not be able to afford, especially now that fashion designers and luxury brands have caught wind of the trend. Not only this, but the skill allows for fashion to be consumed in a sustainable and meaningful way.

Fashion and Celebrities

The resurgence of the craft has even made its way up to celebrities and models including Bella Hadid and Ella Emhoff. Most notably, the UK singer and ex-boy band member Harry Styles adorned a luxury crochet cardigan designed by JW Anderson during a rehearsal for his performance on The Today Show in February of 2020. The cardigan has now become a crochet trend among young crocheters who have been recreating it by the thousands.



This new trend shows that “old” or “outdated” trends that many people wished to leave behind in the past have the potential to be modernized and made current. These skills and crafts still have a place within society and can be seen as useful and should be regarded as an actual art form that is worthy of respect, time, and should be learned and passed on.



Left | Harry Styles
Right | sea.aliens on Instagram