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Knitted Wild Animals: 15 Adorable, Easy-to-Knit Toys



Synopsis

Soft, cuddly, and totally wild! Stuffed toys are great projects for beginners, but when you've grown bored with dolls and bears what do you knit next? How about a tiger, a warthog, or a moose? KNITTED WILD ANIMALS has a menagerie of soft, squeezable wild animal designs to inspire your knitting wild side. All of the toys feature an irresistibly pear-shaped body, realistic colors, and lots of fun details—a soft, curly mane for the lion, trunk wrinkles for the elephant, and a banana snack for the monkey. With a primer on knitting basics to chapters on embroidering and stuffing your super cute safari softie, even a beginner can knit these cushy, cuddly creatures!

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Customer Reviews

The enthusiasm for this book from the previous reviewers comes prior to their attempts to make these toys. The instructions look very clear, but they are full of mistakes. Additionally, even with scrupulous attention to gauge, the pieces do not fit together well. As a knitter with more than 40 years of experience, it was easy for me to spot the mistakes and fix them, but a less experienced knitter is going to have trouble. Also, all of these patterns could have been made more easily and faster by knitting in the round, so if you don't want to spend as much time sewing as knitting, stick to Itty Bitty Knits.

I purchased this book to make animals for our new grandson to be's jungle themed nursery! WOW! they are wonderful. the animals are so realistic and adorable and very easy to whip up. the tiger came out amazing with the stripes and the elephant was just too cute for words. i also made the

monkey...(holding the banana) and the lion. i've been knitting for more than 40 years and i disagree with the other reviewer who also is a long time knitter. i felt the instructions are very clear and very easy to follow. i did find two errors...perhaps a novice knitter might not realize them...but they were easily corrected by common sense and i'm sure a beginner knitter wouldn't have any problem with them.i love the fact that the animal faces are in such detail. by this i mean the author has you knit the mouth and snout separately in many of the animals. this way those areas get stuffed separately and look so real. also...the nose is knit separately as well and sewn on. it is a little extra work but well worth it.i also have itty bitty toys which i love as well, but there is something about these wild animals that were much more satisfying and much more realistic. i am so happy that i bought the book and can't wait to make the rest of the menagerie. i also hope that the author writes another book...perhaps barnyard animals.these animals make amazing gifts. i gave the four animals i made to the mommy to be at the shower and she loved them...and everyone at the shower thought they were professionally done. i credit this to the patterns. wonderful job!!!

I have only (tried to) knit one pattern in this book, the monkey. The directions are incorrect. The muzzle for the monkey is not correct. There are increase/decrease rows which end with the wrong number of stitches. Others have found these same problems. The directions are unclear and are very unlike most knitting pattern directions. The website for corrections/errata for the book is not up and running. Very frustrating to have knit most of something and not be able to finish it without creating my own pattern. Do not purchase this book unless a new edition comes out with the corrected patterns.

I've been knitting toys for local crafts fairs for about 10 years and own many pattern books. This one is more than a cut above all the rest. The animals are good sized, adorable, and easy to make up. The instructions are clear, accurate, and easy to follow. Soon after my copy arrived, I made up the elephant, hippo, and monkey and they were the first items to sell off my table. What differentiates this collection from many others is that there are not too many different pieces to make and they are easy to assemble. You don't have to be a master seamstress. Knitted toys are a great way to use up your stash and to bring smiles to the faces of young and old alike. They brighten my day as they come into being.

The directions for the knitted animals are quite clear, and thanks to the phenomenal photography, the illustrations are especially helpful. There are multiple close-up views of each project -- each

animal is so cute -- the biggest problem is trying to decide which one to make first!

I am a fairly new knitter but enjoy making toys. I did not care for the patterns in this book. TOO MUCH SEAMING! The animals are cute, but unfortunately I am so disappointed with the pattern I will never use this book again. I would not recommend this book. It is much easier to knit an animal in the round or flat. I attempted the moose. The body is 3 pieces! The head and nose are two pieces. It is much simpler to knit as one piece and just use increases and decreases.

I can't say enough good things about this book! All of the designs are so cute. In the two weeks since it arrived, I've completed the hippo and the crocodile, and now I'm on the elephant. All of the patterns call for worsted weight yarn knit at the same gauge, so it's really easy to use yarn on hand. (I get really annoyed at beautiful knitted patterns that only work with expensive yarn I can't afford, or exclusive yarn that is no longer in production.) I made the hippo and crocodile in Lion Brand wool-ease, and each used about 1 1/2 skeins. The pattern is written such that all of the individual animal pieces are knit flat, and then seamed up, so you can use plain straight needles or circulars, whatever you happen to have on hand. I actually have been using my double-pointed sock needles in order to obtain the correct gauge. If you're knitting with double-pointed needles, it's really easy to knit some of the pieces in the round for convenience. I've bought other amigurumi and knitted toy books in the past, but this is by far my favorite. I'd recommend it to anybody interested in knitting toys!

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