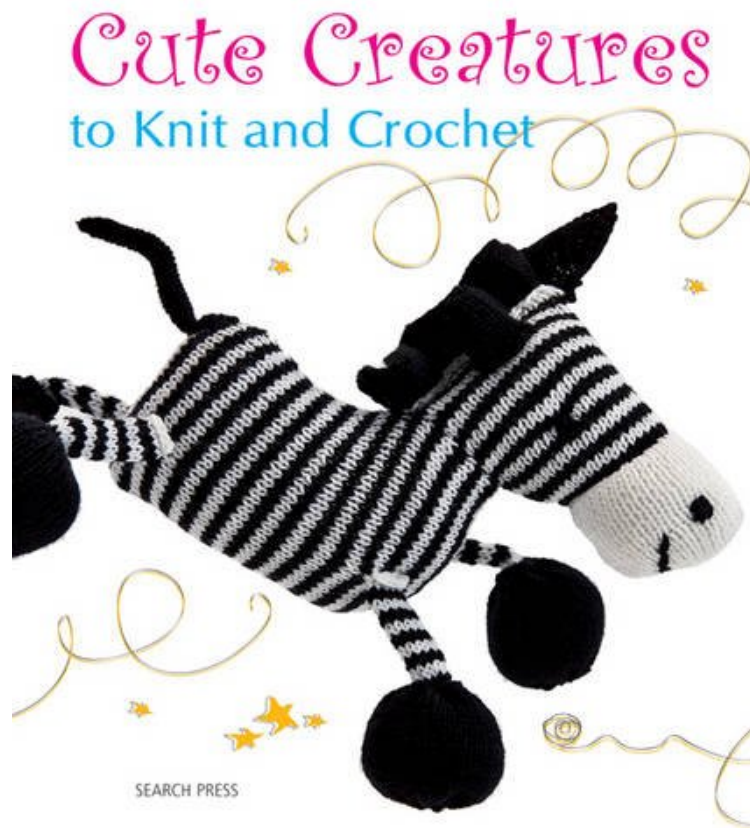



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Search Press : Cute Creatures to Knit and Crochet before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Cute Creatures to Knit and Crochet:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Instructions not easy, sometimes inaccurate, but creatures very cute. By Sonja I'm baffled why other reviewers have proclaimed that this book has patterns that are "easy to read/follow." That's not been my experience with the two things I've knit from the book -- the giraffe and the hen. The instructions are not easy, mainly because she often uses tiny tiny graphs as "instructions" rather than giving you line by line instructions. So, for instance, for the giraffe body, rather than write, "Cast on 44 stitches in color B. Rows 1-20: work in garter stitch. Rows 21-36: Change to (color) A, work in st st," etc etc, you get a graph, and you must count out for yourself all the little squares and make your own notes. To be fair, some of the instructions are written out, but I'd say at least half are just graphs. So, okay, whatever, I can count, and the creatures are very cute, so it's worth it. With the giraffe (the first thing I knit), I used a different weight yarn than she specified in the pattern, so I modified the entire pattern for my gauge, and any problems that arose, I chalked it up to the switch in yarn weight. But now that I've finished the hen, using the yarn weight specified and getting the gauge specified, I can say that the instructions aren't even accurate. For instance, once I finished the ruffles of the skirt, they seemed really too short. The instructions

(written out this time!) say: Rows 1-4: work in garter stitch
Rows 4-12: work in st st
Row 13: k3tog to end of row. Cast off.
So that means the skirt ruffle has 13 total rows, 8 in st st. After my skirt ruffles were too short, I did a closer inspection of the super cute photograph of the hen, and that revealed a count of (at least) 12 rows of st st after the garter stitch rows and then 4 more rows of st st after the k3tog and before cast off. That certainly explains why the skirt ruffles I knit seemed too short in comparison to the picture. The skirt on the hen in the picture is 20 rows, almost twice as long. But the creatures are definitely cute. If you're an experienced knitter who can spot errors in a pattern and then problem solve them, it might be worth it to you. The giraffe and the hen I knit get lots of oohs and ahhs when people see them.
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Patterns were nice
By Kitiara80
The patterns are definitely cute, but as I have found with many other "creature" pattern books too much is done flat when could be much easier done in the round. It would make piecing the animal together easier and gauge would be less of a worry. I ended rewriting many of the patterns in a way to enable them to knitting in the round.
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Knitting and Crocheting book of little animals
By C. Norton
Love, love love this book. It has easy-to-make dolls and toys for little ones and although I have not had time yet to try them all, I'm well pleased. Thank you for a good book delivered promptly and in good condition.

Translation of: Doudous animaux: tricot, crochet tricotin.

Fill a child's room with these cute knitted and crocheted animals, or use them as droll and eye catching conversation pieces. From tiny amigurumi style beasties to use as charms to puppets and soft toys there is something for a variety of tastes, ages and abilities to make. Originally published in France, this is an imaginatively different set of stocking stuffers and larger gifts that goes beyond the standard as many of these creatures have been "reimagined". This is a lovely way of saying that, for example, Antoinette is not your average hen with her rakish comb and frilly cancan skirts nor is Felix the Martian dog exactly the sort you might find burying a bone in your garden. Some are in funky colors, others sport clothing items or have interesting new shapes. Not all the knitting is done on needles either, and you will need a knitting nancy/dolly bobbin for some pieces. The key ring charms make great gifts for anybody, and the glove puppets encourage all sorts of imaginative play. The first part of this book shows, in full page photographs, all the projects along with symbols indicating how they are made with a brief description of the method and what yarn was used. The second part has the projects themselves complete with written instructions and diagrams of the sections you need to make. These are squared, need to be enlarged by 333% before use, and do not come with instructions on how to work the stitches as this is not a book for beginners. Anybody who can do basic knitting stitches and work out the grids can tackle these without too much trouble however, and this book will make a different and lively addition to anybody's library of soft toy patterns.
-Myshelf.com
The zebra on the cover of this book is just the start of it - once inside the knitted and crocheted characters just get cuter and cuter! There are larger soft toys to create, as well as hand puppets and mini amigurumi-style keyrings and bag charms - 35 fabulous projects in total. The book is beautifully presented, with avant-garde photography and clear, concise instructions. It's the sort of book that's a pleasure to look through, even when you know you don't have time to start a new project. Some of the toys make use of templates, which are also included in the book, and there are straightforward instructions on the basic knit and crochet techniques used, too. A smashing book!
-Knit Today
All 35 creatures featured are fun and easy to make using crochet and hand knitting, as well as French knitting applied to a fabric base. There are clear notes on how to assemble the pieces and the stitches used. Each creature has its own set of step-by-step instructions, together with templates, and these are wonderful for us to use and adapt for machine knitting. If you like making toys, it's definitely one for you.
-Machine Knitting Monthly
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