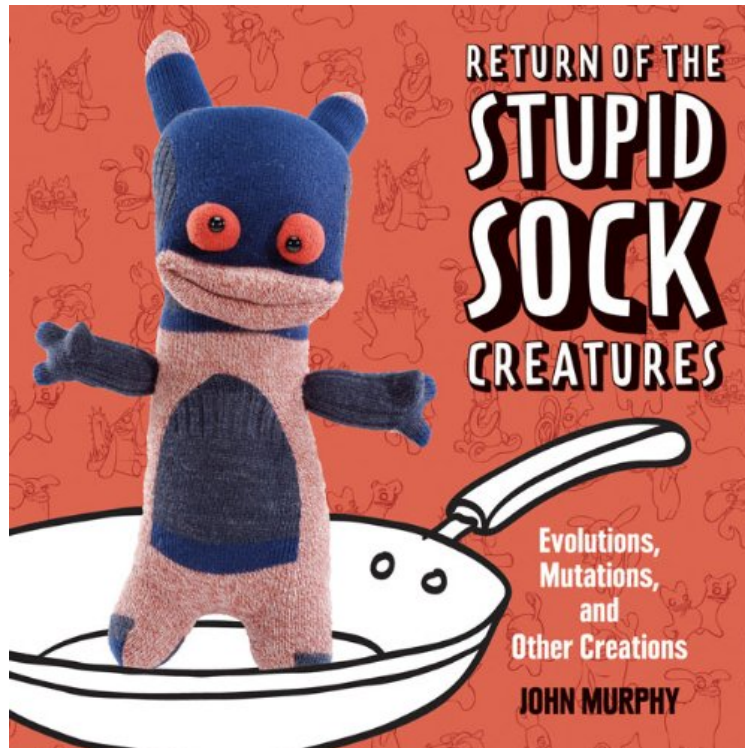


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11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. SSC1 Started a Revolution, SSC2 Chronicles the EvolutionBy Graham HoltBefore I get started, you should know that I am one of the crafters that was involved with the creation of this book. If you believe that this unduly biases my opinion, please read other reviews before making a decision on this book.Seven years ago Stupid Sock Creatures: Making Quirky, Lovable Figures from Cast-off Socks was published, and it sparked a revolution of sock creature production. Fueled by this book containing just 8 projects, crafters raided thrift shops, hunted in drawers for rogue buttons and created sock art the like that hasn't been seen since the first sock monkey crawled out of the Great Depression.These inspired crafters took to the internet, shared what they had done and took the not so subtle cues from the author, John Murphy, to come up with their own techniques and designs. At the time nobody could have predicted how far the crafting of sock monsters would come in the next seven years.Now sock monsters seem to be everywhere in both handcrafted and mass produced form. Looking at the sock monster images that are being posted on the internet today, it is clear that the art has certainly evolved since Stupid Sock Creatures first hit the shelves.Return of the Stupid Sock Creatures is one of the latest products of this evolution, meaning to not only capture and spread some of the techniques that are being used, but also to introduce the craft to a

wider audience. 19 projects are included in this volume which vary in difficulty from easy to mind boggling, yet John Murphy breaks down the projects into manageable bites while keeping the reader entertained with humorous asides. This book not only presents new techniques and projects, but also takes advantage of the advances that the author has made in diagramming and explaining monster construction. The basics section includes some amazing techniques for creating monster hands, mouths and eyes that I wish that I had known about sooner. If you make sock monsters as a business or hobby you'll definitely want to add this book to your library. If you are interested in making sock monsters, I'd recommend this book, a copy of *Stupid Sock Creatures: Making Quirky, Lovable Figures from Cast-off Socks*, a pile of socks, a pair of sharp scissors, and a pot of strong coffee to get you started. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good Stuff By jameslewisf Good stuff. Great new patterns, but I rarely try to follow a pattern exactly. I try to take ideas from what's out there and do my own thing. Lots of basic info about sewing and expanding of info provided in the first book. I think a beginner could probably handle it. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. stupid sock creatures By Karen RI am enjoying my book. The directions are well written and written with a sense of humor. The book is easy to follow and I made my first creature in a couple of hours. Once you get started the possibilities are endless. What a great way to allow your imagination to soure.

They're back! John Murphy is famous for his weird and wacky sock creatures. In this follow-up to *Stupid Sock Creatures*, John shares the spotlight with guest designers in 20 projects that push the boundaries of stupid with crazy-cute quadrupeds, two-headed beasts, pop-eyed monsters, and more. The wide range of difficulty--from a simple one-sock monster to a four-sock extravaganza--means this book will attract all levels and types of crafter. And thanks to John's clear and humorous instructions, absolutely nothing is intimidating. Well, except for Piethagorus. But don't worry, he only eats pie (we think)!

About the Author John Murphy created the *Stupid Creatures* on a whim in 2003. Since then, he has enjoyed nearly a decade making plush monsters. He's been featured in *ReadyMade* magazine and the *Washington Post* and has taught workshops nationwide. John is the author of *Stupid Sock Creatures* and *Closet Monsters*. He currently works as a counselor for at-risk kids and their families, and he hopes to do it forever. Visit stupidcreatures.com to see more of John's plush work. He lives in Bessemer City, NC.