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Edward's Menagerie: Over 40 Soft And Snuggly Toy Animal Crochet Patterns



Synopsis

Get ready to spend some time with a suave high-flying rhino, a lovesick elephant who knows her way around a kitchen and a seriously chivalrous tiger...With just two weeks to go before baby Edward's due date, yarn enthusiast Kerry Lord picked up a crochet hook for the first time and a new obsession began. Over the next 12 months the collection of crochet animals expanded week on week until "Edward's Menagerie" was complete with 40 unique patterns. These cute animals with larger-than-life personalities are made using simple crochet techniques and the step-by-step instructions enable a complete beginner to get hooking straight away. Each animal also has a universal pattern where you can change your hook and yarn to create four different sizes, making 160 different possibilities. Be warned that these unlikely characters made using a supersoft yarn in a sumptuous natural colour palette will become your new best friends as you hook your way through the whole menagerie!

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Customer Reviews

I HATE this book!!! I have been crocheting for years and have a lot of experience. these patterns are the worst. she has the same ear pattern for animals that clearly have different ears. the pictures of the animals show that the ears are different but they are the same patterns. I have had to make

up my own ear patterns for half the animals I have made. I am now working on a zebra. The zebra shown in her book does not have the seam going right up the front side of the body, but the pattern in the book does. So my big ugly seam that is terribly obvious because it's a zebra and you have to switch colors every few rows is right smack in the front! I just finished the snout on the zebra and encountered a problem that I have encountered with some of the other animals in the book. The last row has 12 stitches in it. If you have any experience in crocheting, you know that that is a HUGE GAP!!! so I ended up making up my own closing. Like someone else mentioned, she doesn't show how/where to attach things. I have had to flip through the book trying to find side or back pictures of the animals so I can try to figure out where to put the ears. She gives almost no detail on how to do the lion's mane to make it look good. Her directions aren't very clear. I could write a different HATE review for each animal I have made, which is over 10 of them. If I hadn't agreed to make 20 of these for a school classroom I would have thrown the book away! If you don't have crocheting experience then DONT BUY THIS BOOK!!!! you will either have weird looking animals because of unclear pattern instructions or wrong instructions (stitch counting has been off often!) or you will have to figure out how to make some of your own body parts.

American crocheters and people who expect clear direction, BEWARE. First of all, this is a British book, so every time she says double crochet, we Americans need to read, single crochet. That however is not the most frustrating part. The next bit of frustration comes with the fact that nothing seems to have start to finish directions on the same page. The directions keep sending you from the pattern page to the front of the book, or to the back of the book. You get to the front, under STANDARD FORMS, only to discover that part of the information that could have been put here, is in the back under Techniques.....so back and forth you go. I got lost trying to make the body. The standard body directions, give the number of stitches for each round, yet I could not figure out her directions. Things like "(Dc2, dc2 into next stitch) 6 times", did not translate in my mind as, crochet in the next 2 stitches, one each and then put 2 stitches in the next. No where does it tell you that Dc2,dc2 is referring to how to handle 3 successive stitches or that DC2 and dc2 mean COMPLETELY different things, as they follow each other in this sentence. I tried looking at some of the 14 videos online, which do show some things the book leaves extremely unclear, however they did not explain the directions for the standard body! It was a comment down below that video, which finally shed some clarity. I don't think anyone ought to have to work this hard, just to translate the obtuse directions in this book. I've been crocheting a long time and have never been stymied at the very first direction before. Does not make me want to continue. I did go on to make Alexandre, the

cat, except he looks very little like a cat.

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