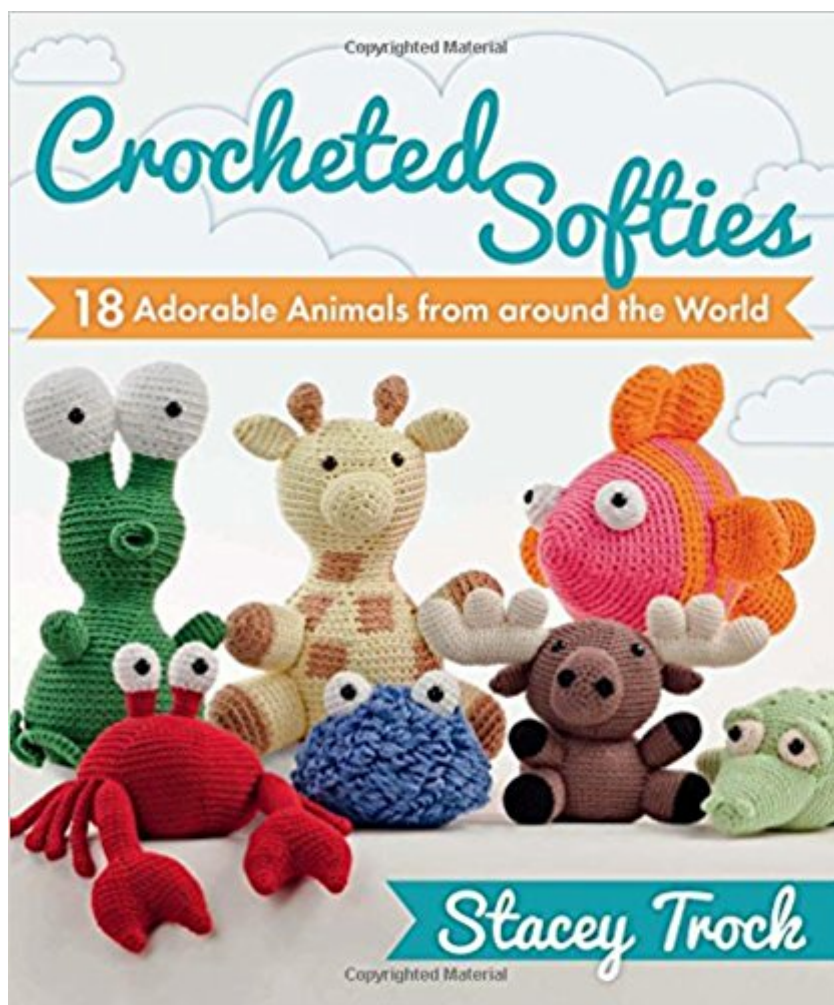


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# Crocheted Softies: 18 Adorable Animals From Around The World



## Synopsis

Stacey Trock, author of *Cuddly Crochet*, presents a terrific new collection of cuddly stuffies. Find animals from every continent and the sea, all made with earth-friendly yarns. Discover fun facts about the yarns and regions. Create a moose, panda, penguin, alpaca, snake, fish, and a few surprises. Turn fibers such as soy, bamboo, organic cotton, and undyed wool into child-friendly toys. Get basic info on crochet as well as stuffed-animal assembly in projects for all skill levels.

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## Customer Reviews

Children adore their stuffed friends, and what could be better than crocheting that new toy for a cherished child? Featuring two animals from each continent, the 22 fantastic patterns include mammals, reptiles, aquatic life, and even aliens. Use your imagination and create a cuddly cutie in their favorite color. First, follow the initial helpful hints to ensure the perfect finish before moving on to the detailed step-by-step instructions; each pattern includes clever tips to help you select the ideal fiber to crochet your treasured gift. --Love of Crochet Magazine

Stacey Trock, author of the popular *Cuddly Crochet* book, presents a terrific new collection of cuddly stuffed animals from around the world, all made with earth-friendly yarns. Discover fun facts about the yarns and regions while creating a moose, panda, penguin, alpaca, snake, fish and a few surprises. You can learn the basics of crochet, as well as stuffed animal assembly, all while turning fibers such as soy, bamboo, organic cotton and undyed wool into child-friendly toys. --Crochet 1-2-3 Magazine

*Crocheted Softies* is Stacey Trock's latest book. She has designed 18 adorable animals from around and out of this

world. Cuddly Crochet was her last book that covered 10 stuffed animals and baby items that matched. The book opens with "Give a crocheter a pattern and she'll make an exact copy of the sample in the pattern. But teach a crocheter how to use a pattern and there is no stopping her!" So true. Stacey will show you how to work the stitches through step by step photographs. You will also learn about fibers and yarn substitution. The fibers used in the stuffed animals are "slightly outside the box". They include yarns that are organic, undyed, banana silk and from yarn companies that give back to communities that are in need. The results of this book are bright, fun loving stuffed animals. You will create your own menagerie from start to finish with Stacy's help. Which one will you crochet first? --Paula Moliver for the Hartford Knitting Examiner

Stacey Trock is the designer for FreshStitches Amigurumi, an exciting place where her stuffed animal creations live very happy and fulfilling lives. You can read all about them on her entertaining blog (see link below). Although she has an affinity for stuffed animals, she occasionally gets involved in other fiber projects, including knitwear design. Aside from designing, Stacey is a blogger, knit/crochet teacher, and yarn-store employee. She enjoys baking, practicing yoga, watching sports, and traveling.

I appreciate this book because after working tiny and small animals, it is refreshing to work on larger projects. I have made the crab and crocodile and the instructions are spot on and easy to follow. For some reason, the author has you working back stitches only for all the projects. I ignored that because I find it clumsy and time-consuming to do back or front stitching unless necessary for the design. Some of the projects need special stitches like loop and bubbles. I recommend going to YouTube and following live instructions if you do not know how to do these stitches. The bubble stitch shown in the book is different from the one I use but a bubble is a bubble! There are very simple projects and some are a bit more complicated but I think even a beginner could find good projects in here. This book also has one of the cutest penguin patterns I have seen. I have an extensive library of animal crochet books and am always reluctant to buy anything that repeats what I already have but this one is definitely different. Mrs. Phyllis VanNostrand

This is the second book I have purchased by Stacey Trock. Her books are so clear and contain all the information one needs to make these cute animals. I have made quite a few from her first book and look forward to continuing making more from this one. I have sent her pics of my finished products and she has acknowledged them on her blog! I suggest interested people checkout her

website - information is in the book. She is quite talented and knows how to put her books together! Keep these cute animals in mind for charities that cater to sick kids. That's what I did with my animal friends!!

I have not yet made a softies from this book, but I have read through the book. Stacey Trock is very comprehensive in her explanations, making sure that she is talking to more than just intermediate/advanced crocheters. If you are a beginner, she helps with stitches and techniques. I love that she has a section about the various types of yarn that can be used and the positives and negatives related to them. I didn't know there was a yarn that was made from milk proteins! Great information for those of us stuck in the acrylic and wool world ;) Her patterns are very cute and clever and seem to be easy to make, allowing for customizations.

I love this book! Stacey's instructions are so clear and easy for anyone to understand! Loved the information about different yarns and animals from around the world included in this book. Lots of patterns for cute, huggable animals! Stacey is also very accessible for questions via email or her Ravelry group, which I love! You won't be disappointed in this book, it's a great addition to your crochet book collection!

This book must be one of the best Crocheted Animals books I have in my collection. The animals are just soooooo cute, and the patterns are really easy to follow. There are hints on how to calculate what hook you will need if you use a different yarn, and the stitch instructions are very easy to follow. If you love crocheted animals, this book is for you.

I've took an online class (from Craftsy.com) with Stacy Trock instructing on how to make Amigurumi monsters in crochet and loved it. I then decided that I needed to buy her book. She's a wonderful designer and her instructions and designs are wonderful. I'm normally a crocheter that prefers stitch diagrams over written instructions, but with these designs, the instructions are clear enough for even me to follow. I recommend this book to anyone wanting to try out crocheted Amigurumi figures.

I love this book! I have made majority of the animals in this book. The instructions are very easy to follow and the pictures are really great. It even shows how to make basic shapes so you can make your own style of animal or monster. I love to crochet and this book makes it even more fun!

I have purchased a couple of Stacey Trock's patterns before and the instructions were so easy to follow. So I knew this book would be completely amazing. And my hunch was right! I have yet to make anything from it, but I have read the patterns and she describes everything so clearly. Also I love the fact that there are several photos of every project you are creating. :) Highly recommend!!!

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