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Kerry Lord : Edward's Menagerie - Birds: Over 40 Soft Toy Patterns for Crochet Birds before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Edward's Menagerie - Birds: Over 40 Soft Toy Patterns for Crochet Birds:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Maybe not for beginners! By K. MaverI am a beginning American crocheter, and this is a British book. Some thing you need to know--across the pond, a single crochet is called a double crochet. This info is buried in the technical section in the back of the book. Also, her directions "(dc2, dc2 next stitch) 6 times, 24 stitches", made no sense to me until I looked up how to do amigurumi rounds in an American book which spelled things out more clearly. I think that means "dc in next 2 stitches, then dc 2 in next stitch 6 times." Again, I'm a beginner, and maybe her directions make perfect sense to somebody else. But, for a beginner, prepare to be confused!

Still, by using another book for reference, maybe I can make some of these cute birds. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Reason for Toft to Make Colored Yarn By Heather Schaefer After buying the first Edward's Menagerie book, I was excited to see this one come out but surprised to see it so colorful. The first book created something very unique in the muted color palette, so I'm not sure how this will compare -- whether it will look like a collection like the mammals do. I still like the fact that all the standard forms are in one place. It's not that big a deal to flip back and forth between them. If it really bothers you, make copies of the standard forms pages and have them next to the instructions for any particular bird. The whole point of this (these) collections is that the body parts are all the same style, and that makes them unique. The author did a better job this time around of providing finishing instructions and other details. Read through the whole book (not including the patterns themselves) before diving in and it will make more sense. Same two complaints as last time: the book won't stay open on its own, and you're never told how much yarn you need to make each bird. I actually splurged on the Toft yarn. Had it shipped all the way to Texas from England, only to find out that one ball of pink is not enough to make the flamingo. The colored yarns come in much smaller put-ups than the naturals, so if you're going to use Toft yarn, make sure you get at least two of each color called for in the bird(s) you're making if you're doing more than one (ex: flamingo). But even if you aren't using the author's yarn, she still doesn't tell you how much you need for any of the sizes. I'm doing all of mine in the standard size. I definitely couldn't afford to use her yarn on the large or giant versions. Still it is a unique idea and format. I happen to like the stylized versions of the birds just as I do with the mammals. I expect the same thing with the forthcoming "Imaginarium" monster book, and have already pre-ordered it. If you want some of the author's creative patterns that aren't in this same style, visit her website -- thetoftalpacashop.co.uk -- where she has a new series of dogs that are excellent. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Incredibly Easy Directions - Incredible Patterns! By klcmaher This book is full of amazing bird patterns! I loved the first Edwards Menagerie book by Kerry Lord, so I figured I would feel the same about this book. The instructions are incredibly easy to follow, and like the first book, it is sectioned into graduating sections so everyone can work the patterns at their own level. The knobby knees of the birds just make me smile! I had to have this book as soon as it came out, and will order every one of Kerry Lord's books!

Feather Your Nest With These Lovable Crochet Birds! The eagerly awaited follow-up to the runaway bestseller Edward's Menagerie has arrived with BIRDS! Featuring 40 fine-feathered friends including a bashful Flamingo, romance-writing Owl, and playful Penguin, these unforgettable crochet birds are quick to make using supersoft yarn in playful color palettes. Their larger-than-life personalities will fly off your hook as you crochet them for all your friends and family!

"This book is a hoot! (Pun intended...) Let me start by saying that I'm not naturally a fan of amigurumi, but this book by Kerry Lord may change all that. Just one perusal of this beautifully designed book--dedicated to the author's sweet little boy, Edward--has reminded me of just how much I do love birds and that perhaps this book will have me covered on more than a few Christmas gifts!" --Bonnie Bay Crochet "Edward's Menagerie-Birds has some of the most adorable toy birds that I have ever seen! There are 40 different types of birds, each with their own personality! The author put a tremendous amount of detail into each bird pattern, which makes them all adorable in their own way." --The Stitchin' Mommy