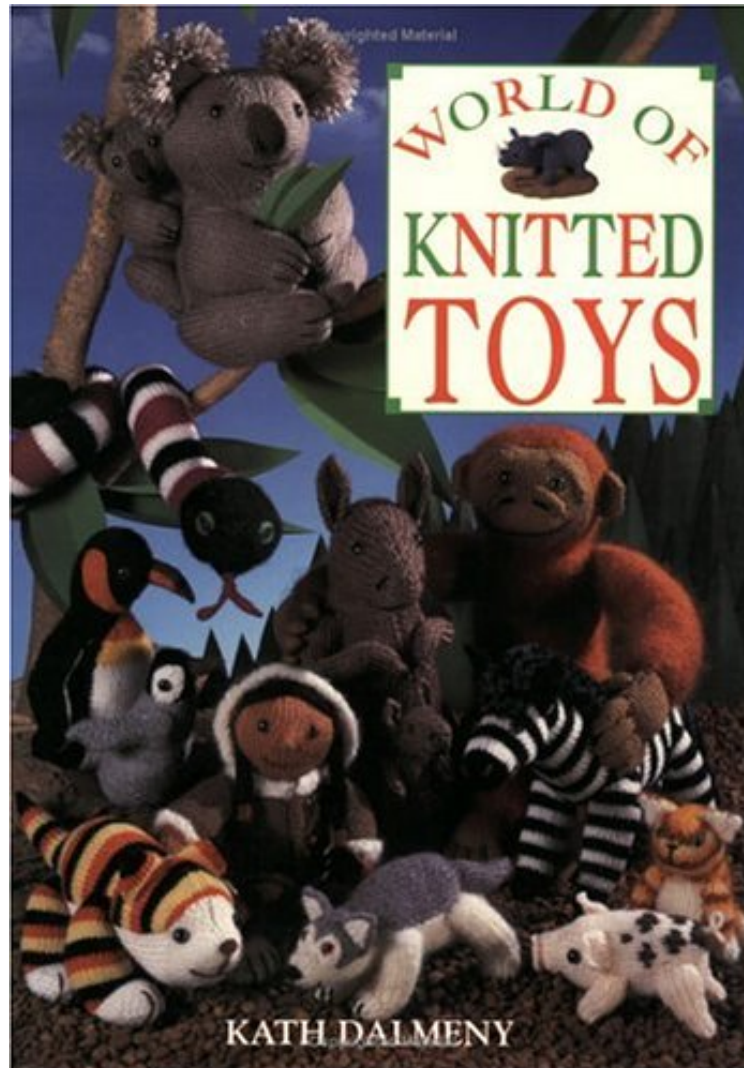


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**Kath Dalmeny : World of Knitted Toys** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised World of Knitted Toys:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. More instructions, please!By Teragram ScavokI've been knitting for about fifty years (hard to believe) and can follow most patterns. I have knitted probably twenty animals over the years. I've had very mixed results with this book. I made the duck as part of knitted illustrations for the Ugly Duckling story for my grandkids, and it turned out fine. The dolphin and shark were easy and looked great. The panda, however, was a disaster. It was long and skinny and not at all like a panda, more like a dog. I actually threw it out, disappointing my granddaughter who wanted a panda badly. (I found the completed panda on two other web sites and it looked the same

way.) Now I am working on the elephant and am completely confused. What would make it MUCH easier would be photographs. When I order a pattern on the internet, even the simplest pattern often runs to 10 pages or more and has photos of each step. I'd rather be talked down to than completely confused! The elephant is only two pages with one drawing, and a crucial part of it is done the same way as the rhino. Two pages of instruction is just too sketchy, though I've noticed other books are the same, perhaps not wanting to run to 10 pages per pattern. Also, I found the back cover confusing: "more than 50 toys designed to be knitted in two sizes", which implies that each animal can be done in two different sizes. This would be so great as then you could have baby animals, but it isn't that way. Explaining how to do something can be ambiguous and confusing, but one picture is worth a thousand words. Please, provide at least a few photos, not of the finished product but of the work in progress!

53 of 54 people found the following review helpful. A Knitting Junkie's Dream come true! By emeleste I received this book from less than a week ago, and have already completed the parrot, have bought the yarn for the platypus and wombat, and am looking forward to trying my hand at just about every creature in the book! My son sees me knitting all the time (I also teach knitting) and asked me to knit him a parrot. I suppose I might have figured out a pattern on my own, but how happy I was when I saw one of the reviews for "World of Knitted Toys" by Kath Dalmeny that mentioned there was a parrot pattern included! I did some alterations...making the parrot a "love bird" rather than a macaw, because that is the kind of parrot my son wanted. It was quite easy to knit, the instructions were relatively easy to follow, and alterations in color were not a problem. I did have to get used to how Ms. Dalmeny wrote out her instructions, as it's a bit different from the usual patterns found here in the U.S.A., but once I got the hang of how she expressed herself, it was clear as day to me. None of the patterns appear unduly complicated or difficult. Anyone with even modest experience with knitting can have great success with these projects. I am really happy with this book, and consider it a true "knitter's treasure"!

10 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Enjoyable book for fun knitting By Polly Yes I did really like the content of the book. However, I found the instructions somewhat confusing sometimes. I have been knitting for some time so could figure it out. But: I like each row numbered so that I know exactly where I am, and where I left off in the pattern. Instead, the pattern reads: NEXT ROW quite frequently; followed by 'continue these two (or three) rows until only 36 stitches (or other number of stitches) are left'. Then after all the repeated patterns are complete we get the number of rows one should have knitted. However, if you made an error somewhere, or missed counting or missed a line in the print (when repeating), one would never know which one it was, and so could become a little confused as to where the error happened. I do realise doing it that way saves on repetitious instructions, but it is definitely less confusing. Unravelling, and re threading ones stitches on the needle, or (horrors) starting again is not really my fort. However, having said that. I do like the content of the book, and will do my best to do a good job on the end products.

Knitted in two sizes 'clutch', perfect for a child's hand to hold, and 'cuddle', big enough to be hugged these cheerful, cuddly animals are just waiting to become someone's best friend. Each of the seven chapters takes you to a different part of the world. Choose from a colourful parrot, a friendly dolphin or a prowling tiger in the jungle, or stay closer to home with a cat, ducks and chickens from the farmland scene. As well as the animals, you can make the people who live with them from an Australian sheep farmer to a Canadian mountie. Each knitted person comes with a collection of clothes and accessories to provide hours of make believe play for your child. Beautifully illustrated in colour photography, every design is easy to knit. With plenty of helpful guidance, easy-to-read patterns and advice on creating just the right expression on each face, even newcomers to this popular and rewarding craft will find it simple to produce a toy that is sure to become a firm favourite.

About the Author Kath Dalmeny's flair for design has resulted in several of her charming knitted toys being featured in well known magazines such as Creative Ideas. Her highly original approach has made her a winner both with knitting enthusiasts with a sense of fun and with the children who receive her toy animals and gifts. Kath lives in Devon and works for Schumacher College, an international centre for ecological studies based in Dartington.