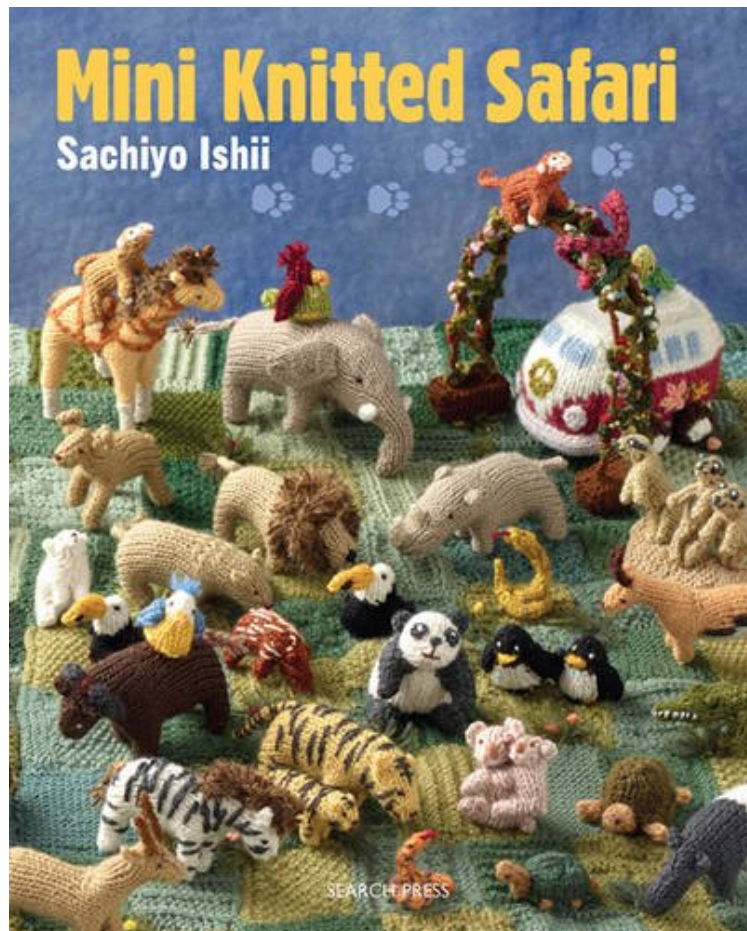


Mini Knitted Safari

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Sachiyo Ishii : Mini Knitted Safari before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mini Knitted Safari:

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Darling patterns, perfect for a mobile to hang over a crib! By DeborahDarling Very very cute - tiny toys are perfect for constructing a mobile to hang over a crib to entertain a little one... which is why I ordered this. All projects use DK yarn (or 8 ply - book is published in Great Britain). I'm pretty sure that if you wanted toys larger than the typical 2 - 4" ones in the book, you could simply use a heavier weight such as worsted and you get a larger toy. I'm a life long knitter with professional knitwear design experience and I've looked over the instructions carefully. They are written row by row, clear and usually are single page with photos on the opposite page. I appreciate that there are multiple photos of each toy which will help in placing decorative finishing stitches. Over all - this is a very nice book and I think an excellent value. 27 different breeds of animals with several sizes (Cubs) in many, plus some bonus patterns for camper vehicles and an arched entry for a safari camp. Very cute. I'm totally happy with this book! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Best knitted creatures ever. By

Patricia Miller The animals are so cleverly designed that you can see them take shape on your knitting needles. Somehow, the increases and decreases create the humps and narrowings that define the creature. With basic knitting techniques and stitches, Sachiyo Ishii has provided patterns that allow even a beginning knitter to craft small endearing animals with huge personalities. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fun, fun, fun! By Sandy Rose I'm making the animals for my cats toys . They love them!

Knitters of all skill levels will love to make this charming, fun mini safari park scene. Sachiyo Ishii has created 27 delightful mini knitted creatures and a safari mat, arched gateway, four-by-four and camper van to complete the scene. It is easy to knit with one basic pattern and sewing up guide for most of the animals, and uses small amounts of readily available yarn. There are clear, simple knitting patterns and step by step photographs and instructions for all other techniques, including the simple sewing up and stuffing methods and the embroidery needed for the features and details.

Knit your very own safari park like the ones you see in wildlife documentaries. There is every creature you would expect to see plus a mat to put it all on and even a couple of vehicles to visit the park. All you need is a ranger... ..Or a child to play with it all, or some guests to admire it. This truly is a great way of using up all that leftover yarn and as the items are all small (apart from the mat) you can do a bit in between larger projects. This book does not teach knitting, but the author advises you to start with the mat if you are a knitting newbie as you can practise all the basic stitches (just plain knit and purl) you will need to make the animals. There are twenty-seven of these, most with young and none need a lot of knitting or toymaking know-how. All you need to start are a few basic bits and pieces - a book after my own heart as I am always complaining that so many craft books involve a major shopping spree before you can make anything. Choose from elephant, meerkat, giraffe, panda, crocodile, tiger and my favorites penguin and polar bear (the last two are ideal for the Christmas tree). There are some less common creatures here too like a gorgeous vulture, impala and giant turtle plus a camper van, off roader and an arched gateway. Each pattern is in written form with photos of the finished creature (usually on white so you can see detail and posed with an appropriate background). Size is given, plus what you need and a difficulty level. This is an attractive and user-friendly book that would make a great gift if you can bear to part with it and is sure to give knitters of all abilities a lot of fun. *

Myshelf.com * November 2014 If you enjoy knitting animals, this is a book for you! It contains 27 animal patterns, each one clearly laid out with an accompanying photograph. The difficulty level is rated for each animal, so there are patterns to start with if you are new to knitting, but also challenges if you enjoy them. As well as animals, there is a pattern for a safari mat and vehicles to help you create your own knitted safari park. * Juno Magazine * October 2014 Hand knit 27 fantastic animals for this charming mini safari park, which would make a wonderful gift for a child. The patterns are simple with lots of clear photography's, so they're ideal for all skill levels. There's one basic patterns and sewing up guide for most of the animals and it's a perfect project for using up oddments of yarn. * Machine Knitting Monthly * September 2014 As soon as I saw this book I was super excited! There are 27 brilliant patterns held in this book. You even get the pattern for the safari mat they go on. Even if you are new to knitting you should be able to give the set a go. They are knitted flat and then sewn together at the end. There are step by step instructions for each stage of making your animal. Even the putting together of the animals is explained. There are easy to follow pictures and instructions that start you on your way. To read more of this review follow the link to Crochet Addict UK:

<http://www.crochetaddictuk.com/2014/09/mini-knitted-safari-book-review-giveaway.html> * Crochet Addict UK * About the Author Sachiyo Ishii was a money broker in Wall Street and London, but discovered the joy of handcraft after her second son was born, and was very much influenced by the Steiner education system. She has been involved in many different creative activities, and her Waldort inspired dolls and knitted toys are well known and loved by many. Her work has appeared in knitting and parenting magazines. She lives and works freelance in West Sussex, England.