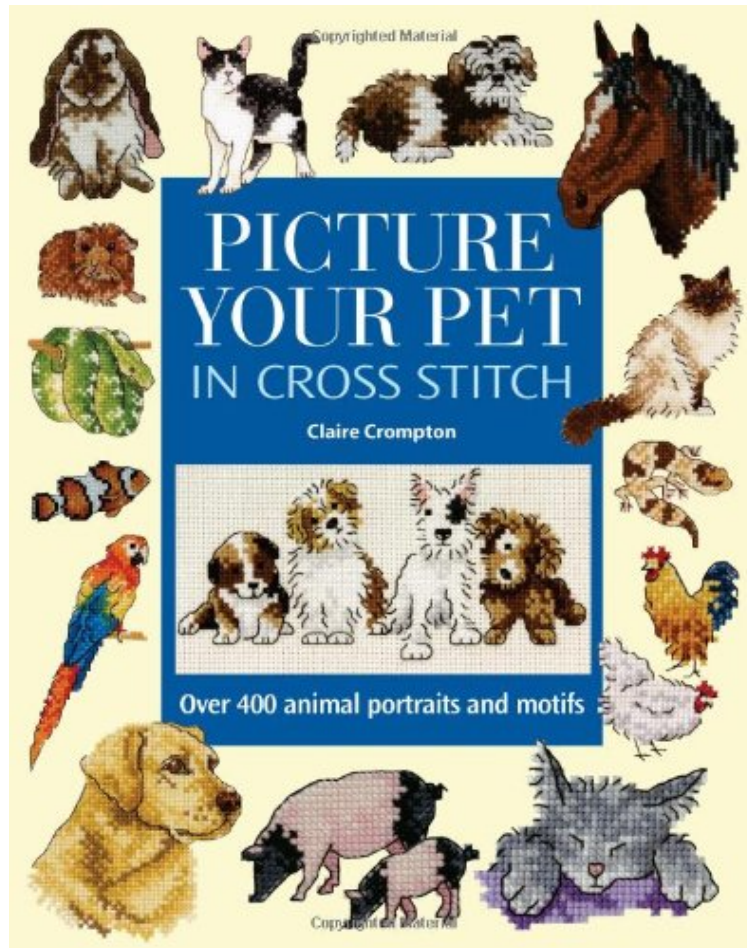


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14 of 14 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful Cross Stitch Book for Animal Lovers By ScotFlowerI bought a copy of this book for a friend and I flipped through it out of curiosity. I absolutely loved it and immediately added "Picture Your Pet in Cross Stitch" to my own wish list! I am a Biology teacher with a passion for animals, I own a large variety of pets, and I love to cross stitch, so this book is perfect for me! The book has five sections each containing a large range of small to medium animal designs. The vast majority of these designs are realistic while still maintaining their "oh how cute" factor. Many of the designs are also listed with alternative thread colors, so that a single pattern of a dog can be stitched in 2-4 different coat colors in order to match a pet in real life. I was also amazed

at two of the alphabets. One alphabet has bubble letters colored in fur patterns and the second alphabet has a back-stitched cat stretching legs and tail out to make each letter. Both are quite cute! I also found the written portion of the book enjoyable, full of fun facts about animals without drawing it out too much (this is something I usually find lacking in cross stitch books.) There is also an index provided to easily locate patterns and a variety of suggested projects including The Love Dogs Sampler, The Love Cats Sampler, Welcome sign, baby bibs, wall hangings, mounting ideas, etc. My favorite project idea was the ruler frame! The back of the book provides a supplier list of where to purchase the supplies to make the suggested projects including cross stitch ruler frames or Mill Hill beads. The vast array of patterns provided truly boggled my mind! So, I will list each of the five sections and what patterns are found in each section below.

1. Dogs Labrador Retrievers, German Shepherds, Golden Retrievers, Beagle, Cocker spaniels, Springer spaniels, King Charles spaniels, Dachshund all three fur types, Poodle, Yorkshire terriers, Westies, Boxers, Bulldogs, Shih Tzu, Pomeranian, Long and Short haired Chihuahuas, Schnauzers, Rottweilers, Dobermanns, Shelties, Collies, English setter, English sheepdog, Basset hound, Irish wolfhound, Afghan Hound, Dalmatian, Siberian Husky, Weimaraner, Pug, Maltese, Miniature Pinscher, Lhasa Apso, Jack Russell, Bull terrier, Boston terrier, Staffordshire Bull terrier, Border Terrier, some cross breeds, puppies, and generic dogs, doggie sayings and alphabets.
2. Cats Persians, Siamese, Oriental Shorthairs, Burmese, Exotic Shorthairs, Birman, Ragdolls, Maine Coons, Bengals, Rex, American Shorthairs, British Shorthairs, Moggies (non-pedigree), kittens, and generic cats, cat sayings, and alphabets.
3. Furry Friends Generic rabbits, Angora, English spot, Dutch, Netherland Dwarf. Generic guinea pigs, smooth haired, long haired. Generic hamsters and gerbils. Chinchillas, Degus, Chipmunks, Rats, Mice, and Ferrets.
4. Scales and Feathers Budgerigars/Parakeets, Golden finch, Zebra finch, European goldfinch, Java finch, Canaries, Scarlet Macaw, Blue and Gold Macaw, Grey Parrot, Fischer's Lovebirds, Cockatoos, Cockatiels, Blue-fronted Goldfish - common, veiltails, comet, fantail, lionhead, ryukin, and shubunkin. Other fish - Orange Anemone fish, Clown Fish, Regal Tang, Powder Blue Sturgeon, Glowlight Tetra, Neon Tetra, Guppy, Black Molly, and Cuckoo Catfish. Snakes - boa, green tree, garter, and ribbon. Tortoise, Leopard geckos, fat-tailed geckos, iguana, bearded dragon, and chameleon.
5. Horses and Farmyard Friends Horses - thoroughbred, American paint, American quarter, Arab, Appaloosa, Dartmoor pony, Shetland pony, Welsh Mountain pony, and New Forest pony and general horses. Horses being ridden for - cross country race, Dressage, jumping, and pony club. Chickens, ducks, geese, goats, sheep, and pigs.

My only concerns / mild disappointments with the book were these:- The patterns do not have a lot of half or three quarter stitches, but I can easily add them in as I stitch and the projects are so well crafted most people will not even miss them.- Designs only list DMC thread numbers, so those who use other brands such as Anchor, will have to translate the colors themselves. As I use DMC thread, this was not a problem for me.- The patterns are in color, not black and white, so they cannot be xeroxed and blown up easily, but on the plus side the color does show what the pattern looks like and they did keep each shade different enough to tell them apart.- The wide variety of patterns still did not include all of my pets. There were no tree frogs, Pembroke Welsh Corgis, or California King snakes, but in their favor they did have leopard geckos!- The patterns do not contain whiskers even on the cats, which I found odd, but if they are desired they can be easily added in.- Most of the listed suppliers are in the UK, especially the one with the specialty frames and other finishing project items. So I would recommend this book for beginning to intermediate stitchers, or perhaps even an expert stitcher desiring smaller projects, who love animals or are looking for a pattern of their pets. The book is well worth the cost and can be used in numerous projects and gifts for those in your life who also love pets.

Happy stitching!

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Cats, dogs, horses, rabbits, budgies, guinea pigs, goldfish, rats and ferrets are just a few of the popular animals featured in this parade of pets in cross stitch. Over 40 popular breeds of dog and cat alone give the stitcher plenty of choice, whether they want a detailed portrait or a nose-to-tail likeness. Additional themed alphabets, fitting sentiments and cute motifs reflect the humorous side of being a cat or dog lover. Other pets are also represented, from the tiniest mice and goldfish to wide-eyed reptiles, mischievous ferrets and familiar farmyard friends. Advice is given on changing thread colour to match your subject, and many chart keys feature alternative colour combinations. Gift and keepsake ideas suggest how to display your prized pet's pictures.