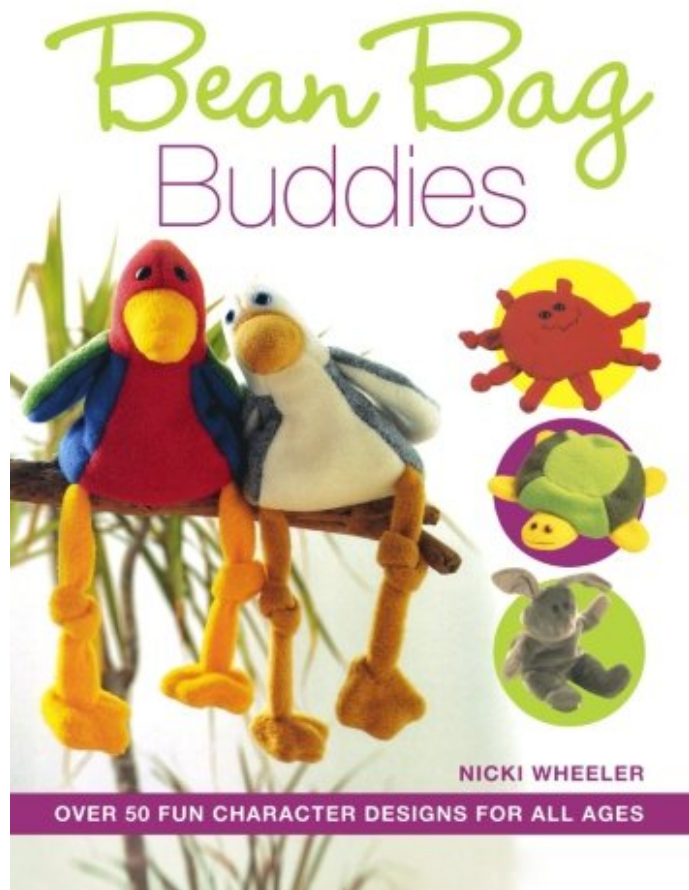


## Bean Bag Buddies

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**Nicki Wheeler : Bean Bag Buddies** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Bean Bag Buddies:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Charming and fun patternsBy CustomerAn incredible find. As a new grandmother looking to start making soft toys again, I was thrilled at all the great patterns in this book. These books are definitely geared towards somebody who has a good background in basic and intermediary sewing skills, not for the beginner. They're well written, patterns are clear and easy to follow but you will need to transfer them either by xerox or tracing. Again, something very easy to do for somebody who has been sewing for awhile. The possibilities for the patterns in this book are endless.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Charming and worthBy Nir Goldman FuxCharming and worth0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Directions are easy to follow for the experienced sewerBy Lee Ann EllsworthDirections are easy to follow for the experienced sewer. You get a lot of patterns in one book. Happy I purchased.

Bean bag toys are still incredibly popular following the Beanie Babies collecting craze of the late 1990s. Readers will learn to create an amazing range of loveable bean bag character toys for the whole family using basic patterns, simple materials and a little imagination. This book reveals how to adapt the basic designs to create a variety of different projects. Crafters can create dozens of vibrant characters in luxury velour or fleece, such as bendy birds, cuddly sheep, cute koalas and even aliens. Step-by-step instructions and pattern templates for every project make it easy to make a fun range of items including pillows, rugs, fridge magnets, juggling balls and seasonal, festive decorations. Includes informative sections on toy safety, fabrics, sewing and finishing techniques, and illustrated throughout with bright and inspiring color photography.

.com The Beanie Baby craze may be on the wane, but bean bag creatures have lost none of their appeal. With a bit of polar fleece, a scrap of patterned velour, some very elementary sewing skills, and the help of Nicki Wheeler's winning Bean Bag Buddies, anyone can assemble a menagerie of cuddly friends, including animals both domestic and wild (dogs, rabbits, cows, rhinos, zebras), various birds or sea creatures, and even some space aliens. A few basic patterns yield dozens of easy variations; by using different fabrics and altering features slightly, a cow can also be a leopard or a monkey, or the same pattern can yield a crow, a flamingo, a seagull, and a parrot. Halloween and Christmas characters put in an appearance too (one pattern makes a snowman, a reindeer, and a Christmas tree). Wheeler's directions and patterns are easy to follow, and her designs are adorable without being cutesy. --Amy HandyFrom BooklistNot to be confused with the oh-so-popular Beanie Babies, Wheeler's creatures have very engaging lives of their own. Beaming smiles and rounded, soft sides characterize these easy-to-make snugglies, whether they boast two dimensions, long and lanky appendages, little disembodied heads, or holiday costumes. This British designer has mastered the art of creating basic building-block patterns that can be enhanced by fabric, accessories, dimensions, and body additions. A frog becomes a spider with more legs and a different color of body; a polar bear transforms into a rhino or a horse into a zebra just by fabric choices and slightly altered features. Few projects will resist the skill level of novices, and all include color photographs, illustrations of more complicated maneuvers, and good instructions. Barbara JacobsCopyright American Library Association. All rights reservedAbout the AuthorNicki Wheeler trained as a costume designer and has worked in theatres in the West End, London, as well as working as a stylist for Prima magazine. She has produced a range of kits for DMC to join their highly successful craft series. Nicki has co-authored four best-selling cross stitch titles for DC with Jayne Netley Mayhew.