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**Joanna Osborne, Sally Muir : Best in Show: Knit Your Own Zoo** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Best in Show: Knit Your Own Zoo:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Cute Animals but Poor DirectionsBy C. AntonakThe patterns are unique and charming. The knitting directions are pretty straight forward, although I did find a couple of errors in the pattern. However, the assembly of the pieces parts of the pattern is poorly explained making it quite a challenge to figure out how the origami-like pieces fit together to create the final product. Luckily, I've been knitting for 45 years and have lots of experience, so I was able to create a wonderful mandrill ape - but basically this was despite the pattern in the book.I'd love to make more little animals, since they are quite dear and difference, but I have to recover from my mandrill experience!5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. great art sculpturesBy Laurel CVery good patterns. a little confusing to follow at times but worth the time. very interesting and realistic little sculptures. Have not started one of these yet. I have the other book in this series-"Knit your own cat" . just finishing up one of the cats and its really cute. Not for little kids to play with necessarily. More of an " up on a shelf "sculpture. Perfect gift for the teenage girl who loves animals but doesn't sleep with stuffed ones anymore!2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Not for beginnersBy kelika14I already own Knit Your Own Dog so I am familiar with the series written by Sally Muir and Joanna Osborne. This particular series is not for beginners. Some of the instructions are a little vague and may require you experiment a little to get it right. I will say this, the patterns do take a bit more patience and time. Knitting the small body parts can get tedious. When I finished knitting all the pieces, I had my doubts. When the pieces come together, that's when the magic begins. The people I gave these to were quite impressed with the detail. The patience does pay off.

The Best in Show series is an outstanding global success. Sally Muir and Joanna Osborne are back - this time with

designs for 25 wild animals. There is something here for everyone, with instructions for knitting spots, stripes, fur, scales, trunks, wings and beaks! The animals are surprisingly easy to make. It will only take a few evenings to create yourself an exotic pet or reproduce your favourite species. These knitted animals in miniature are much easier to look after than the real things - they don't need feeding, they won't make a mess and they take up hardly any room. This book is a real zoological tour of the globe with animals from all over the world. Patterns include tiger, crocodile, penguin, cheetah, anteater, ring-tailed lemur, camel, giraffe, panda and kangaroo. Idiosyncratic descriptions of the various species accompany beautiful photography, making this book irresistible for both keen knitters and wildlife enthusiasts.

Muir and Osborne (*Knit Your Own Dog, Knit Your Own Cat*) have once again assembled a collection of irresistible knitted animals. This book does exactly what it says it does, offering patterns for a veritable menagerie of miniature creatures. Patterns detail familiar animals such as the elephant and crocodile, as well as such less familiar animals as the anteater or meerkat. With the clever use of pipe cleaners, these animals can stand, sit, sprawl, or, in the case of the Fruit Bat, hang from the rafters. Fun details include fringe of all types, from lion manes to orangutan fur, and color work that replicates zebra stripes, leopard spots, and even mandrill coloring, among others. Two mother-and-child duos are especially darling: a seal and pup, and a kangaroo with removable joey. Patterns require focus but are, as described in the book's subtitle, easy to follow. Devotees of knitted creatures will find a lot to love in this collection.