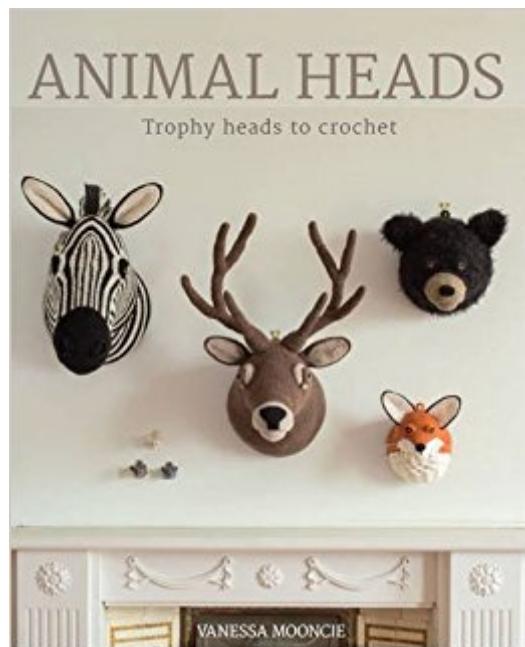


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# Animal Heads: Trophy Heads To Crochet



## **Synopsis**

Crochet your own kinder, gentler animal trophy heads! Imagine a majestic ram head over your family room fireplace—or a playful mouse head decorating a child's room—or even a cuddly bear head hanging in your basement. But here's the difference with these trophy pieces—they're all homemade and crocheted! *Animal Heads*, a do-it-yourself crafting book, features an amazing collection of 10 fabulous trophy animal heads to crochet, including a hare, mouse, ram, bear, stag, and zebra. Designed for crocheters of all levels. Projects vary in complexity so beginners can start with the more simple patterns and work their way through the book as skills improve. A comprehensive techniques section teaches you all the necessary skills to complete the projects. Each beastie includes beautifully drawn crochet charts, gorgeous color photographs, and detailed, step-by-step instructions. *Animal Heads* offers you: 10 fanciful projects varying in complexity and appealing to a range of abilities 80 colorful photographs throughout the book Straightforward, easy-to-follow crochet patterns with 187 detailed charts and a comprehensive, illustrated techniques section Create conversation pieces for your home. This amazing collection of trophy animal heads to crochet will provide stunning additions to any room in your home. Imagine the surprise, too, when you present one of these to a friend as a gift.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Vanessa Mooncie spent many happy hours as a child sitting with her mother and grandmother learning to knit and crochet. She went on to study fashion and textile design and became a

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I think this book would be more helpful if there were more clearly written instructions on how to actually crochet these heads. If you are able to read charts then you are probably all set.....unfortunately I just can't seem to grasp the charts. I am an experienced crocheter and am half way done the fox head but am stuck. Unfortunately there is no where online to be able to find help so that I can finish the head. :(

This is by far the most beautiful crochet book I've ever purchased. It's also wicked creative. Unfortunately, my pleasure in the book is outweighed by my frustration. I am a seasoned crocheter and I teach crochet classes as well and I have struggled with the directions. I purchased the book in advance but only this week sat down to crochet the stag head. I've now taken out whole sections of the project and started over. I went to yesterday to read reviews to see if I was the only one encountering difficulties and it seems I am not. I can adjust to the UK terms but there are other issues I find more troubling. The directions are confusing and the graphs are unclear at times as well. Certainly can't watch TV while I'm working on this. That said, I will be going back to it because I really do think it could be beautiful when I'm done (assuming I figure it out).

Excellent book. Very easy to follow directions and charts. Only annoying thing is when you're starting a piece, and it tells you to "go to (section) and follow for rows \_\_\_\_ ". Then you go there and it directs you to another section, then another section. Did this three times in one piece for the fox head, but really that's only a minor annoyance. Just a lot of page flipping.

I bought this knowing that it probably wasn't for beginners (which I am), but I did anyway. The finished products I have seen from this book are super cool! However, as I suspected, this is way above my level right now. I wish there were some step-by-step pictures or other guidelines to help beginners, but the book assumes you have these skills. I am not the best at reading patterns. If you are a seasoned hooker, then this book would be a better fit. I hope once I get more practice I can

attempt to use this book.

If I reviewed it solely on how much I love the concept and the outcome of my projects, I would want to give it 10 stars if I could. I love the projects I have made. I started with the mouse head, it took me only a few hours to complete. Then I moved on to the lion head, it took me a few weeks because I didn't work on it every hour of every day. They both turned out wonderful. The book has beautiful pictures and a great concept for crochet designs. Now the reason for the 3 stars. The book is written in UK terms, with no indication that they are UK terms. I figured it out by comparing the photos and the written pattern. If you are going to sell a product in the US, please make sure you indicate that the terms are not in US. Once I figured that out, I was good to go. It's easy to find the conversion online of what the UK term means in US terms if you do not already know. Next, like other reviewers have mentioned, the patterns are not concise and clear. I had to go between the written pattern and the diagram. If you do not know how to read crochet charts, this will be a tough book for you. There are steps in the book that are unclear, I had to frog 10 rows on my Lion because I realized I was doing it wrong. The whole pattern of putting the head together had instructions, however when it came to final assembly, it was basically, figure it out on your own. This book does not have detailed instructions on placement, how and where to attach hair, eyes, nose - shaping of features, it's all very basic instructions and then you are on your own. There are also a lot of references to other patterns so you are jumping around in the book a lot. For example, use this part of the Ram pattern to start the Zebra pattern. It would have been just as easy for them to just reprint it, like they were trying to save ink instead of making you go all over the book just to make one pattern - but that is a pet peeve of mine. Overall, I love the outcome of the 2 I have made so far, I will continue to make patterns from the book. If the others I make are easier, I may re-assess my 3 star rating. However, I believe the mouse is the easiest in the book and the Lion is probably one of the hardest so I have experienced both ends of the spectrum. I would recommend this book to experienced crocheters. It takes time, and patience for the final product but it is very worth it.

love this book! previously borrowed from a friend but wanted my own copy. pretty easy instructions if you can convert UK to american terms. Already made the zebra and came out great!

This book uses both written out and diagram directions for the patterns, which is great for people who have a preference! They look pretty good in the books, especially the bull and I liked the sheep.

This book is written in the language of "English crochet" where a double crochet in England is a single crochet in America. It is not the end of the world, but it is a hassle. Also the book uses hooks that are not available in the US

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