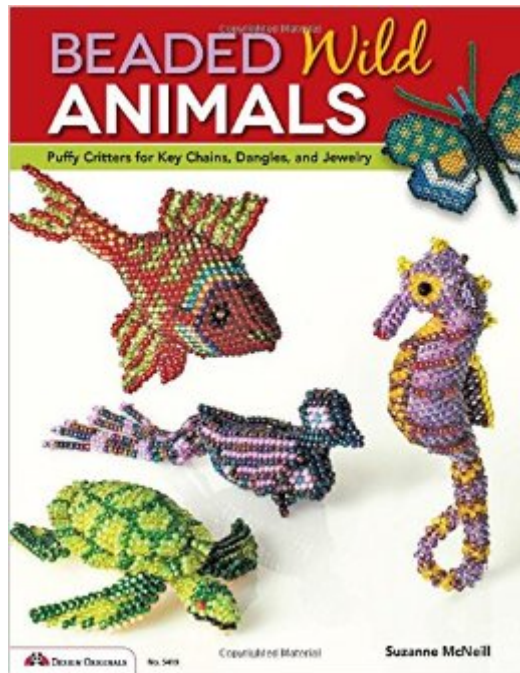


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Beaded Wild Animals: Puffy Critters For Key Chains, Dangles, And Jewelry (Design Originals)



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Customer Reviews

While these patterns may be cute, the directions are the worst I've ever had to deal with. Figuring them out involved a good deal of time and frustration, and for some this meant just ignoring the directions. I'm not sure which is the more ridiculous feature of this book - the fact that it directs you to attach a leg to the middle of the frog's back, or that it teaches basic peyote stitch but doesn't bother to explain what they might mean by "connect and decrease." The fish pattern has one bead missing on half of the fish, which would have resulted in a hole in the fish's back if I hadn't noticed and corrected it, but then it got worse. When trying to join the sides together, I realized that the rows in the tail were long opposite long, and short opposite short, instead of alternating. There was no way to 'zip' the sides together. Without going back and reworking the tail, it would result in either a flat tail with bumps, or a 3D tail with holes in it! Also, one side was a row longer than the other!

Luckily, I've been beading long enough to figure out how to fix it, but I don't think I should have to fix patterns that I've paid for. Very poorly done.

disclaimer: I am an intermediate beader, and can do advanced projects if the directions are really well written. This book is an intermediate book. Suzanne does it again, and this one gives me a little zoo of some of my favorite animals! Using primarily peyote stitch (with easy, well-marked drops where the piece is supposed to narrow) Each animal shown includes directions for several other color options, with one color option as the book's example, and the bead lists for other options listed but without a graph. The graphs are easy to follow, and after you've made an animal or two, you'll be able to make without seeming them. You can make key chains mobiles, pendants or a simple zoo for your very favorite kid using this book. As for me, I could have gotten the value for the whole book by using the turtle pattern alone.

I am a Bead Sculptor. This book has a degree of difficulty beyond fun level. The Beads must be Woven together to create these sculptures. Since I teach teen to create Animals in one hour classes, this is not a good method. However, it is very good for Advanced bead sculptors.

unless you are very experienced with peyote stitch it will be very difficult to make these animals. however they are quite cute

I agreed with other putting up the review. If you are not very experience with beadworking or peyote stitch yet you may want to try some easier project before starting with this book. I haven't try any of it yet but the illustration is clear enough for me because I had been beading for years and I do some 3d beading project before so it was not that hard to get a hold of this. Another book to start with possibly will be the Beaded Boxes. It is a very well illustrated book.

I am an experienced beader and I find this book's instructions to be horrible. I could not figure out how to actually start the pattern, so I took it to 4 different experienced beaders and they also could not figure out. I have followed many peyote patterns, both even and odd count, but this book has me totally stumped. I keep telling myself it can't be this difficult, but I'm at a loss to figure out this book. My advice for anyone thinking of purchasing this book would be to pass on it.

I'm a beader and the instructions were really no instructions at all. The first line is "weave the body".

It doesn't tell you how much thread, how many beads to start with. The instructions are included in the beginning of the book for the "type" of stitch needed in each project, but as I said it doesn't really tell the beader how to walk through the project. I'm going to give it a try based on my previous intermediate beading experience, but for the new beader - forget it! I'll let you know if it works out or not by whether I send the book back or not.

Basic instructions for even and odd peyote stitch are given at the beginning of the book, but in the patterns themselves the instructions are merely "weave body." The pattern instructions do not even indicate whether you are doing an even or odd count. There are beading charts, but there again, unless you are very comfortable reading basic charts, they aren't very helpful. If you've looked at patterns on Pinterest, you've probably noticed many of them include stitching directions for your thread or have numbered the beads. This book doesn't do that.

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