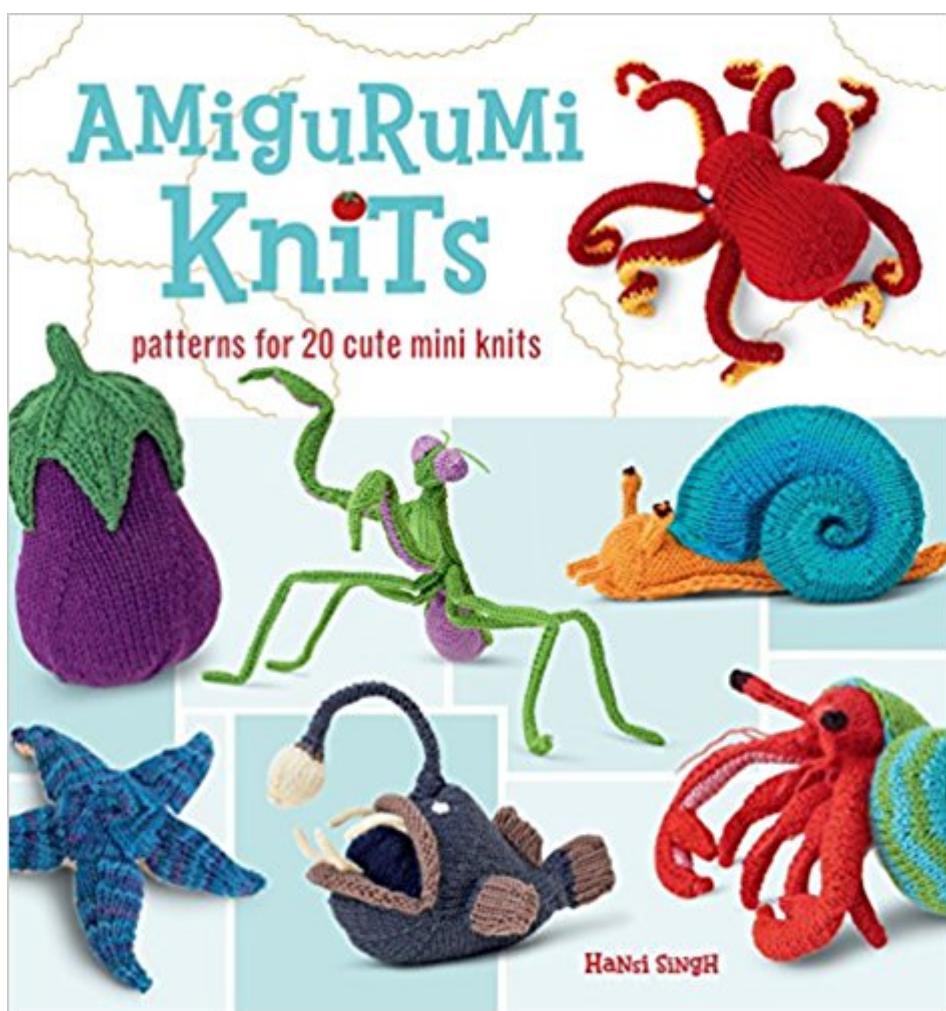


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# Amigurumi Knits: Patterns For 20 Cute Mini Knits



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## **Synopsis**

Amigurumi is the Japanese art of knitting or crocheting small stuffed animals and anthropomorphic creatures. Typically they are kooky little animals but they can also be inanimate objects, like vegetables, that are given faces and limbs. This book will have 20 designs, including animals and inanimate objects. A knitting basics section will provide instructions for all the techniques needed to make the projects.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Hansi Singh began designing knit amigurumi creatures as playmates for her infant son.

Hansigurumi, a shop she opened on Etsy for selling her amigurumi patterns, caught the attention (and needles!) of knitters in the US and abroad, and became an overnight success. Hailed "an amazing up and coming crafter" by CRAFT magazine.

I bought this because I want to make one of the patterns for my next grandson, and I'm glad I did! I could really envision making ALL the patterns here- they are well-designed and adorable, even the odd ones like the preying mantis and the anglerfish! Some seem very straightforward, like the vegetables, the earthworm, and the simple starfish- while others are more elaborate, like the above, the spider, and the hermit crab. All of them, though look like a lot of fun to make, and can mostly use leftover yarns from other projects. While I have not knitted any to completion thus far, the directions are very clear and easy to understand, and they range from projects suitable for beginners to ones

that would best be done by those of us with more experience. Highly recommended!

I got this book to make a knit angler fish because my kid loves them. The pattern was well written, easy to follow, and came out looking good. However, the colors listed in the instructions were off. It said to knit some parts in the wrong colors. I don't know if it is just this pattern because it's the only one I have made so far. It's not a big deal and certainly doesn't take away from the excellent pattern, but just pay attention to the pattern pieces and the colors.

I've knitted for years, but I've never knitted anything quite as unusual as these imaginative critters. Here's my take on this book: PROS: 1. I have never seen such imagination at work. And when I think of the difficulty of putting these imaginative designs into patterns that ordinary knitters can follow, I am truly in awe of Hansi's skills. 2. There's plenty to learn in these patterns that even an experienced knitter will find helpful and challenging as well. 3. Hansi has included an excellent explanation of stitches and techniques in the front of the book. By all means, read this part before you begin. CONS: 1. Hansi knits Continental style, so not all stitches will work for American style knitters. Because I'm not going to learn another style of knitting, I had to adjust certain increases to suit my knitting style. 2. Although these are marvelously detailed patterns, certain instructions are a bit too brief. I've had to learn to decode her particular style of instructions. In all, a terrific book! These knit animals are suitable for a variety of ages and will entertain the knitter while producing adorable results (see my red anglerfish in images). By the way, Hansi has a new pattern for chameleons. I haven't tried it yet, but it looks challenging. Highly recommended!

I enjoy knitting amigurumi, and I search for new patterns constantly. I'd say I'm on the upper end of intermediate as a knitter. This book IS usable, just don't follow the directions as written. First off, get way more yarn than the book suggests, but this is the case with any knitting book. What sets this book apart is its call for circular needles. Forget about them. I went out and purchased a set especially for this book and have used them once to hold stitches for a pattern. Double pointed needles are the way to go. What is nice about the book is that it uses the same size for every pattern and mainly worsted weight yarn. The first pattern I followed was for the spider. You get some serious wrapping and turning practice on this one, especially the 8 legs (which are impossible to shove pipecleaners into once sewn up and I recommend sewing the legs around the pipecleaners). However, when it came to knitting the cephalothorax, the wrapping and turning fell apart and one half was wider than the other. It had its round shape, but I had some large holes to sew up afterwards. I

still haven't figured how to alter the pattern yet so the wrapping and turning rows are balanced. On the book's color knitting patterns, I'll talk about the jellyfish. The stripes on the side are meant to swirl upwards, however the color chart sometimes wants you to knit stiches that aren't there. The key should've changed halfway up to simply m1, not k1m1. Problems like this are to be expected with such intricate knits, however they could've been easily rectified with a little more review before publishing. It's kind of fun to problem solve though, and aren't crooked spiders just as cute as normal ones?

I'm having a lot of fun with this book. If you are new to knitting I would recomend these patterns after you get borred with scarfs. They are not as hard as they look. This is a great way to learn or practice knitting techniques like short rows, increases and decreasas. It has a chapter, with good pictures, on all the knitting stitches used in the book. My only complaint is that I wish the pattern instructions for short rows included the number of stitches left unknit when you do the wrap and turn, but that is very seldom done in any knitting book. (Authors take note.) I always have to chart out short rows if there are more than one or two consecutive short rows or I get lost. Made the mistake of letting my grand kids see the book. Now they all want knit animals.

Cute book with some very cute patterns. I would not recommend for beginners but if you are comfortable working with small needles and tight knitting and use of some more advanced techniques then go for it. I have fun making little creatures and my husband even said they are cute little beasties...and that is coming from a biker dude. Sure beats a scarf when it comes to being creative.

A little disappointed. I did not realize that almost all patterns required wire. I wanted to make some of these for my two year old grandson. With the wire inclosed, this would be too dangerous. I still think these are great toys. And, will make them in a couple of years

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