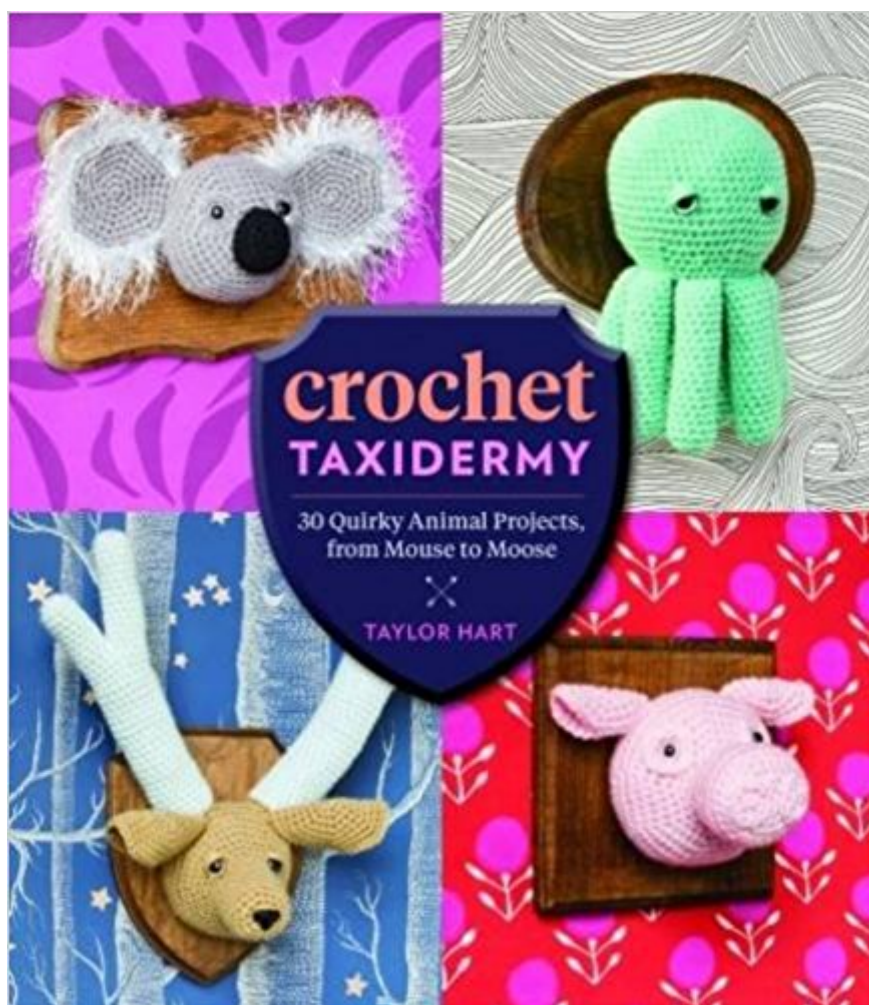


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# Crochet Taxidermy: 30 Quirky Animal Projects, From Mouse To Moose



## Synopsis

Crochet Taxidermy puts a new twist on amigurumi, the popular Japanese method of creating considerably cute stuffed animals with oversized heads. In this delightful collection, heads of animals from farm and forest, sea and safari come to life with irresistible details like the drowsy eye (for the shy deer and sleepy octopus) and fuzzy yarn (for the skittery skunk's stripe and lazy lion's mane). Step-by-step instructions and adorable photos guide you through these 30 easy crochet patterns. Most require just one skein of yarn, so they're affordable and quick to crochet!

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## Customer Reviews

**Hunt Down Your Next Crafting Trophy** Spruce up your walls with a herd of humane home decor. These animal heads -- from farm and forest, sea and safari -- are quick and easy to crochet. The Japanese amigurumi technique as used by Taylor Hart makes them considerably cute, too. Detailed directions and step-by-step photos will help you to humanely fill out your flock, populate your pride, and build your bevy in no time. Let the wild crafting start!

Taylor Hart is the author of Crochet Taxidermy. She is a full-time crocheter specializing in amigurumi and crocheted taxidermy. She blogs at [nothingbutapigeon.com](http://nothingbutapigeon.com), has appeared on Knitting Daily TV, and has been profiled in Martha Stewart's American Made series. Her work is available at craft fairs, boutiques across Texas, and on her Etsy shop. Hart lives in Austin, Texas.

Well received as a gift for a friend. Paired this gift with the "I don't need a license to carry my 9mm" T-shirt.

The ideas are cute and I appreciate the section on how to mount them but the rest of the book is lacking. The shaping techniques are extremely basic, pretty much everything is a cylinder or a circle. For example there is a duck in the book, the bill is done as cylinder. It makes his face look like a soup can. Many of the animals have unrealistic proportions to avoid having increases and decreases to make more appropriate curves shapes of beaks, snouts, etc. I am an advanced crocheter and bought this book more for inspiration. I don't need patterns for amigurumi, but for people that need patterns I would suggest looking elsewhere.

This is a cute and different type of amigurumi. Rather than crocheting a whole animal, the idea is to crochet just its head and mount it on a block of wood. It is a humorous take on taxidermy. While I would not have an animal head mounted in my house for a variety of reasons (not least of all is the wall space), I would be happy to make some of these to place in spots (such as the powder room) or to make as gifts for others. The projects are cute and cover a wide range of animals. The photographs are very well done and presented the projects well. The chapters are broken into types of animals: Woodland, Farm, Zoo, Safari and Under the Sea. The ocean creatures were full body rather than just the head. The projects are set up around worsted weight yarn (4) but I could not see where the exact yarns used for the projects were listed. It may be because I received an advance copy and some of the last pages in it were blank. The hook size was included but there was no gauge reference. That is not unusual for amigurumi. As I have loose tension in my crochet, I generally go down a size in hooks but that is my own personal preference. The instructions are written in US crochet terms. There are no visual charts. There also were no conversion charts to European crochet terms. You can generally find those in a search on the internet but it would have been nice to have included it in the book. Otherwise, the instructions are well done and complete with lots of photographs and illustrations to provide step by step stitches for crochet as well as how to build the wall mount and complete the projects. I was provided a temporary digital advance reader copy of this book by the publisher, Storey Publishing, LLC , via Netgalley.

This is a super fun and quirky book with great instructions on how to mount crochet pieces on a plaque!

There is an error on over half the patterns used in the book - I have contacted the author and publishing company with no response. Vanessa Mooncie's book "Animal Heads: Trophy Heads to Crochet" was much better!

Super cute ideas

Amazing little book

Its what I was looking for.

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