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Mari-Liis Lille : Magical Amigurumi Toys: 15 sweet crochet projects before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Magical Amigurumi Toys: 15 sweet crochet projects:

65 of 65 people found the following review helpful. 15 Adorable Toys to Crochet By ATANAI received my pre-ordered Magical Amigurumi Toys book in the mail today. The book is filled with adorable amigurumi toys to crochet. I only saw the two teddy bears on the front cover when I ordered the book, and had no idea what the other designs were. I knew I had to make the bear patterns for my niece (and who am I kidding for myself as well since I love bears!) Much to my surprise, I love all of the toys in the book. The crochet instructions are very clear and every stitch used is shown with pictures in Chapter 1. It makes it very easy to understand the stitches and see an up close picture to know if you are doing it right. Every project has color pictures. The 15 crochet toy projects in the book are: Teeny-tiny bear, ballerina mouse, pacifier rattle, frilly pants and long-ear rabbit, tummy teddy, silky spring mouse, Leila the pony,

superstar microphone, Sofia doll, Rudy doll, bug rattle, Streaky cat, Cuddly baby, Striped sock puppy, and monkey girl. I looked through all the project instructions. All the toys appear to start with a magic ring. I rarely use magic rings and have not crocheted amigurumi toys; however, I started the cover bears head and body (much like making a hat on a small scale for me and sewing appliques on a hat) and didn't mind it since it will give a seamless look. Instructions were very easy to follow. I would like to note: if you are not comfortable working with a magic ring/continuous rows and using a stitch marker to keep track, you may want to think about it. My opinion is that you would need to be more than a beginner at crochet and having made previous amigurumi toys would be helpful. The stitches used are in U.S. stitches. Detailed instructions and pictures are given in the first section for the following stitches and techniques which were very helpful: slip knot, yarn over hook, chain stitch (ch), slip stitch (slst), single crochet (sc), half double crochet (hdc), treble crochet (tr), back post single crochet (bpsc), half double crochet two together (hdc2tog), crocheting into front, back, or both loops, attaching the yarn into leftover front loops, attaching the yarn into leftover front loops, starting a circular piece, crocheting in a spiral, increasing and decreasing practicing increasing and decreasing, changing color, crocheting pieces together, finishing a piece, closing the hole at the end of a piece, attaching safety eyes, sewing pieces together, and helpful hints on sewing and stuffing the toys. And has skill levels of easy, medium or advanced listed for each toy. Sorry this is so long; however, I would want to see all this info if I was deciding on the book. The designer Mari-Liis Lille (or Lilleliis) did a great job designing these toys. The animals are very precious. I have only tried the cover bear so far which was easy. The book does list that she had more than one tester make her designs so that was good to know. My plan is to make a bunch to sit on the bed (for my niece of course!) ;-). May take me a while, but I will definitely have fun doing it. I did a search on the designer to see what else she has designed, and found a YouTube video on this book by the publisher Meteor Books. There is no talking; but they flip through most of the pages in this book which will give an idea of the other designs. Do a search on the book name on YouTube, and you'll find it. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Love this book By Jeanette Boisvert Love this book! I contacted the author on ravelry.com because I couldn't figure out a pattern. She responded immediately... I had read the pattern incorrectly. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Best amigurumi book around By Claudia Johnson I've purchased several books about amigurumi toys and this is by far the cutest selection of toys. I've already made 5 of the toys and every one found a delighted child to live with.

Enter the magical world of Lilleliis. With this book in one hand and your crochet hook in the other, you will be able to create these 15 wonderful amigurumi designs. Lilleliis' handmade toys have a wide array of details you will love: the cutest color combinations, the sweetest expressions and little fabric details, this book offers the opportunity to surprise your family and friends with handmade gifts. Or you can simply enjoy making them for yourself. Projects range from beginner to advanced crocheter. The easy-to-follow step-by-step pictures and detailed instructions allow you to easily create the most delightful characters.

About the Author Mari-Liis Lille is an educated pianist and a mother of three, whose passion for crocheting came as out of nowhere when her third child was born. Mari-Liis amigurumi toys combine the Japanese technique with teddy bear tradition which is so popular in Europe. Her individual style is the product of many years of crochetwork and resulted in her very own brand Lilleliis.