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Knit Your Own Cat: Easy-to-Follow Patterns For 16 Frisky Felines



Synopsis

Cat lovers, rejoice! It's the highly anticipated follow-up book to Knit Your Own Dog. With easy-to-follow instructions for 16 distinct felines, Knit Your Own Cat is the irresistible guide to knitting the pet you've always wanted. Cats and knitters are perfect companions. What's better together than a kitten curled up in a basket of wool or a frisky feline chasing a skein of yarn down a hallway? Since the instant success of Knit Your Own Dog, cat lovers have been clamoring for a book of their own. That time has come. Knit Your Own Cat is packed with knitting patterns for 16 different fanciful felines, from a pretty Persian to a sleek Siamese, from a cuddly kitten to a traditional tabby. The cats are surprisingly easy to make: With a few evenings of work, you can have a covetable companion for life. Each cat includes clear, step-by-step instructions for both knitting and assembling the parts. The cats can be knit into various positions such as standing, sitting, crouching, and curled up for a nap. You can add details like collars, bells, and bows. Photographs throughout show the finished cat from various angles, and each cat is accompanied by a description of its real-life temperament and physical characteristics. Cats include: Abyssinian, Bengal, Black Cat, Black & White, British Shorthair, Burmese, Devon Rex, Kitten, Maine Coon, Orange, Persian, Ragdoll, Siamese, Tabby, Tortoiseshell, and Turkish Van.

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Customer Reviews

I love dogs and cats (especially cats), and wanted to love this book as much as Knit Your Own Dog: Easy-to-Follow Patterns for 25 Pedigree Pooches by the same talented authors. But I can't,

because most of the cats don't look like cats. Some have pointy snouts (more like rats); some have overlarge ears; many have heads too small for their bodies. Like the small figures in Dog, the cat figures represent many different breeds: Persian, Ragdoll, Maine Coon, Turkish Van, British Shorthair, Devon Rex, Abyssinian, Burmese, Siamese, and Housecat (orange, black and white, tabby, black, and tortoiseshell). There are also some kittens, curled up cats, and a Bengal tiger. Some of the cats are sitting, some standing. But unlike the figures in Dog, I cannot identify the cats' individual breeds by simply looking at the figures. The Persian's loopy mohair coat doesn't resemble fur (and the figure reminds me of a Pekingese). The Turkish Van's loopy mohair tail doesn't look like a cat's big, fluffy tail. The short-haired Siamese is white with brown face, ears, paws, and tail, but somehow the figure doesn't evoke the exotic appearance of a Siamese. For me, the most successful figure is the stripey Orange Cat (a seated cat). However, if I were to make it, I would change the colors and try to blend the stripes to make the coat look more realistic.

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