



# Animal hats

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We have all seen it, we all loved it, the trend for animal novelty hats is still with us and it looks as if it is here to stay.

From young children to adults with a sense of fun, animal hats fulfill the need to make grey, winter morning fun.

These simple patterns are quick to knit, without too many fiddly details, allowing a proficient knitter to quickly meet the demands of friends and family for these cute and trendy hats. Basic styles that can be knitted as directed or easily customised to suit the wearer.

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**For my workshops, I prefer mismatched eyes and often use found objects.**

### Analysis

The trend is very much for beanies or chullo hats with upper head features or the wearer's own facial features becoming that of the animal. There are some balaclava hats for young children.

There may be a developing trend for monster knit hats.

**This book would not anticipate a developing trend.**

### Prelims, techniques and endmatter

**To be based on Tea Cozies**

### Project outline

**30 projects 4pp each.**

The most economic use of space for the range of features required are charts for the section at the front of the hat – back single colour. In addition there should be room for two perhaps three complex additions – eye brows, eyes, ears, tail, muzzle, nose, tongue.

**Yarn:** DK-weight or yarn to be knitted on 3.75–4.00mm needles.

Tweeds preferably in wool.

Knit Picks Palette (US yarn); Rowan Felted Tweed.

Depending on the character detail on the hat colour to be characteristic of the animal or a popular cartoon representation of the colour.

Dark blue not black. Ecreu not white.

**Hat shapes:** beanie; chullo; beret; peak; bucket; aviator.

Approximate proportion: 13: 9: 4: 2: 1: 1.

**Animal characteristic:** 5 types of eyes; 2 muzzles; 3 beaks; 3 ears; 3 tails. Plus tongue and lips.

An imaginative knitter should be able to mix and match from one project to another to adapt a project pattern or create their own creature.

### Target audience

A proficient knitter; a knitter who would like basic patterns to adapt; a knitter who wishes to make quick and simple projects.

### SKILLS:

Fair Isle; intarsia; beading; short-row shaping; complex shaping; i-cord; loop stitch; bobbles as a texture.

Basic crochet for features only – alternative methods of creating the feature will be given.

### Market

Worldwide; Europe.

[Cozie series market.]

### Format

160pp

Cozie series

### Price

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### Competition

*Animal hats* by Rachel Henderson  
144pp. Pub. Kyle Books, 2012

*Animal hats* by Vanessa Mooncie  
128pp. Pub. Guild of Master Craftsman, 2012

*Knitted animal hats* by Fiona Goble  
112pp. Pub. Cico Books, 2013

*Adorable Animal Knits for Little People* by Nuriya Kheday  
144pp. UK Pub. Search Books, 2013. US Pub. St Martin's Griffin, 2013

Plus books on crochet animal hats and animal hats created from fleece fabric.

**Contents**

	AVIATOR	BUCKET	PEAK	BERET	CHULLO	BEANIE
<b>Funny animals (total 10)</b>						
Armadillo, beaded chullo with head and tail forming the ear flaps.					√	
Tropical fish				√		
Owl						√
Platypus			√			
Penguin						√
Monkey					√	
Tiger or leopard						√
Elephant					√	
Frog, beret with protruding goggle eyes.				√		
Zebra					√	
<b>Cute animals (total 15)</b>						
Rabbit						√
Fox, bucket hat with tail		√				
Deer						√
Domestic cat						√
Domestic dog, spaniel					√	
Cow						√
Sheep					√	
Mouse						√
Hen						√
Polar bear or brown bear						√
Duck: peak cap			√			
Butterfly, beret with beading				√		
Ladybird					√	
Panda						√
Loch Ness monster/ dragon					√	
<b>Scary animals (total 5)</b>						
Bee or wasp, may work in modular honeycomb blocks				√		
Shark						√
Eagle					√	
Cricket/ grasshopper		√				
Snake						√

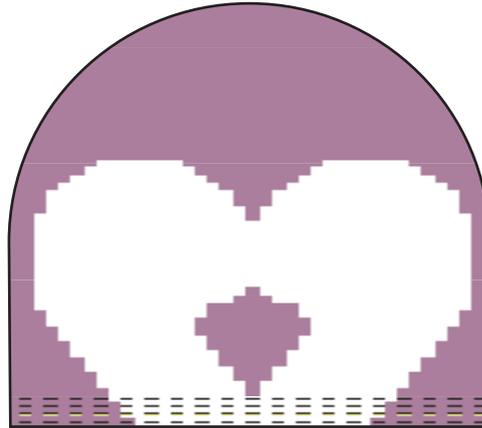
**Rejects**

Hippo, vulture, octopus, flamingo, unicorn, horse, camel, hyena, rhino, panther, spider, racoon, porcupine or hedgehog, deer, dragon, parrot.

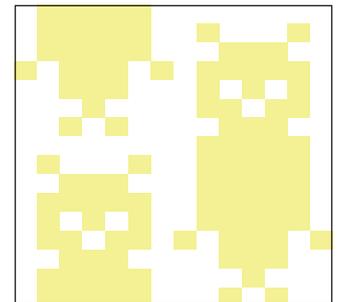
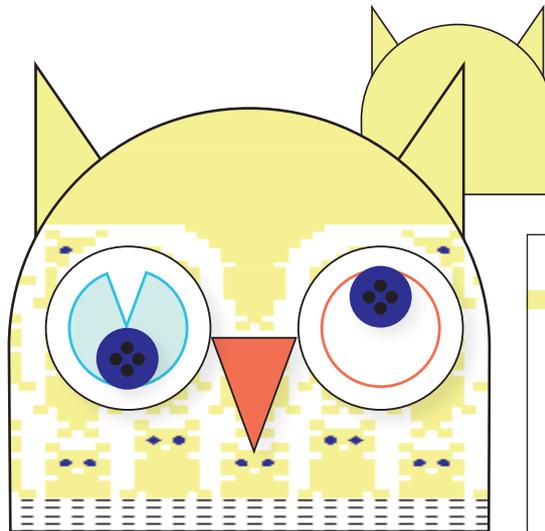
**Basic bird beanie**

Fair Isle; intarsia; beading.  
One crochet eye; one felt eye.

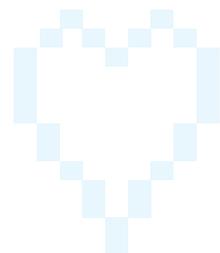
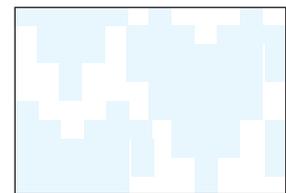
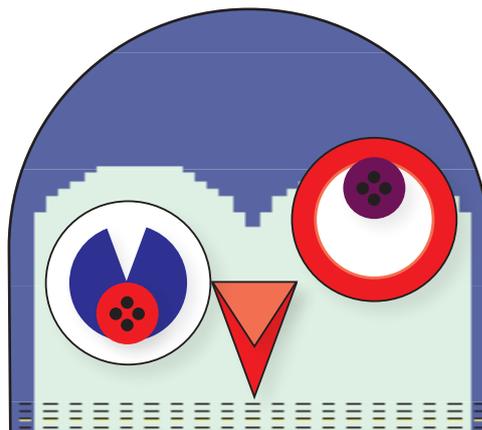
**Brim and crown knitted back and forth in one piece; intarsia knitted beak.**



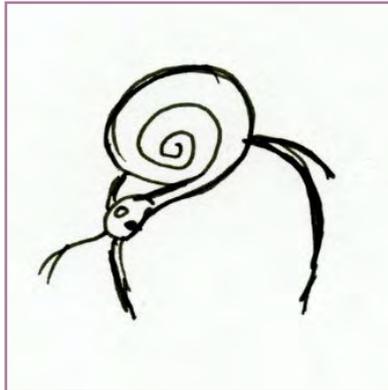
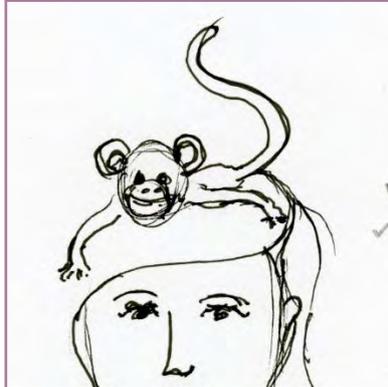
**For owl:** brim, crown and ears knitted back and forth in one piece; separate knitted cone beak



**For penguin:** brim and crown knitted back and forth in one piece; separate knitted flap beak.



These fascinator designs would not fit in the space. I have a collection of unpublished crochet patterns for insects and flowers that could perhaps be used.



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