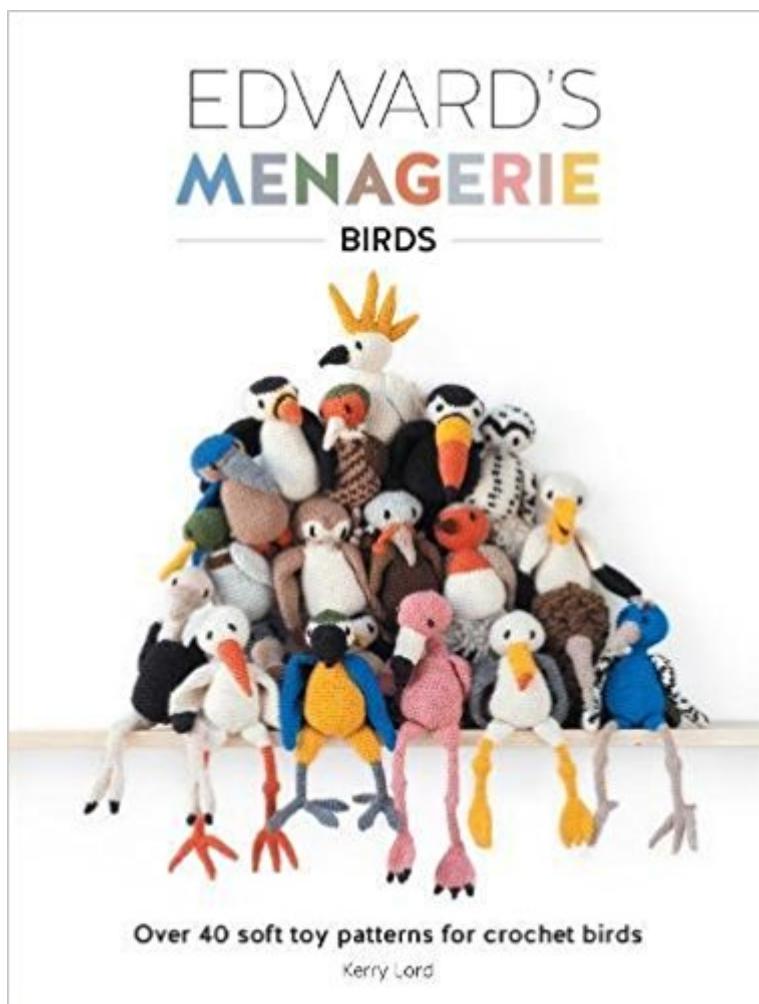


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# Edward's Menagerie - Birds: Over 40 Soft Toy Patterns For Crochet Birds



## Synopsis

Feather Your Nest With These Lovable Crochet Birds! The eagerly awaited follow-up to the runaway bestseller Edward's Menagerie has arrived with BIRDS! Featuring 40 fine-feathered friends including a bashful Flamingo, romance-writing Owl, and playful Penguin, these unforgettable crochet birds are quick to make using supersoft yarn in playful color palettes. Their larger-than-life personalities will fly off your hook as you crochet them for all your friends and family!

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## Customer Reviews

"This book is a hoot! (Pun intended...) Let me start by saying that I'm not naturally a fan of amigurumi, but this book by Kerry Lord may change all that. Just one perusal of this beautifully designed book--dedicated to the author's sweet little boy, Edward--has reminded me of just how much I do love birds and that perhaps this book will have me covered on more than a few Christmas gifts!" --Bonnie Bay Crochet"Edward's Menagerie-Birds has some of the most adorable toy birds that I have ever seen! There are 40 different types of birds, each with their own personality! The author put a tremendous amount of detail into each bird pattern, which makes them all adorable in their own way." --The Stitchin' Mommy

Kerry Lord is the designer and founder of the TOFT Alpaca Shop, a modern British knitwear company offering exclusive knitting and crochet patterns, alpaca yarns and workshops. TOFT takes

British alpaca fleece from their own Alpaca flock and from elsewhere in the UK. Their fashion-led designs are available as both 'ready to wear' and 'ready to knit'. TOFT studio also hosts a full programme of knitting workshops and other textile courses for people to learn to knit from scratch, but also to develop advanced techniques.

I am a beginning American crocheter, and this is a British book. Some thing you need to know--across the pond, a single crochet is called a double crochet. This info is buried in the technical section in the back of the book. Also, her directions "(dc2, dc2 next stitch) 6 times, 24 stitches", made no sense to me until I looked up how to do amigurumi rounds in an American book which spelled things out more clearly. I think that means "dc in next 2 stitches, then dc 2 in next stitch 6 times." Again, I'm a beginner, and maybe her directions make perfect sense to somebody else. But, for a beginner, prepare to be confused! Still, by using another book for reference, maybe I can make some of these cute birds.

After buying the first Edward's Menagerie book, I was excited to see this one come out but surprised to see it so colorful. The first book created something very unique in the muted color palette, so I'm not sure how this will compare -- whether it will look like a collection like the mammals do. I still like the fact that all the standard forms are in one place. It's not that big a deal to flip back and forth between them. If it really bothers you, make copies of the standard forms pages and have them next to the instructions for any particular bird. The whole point of this (these) collections is that the body parts are all the same style, and that makes them unique. The author did a better job this time around of providing finishing instructions and other details. Read through the whole book (not including the patterns themselves) before diving in and it will make more sense. Same two complaints as last time: the book won't stay open on its own, and you're never told how much yarn you need to make each bird. I actually splurged on the Toft yarn. Had it shipped all the way to Texas from England, only to find out that one ball of pink is not enough to make the flamingo. The colored yarns come in much smaller put-ups than the naturals, so if you're going to use Toft yarn, make sure you get at least two of each color called for in the bird(s) you're making if you're doing more than one (ex: flamingo). But even if you aren't using the author's yarn, she still doesn't tell you how much you need for any of the sizes. I'm doing all of mine in the standard size. I definitely couldn't afford to use her yarn on the large or giant versions. Still it is a unique idea and format. I happen to like the stylized versions of the birds just as I do with the mammals. I expect the same thing with the forthcoming "Imaginarium" monster book, and have already pre-ordered it. If you want some of the

author's creative patterns that aren't in this same style, visit her website -- [thetoftalpacashop.co.uk](http://thetoftalpacashop.co.uk) -- where she has a new series of dogs that are excellent.

This book is full of amazing bird patterns! I loved the first Edwards Menagerie book by Kerry Lord, so I figured I would feel the same about this book. The instructions are incredibly easy to follow, and like the first book, it is sectioned into graduating sections so everyone can work the patterns at their own level. The knobby knees of the birds just make me smile! I had to have this book as soon as it came out, and will order every one of Kerry Lord's books!

Ugh! I love this book !so much! I started with the raven, and I'm working on the dove now. I'm excited to get started on the flamingo. These patterns are well written and fun to make. The little feet are so cute, and once you get the hang of it- easy. (I had to watch a Youtube video made by the author to get the hang of it.) Now I know I need to get my hands on the creature/monster book!

\*\*British crochet terms. \*\*

I LOVE THIS BOOK!! I have just started crocheting and learned for the purpose of making these birds. The book is very good at explaining to how to crochet to a beginner. Also, the company, Toft, that put out the book has a series of videos that explains several of the steps and techniques. I have made one bird (see picture) and I am on my second bird. I plan to get the animal book from the series as well.

A while back I ordered the first "Edwards Menagerie" book and I fell in love! There are so many amazing patterns and I absolutely love doing the patterns! So when I saw that there was a new book out I HAD to have it! and I love it so much! It's just as good as the first book! so many many beautiful toys that I just cant wait to make! it arrived very promptly and I was so excited to see it when I got it! It's a great book for a great price! I definitely recommend it!

Happy Birthday to me! I'm in love with this book I was just given! I don't know which one to make first, I absolutely love them all! I LOVE all of Edward's books, they're just amazing! I highly recommend this and any if these books!

What can I say...I bought Kerry Lord's other Menagerie book and knew this was a must! I'm totally satisfied with my purchase and look forward to making most, if not all of the birds in this book.Great

buy, and great attention to detail throughout the entire book. Awesome work Ms. Lord!

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