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Sheila McGraw : Soft Toys to Sew before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Soft Toys to Sew:

26 of 27 people found the following review helpful. Unusual critters!By Erica A. CorbettThis book contains the "typical" cuddlies that many toy books have (teddy bear, puppy dog), but also some great unusual critters (including a buzzard, a funny-not-scary monster, an alligator, and a fish) that other books tend to overlook. The instructions are pretty straightforward and the two critters I've made (the "party animal" cat and the monster) have turned out well and without glitches in the pattern. I want to make the buzzard, too, just have to get to the fabric shop to get a couple yards of black fleece.My one complaint is that the patterns mostly need to be enlarged - and what is more, they are designed for photocopier enlargement only (pattern grids may be different on different pages, with instructions of what % to enlarge). Not all of us have ready access to a photocopier that enlarges! Besides this annoying step, the patterns are cool and unusual. There are things in here that little kids would like, things in here that a teen would enjoy (if they don't consider themselves too sophisticated) and things an adult (me) finds amusing.27 of 27 people found the following review helpful. Great reference guide for the new and advanced sewer.By Scarlet VertolliThis book is filled with an avalanche of information before you even get to patterns and instructions. Sheila has covered any questions you may have regarding the type of fabric to use and how to work with it, the differences in the filling materials and the finishing touches of eyes and noses. There are color photos of all the finished products and the instructions are easy to follow with color coded cutting and sewing details. This is a great buy for the information in these pages.

With *Soft Toys to Sew* you can make affordable, professional-looking soft toys with any sewing machine, no matter how basic. Concise, easy-to-follow instructions, clear diagrams and precise patterns mean perfect results every time.

About the Author Shelia McGraw is author of *Painting and Decorating Furniture*, *Papier Mch Today*, *Gifts Kids Can Make*, *Papier Mch for Kids*, and *Dolls Kids Can Make*. She is the illustrator of the best-selling children's books *Love You Forever*, and *Lightning Bug Thunder* as well as author/illustrator of *Pussycats Everywhere*.