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# Knit Your Own Dog: The Second Litter: 25 More Pedigree Pooches



## Synopsis

From the authors of the beloved and best-selling *Knit Your Own Dog* and *Knit Your Own Cat* comes 25 more easy-to-follow, step-by-step instructions for dogs of distinction. It's an irresistible guide to knitting the dog you've always wanted. The knitted dog is an ideal pet?there's no feeding, barking, walking, or vet bills, and he'll live forever! Since the publication of *Knit Your Own Dog*, dog lovers have been howling for even more breeds to knit. This second volume includes easy-to-follow patterns for 25 all-new breeds, including a Beagle, Golden Retriever, Shih Tzu, Yorkshire Terrier and 21 others. The dogs are surprisingly easy to make?with a few evenings of work you can have a covetable companion for life. Scores of photographs show the finished dogs, as well as close-up shots of their detailed and adorable features. Authors Sally Muir and Joanna Osborne also include brief accounts of the characteristics of each breed and offer tips and advice on sewing up the dogs.

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As knitting becomes increasingly popular, it has branched beyond garments and blankets. Knitting toys and oddities, such as Japanese-style amigurumi?small and whimsical knit or crocheted people and objects?is on the rise. Combine that trend with the number of people who both own and love dogs, and *Knit Your Own Dog: The Second Litter* finds its niche. Sally Muir and Joanna Osborne's second installment of *Knit Your Own Dog* offers knitters twenty-five more patterns for common dog breeds. The book builds on the author's first volume, released in 2011, and adds to their expanding catalog, which also includes *Knit Your Own Cat*, released in 2012. The dog breeds featured here are categorized following familiar dog club standards: toy, utility, terriers, sporting, and working.

Among the featured breeds are common favorites, like golden retrievers and beagles, as well as more unique dogs, like the Chinese crested dog and Bedlington terrier. Each pattern includes a broad picture of the finished knitted toy and a brief history of the breed before moving into pattern details and up-close pictures. The patterns cover measurements, materials, each section of the dog, and finishing construction. All common knitting directions are utilized. The patterns are clear and easy to follow, though too advanced for a beginning knitter. Knitting instructions are included at the back of the book, but they serve mostly as reminders for experienced knitters, not guides for learning. Also included at the volume's end are hints and tips for sewing all parts of the toys together. Other than the brief descriptions of the breeds at the introduction of each pattern, little other narrative is featured. This book is meant to be utilized for the patterns, not necessarily read for pleasure. That said, the layout is beautiful, and the full-color pictures of each completed toy are rich and detailed. It has the look and feel of a book that could be set out to be flipped through when not being used to make the toys. Although standard dog breeds are featured in the patterns, much of the book covers the variety of ways the dogs can be customized. The author's suggest using larger needles and yarn for full-sized toys or adjusting colors, leg length, and hair styles to create more unique creations. Most patterns include ideas specific to that breed, such as how to add more wrinkles to the Shar Pei or changing markings on the Bernese Mountain Dog. In the end, the volume offers more than just the twenty-five dogs featured. The products of these patterns can be used in many different ways. The authors point out the options, such as gifts for children and dog lovers or a reminder of a lost pet. The resulting toys are sure to be welcomed by all kinds of dog lovers and knitters alike.

Sally Muir and Joanna Osborne run their own knitwear business, Muir and Osborne ([www.muirandosborne.co.uk](http://www.muirandosborne.co.uk)). They have a shop in London and export their knitwear to stores in the U.S., Japan, and Europe, including Barneys New York, Saks Fifth Avenue, Liberty, and The Cross. They won the U.K. Fashion Export Small Business Award in 2002, and several pieces of their knitwear are in the permanent collection of the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. Their previous books include *Knit Your Own Dog*, *Knit Your Own Cat*, *Knit Your Own Dog: The Second Litter*, and *Knit Your Own Zoo*. Sally Muir and Joanna Osborne run their own knitwear business, Muir and Osborne ([www.muirandosborne.co.uk](http://www.muirandosborne.co.uk)). They have a shop in London and export their knitwear to stores in the U.S., Japan, and Europe, including Barneys New York, Saks Fifth Avenue, Liberty, and The Cross. They won the U.K. Fashion Export Small Business Award in 2002, and several pieces of their knitwear are in the permanent collection of the Victoria and Albert Museum in

London. Their previous books include "Knit Your Own Dog," "Knit Your Own Cat," "Knit Your Own Dog: The Second Litter," and "Knit Your Own Zoo."

This book was amazing! The dogs were cute and recognizable, however, the patterns were slightly unclear. I got this book as a beginner knitter and it brought so much joy to me! I love the entire Knit Your Own franchise and could not recommend this series enough! I would gladly purchase all seven books, had I the knitting time. LOVE THIS BOOK MORE THAN ANY OTHER BOOK I HAVE EVER READ!!!!!! Yaaayy doggies!

Many of the patterns, the heads are too small for their bodies. Alan Dart has better patterns as does Sue Stratford.

Awesome variety of dogs to knit and everyone loves their gifts.

I bought this book because I had the first book in the series. The pictures are lovely, but the instructions are not easy to understand. The difficult part of knitting these dogs is the final task of putting the individual pieces together to look like the pictured breed. Plus, some of the special stitch explanations are incomprehensible. All in all I can't really recommend this book unless you are an experienced knitter.

Can not wait to start making some of these dogs. They are adorable.

I really like this book. It's a little challenging for novice knitters, but the instructions are clearly written. It would be helpful if the author also provided some additional photos or illustrations of sewing the various pieces together for the construction of the dogs. Very cute designs.

I can't imagine how long these instructions must have taken to be put down on paper. It took me a little while to get the "hang" of the system but once I had it - my own beautiful dog that requires no care.

Great book. So many breeds to choose from. I will be looking forward to knitting all of them. My only wish is that there was a Boston Terrier. I think I can modify one of them to work though. I miss my Queenie. Instructions for sewing up could be a bit more detailed though. Otherwise I am well

pleased with the book.

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