

Handmade Chic Fashionable Projects That Look High End Not Homespun

Demonstrates how to create stylish outfits and accessories based on the authors' top-25 "do-it-yourself" projects, including embellished collars, a kaftan dress made from scarves and a flower-adorned skirt.

Delight young children and encourage play through unique handmade toys. From sewn and stuffed musical instruments to interlocking paper building blocks and wooden animal figurines, the projects in this book are meant to encourage open-ended play. Organized by kid-loving subjects, the toys here follow the themes of Zoo; House; Blocks, Cars & Trucks; Dress-Up; Music; and Art. Overall, the projects here are meant to stimulate imagination, build confidence through success and enjoyment, and enhance the bond between family and friends through the creation of unique, artistic handmade toys and crafts. The thirty-five projects in this book include a variety of crafts, from drawing to sewing and light woodworking. The toys presented here are made out of wonderfully tactile materials—repurposed fabrics, wood, and paper—and invite opportunities for creative and imaginative play. Every project is easy to complete, made with accessible materials, and requires little time to make. The projects are simple enough that endless variation can come from the making of each, leaving enough room for you to make the item to suit your own personal interests. With a design aesthetic that is clean, simple, and modern, each project is presented with full-color photos and hand-drawn instructional illustrations and templates. Projects include: • Modern Doll House and Doll House Furniture • Portable Zoo Animals • Abstract Vertical Puzzle • Wooden Nature Scene • Bottle-Cap Tambourine • Exploration Cape • Modern Alphabet Game • Shadow Puppet Theater • And more!

Macramé at Home is the easy way for anyone to add an earthy, boho vibe to their homes with 20 gorgeous décor projects, including a variety of wall hangings, unique plant hangers, a rug, hanging light, pillow, floor pouf and more. An ancient fiber art, macramé utilizes knots and cotton rope in intricate patterns. Many people remember macramé's widespread popularity in the 70s, and with the "back to nature" movement, it's made a modern-day comeback among young people. Cotton-corded macramé planters and wall hangings can be found in Urban Outfitters, Anthropologie, West Elm and Etsy shops. Now you can make your own décor at the same quality level as these high-end retailers but with a unique artisanal flair, thanks to Natalie Ranae's stunning creations shared in this book. With beginner-friendly step-by-step projects and a helpful guide to common macramé knots, anyone can pick up this craft and get impressive results from their first project. A huge appeal of macramé is how easy it is to get a variety of different looks with a few basic techniques, so each of the 20 impressive designs features a variation at the end, giving readers endless inspiration to adapt the projects in new ways. Readers will be amazed at how easy it is to create stunning works of art that add a special touch to their home décor. This book has 40 macramé designs, including 20 illustrated step-by-step tutorials each with a variation option.

Chic on a Shoestring is your entrée into the world of high fashion that will inspire you to create your own covetable clothes and accessories. Learn to transform ornate trims and vintage buttons into spectacular brooches, craft a favorite silk scarf into a chic top, or rework flea market shoes into fashionable showstoppers. With more than 40 unique and stylish ideas—including quick and easy no-sew projects—Chic on a Shoestring will inspire first-time and experienced crafters alike.

Chinatown Pretty features beautiful portraits and heartwarming stories of trend-setting seniors across six Chinatowns. Andria Lo and Valerie Luu have been interviewing and photographing Chinatown's most fashionable elders on their blog and Instagram, Chinatown Pretty, since

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2014. Chinatown Pretty is a signature style worn by pòh pohs (grandmas) and gùng gungs (grandpas) everywhere—but it's also a life philosophy, mixing resourcefulness, creativity, and a knack for finding joy even in difficult circumstances. • Photos span Chinatowns in San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, Chicago, New York City, and Vancouver. • The style is a mix of modern and vintage, high and low, handmade and store bought clothing. • This is a celebration of Chinese American culture, active old-age, and creative style. Chinatown Pretty shares nuggets of philosophical wisdom and personal stories about immigration and Chinese-American culture. This book is great for anyone looking for advice on how to live to a ripe old age with grace and good humor—and, of course, on how to stay stylish. • This book will resonate with photography buffs, fashionistas, and Asian Americans of all ages. • Chinatown Pretty has been featured by Vogue.com, San Francisco Chronicle, Design Sponge, Rookie, Refinery29, and others. • With a textured cover and glossy bellyband, this beautiful volume makes a deluxe gift. • Add it to the shelf with books like Humans of New York by Brandon Stanton, Advanced Style by Ari Seth Cohen, and Fruits by Shoichi Aoki.

It's the only tunic pattern you'll ever need! A graded bodice pattern with alternate neck plackets, collars, and sleeves provides a variety of unique, ready-to-wear fashions. From everyday casual to preppy chic, boho, or glamorous, you'll find the look that's right for you. Well respected in the sewing industry for their pattern reviews and online garment challenges, Sarah Gunn and Julie Starr make the tunic accessible and exciting for those with basic sewing skills and beyond.

Provides guidelines and advice on starting points for fashion designers of all levels, including defining and rendering concepts, understanding textiles, developing sewing skills, and building an audience.

Offers projects for every room in the house using flea-market finds, fabric, buttons, beads, and leftover paint.

8 Patterns, 18 Variations, 1 Stunning New Wardrobe Stitch your way to a stylish new wardrobe with this collection of beautiful, modern patterns. Whether you are a seasoned seamstress looking for fresh projects or just beginning your sewing journey, you'll learn something new from prolific designer Kennis Wong's expert advice and accessible pearls of sewing wisdom. In Sew Beautiful, elegance and simplicity go hand in hand as Kennis guides you through 8 different patterns, each a closet staple you'll be proud to wear. Well known for helping her readers find their most flattering fit, Kennis carefully designed each pattern for sizes 00 through 20, guaranteeing a finished garment that suits your taste, style and body type. And with 18 variations spread across these designs, there are so many options to mix and match! Slip into the luxurious Castlepoint Faux-Wrap Skirt on a breezy summer day, or bundle up in the cozy Taktsang Dolman Sleeve Wrap for a cool autumn night. Going to a fancy event but can't find anything to wear? Wow everyone when you tell them your Palermo Tiered Dress is 100 percent handmade. With Sew Beautiful in your crafting corner, a vibrant custom wardrobe is at your fingertips.

"Learn how to make over seventy macramê knots and small repeat patterns, then use them to create a wide range of projects. Each knot is shown in a close-up photograph with clear step-by-step diagrams showing how they are tied. Starting with the basics, the knots progress on to more complicated and complex designs, but as all are clearly diagramed it is very easy to follow along. This invaluable guidebook opens with a discussion of the different types of threads or cords available, shows a range of clasps and other findings, plus covers the types of beads to use. It also includes lots of tips and useful information like how to set up your work board, and other helpful lessons like how to keep track of the cord ends for less confusion. The thirty-three projects range from simple jewelry pieces like the classic friendship bracelet and watch straps to more complex ones like a variety of bags and baskets. Translated from the Japanese, Macramê pattern book is an outstanding resource for both new and more

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experienced "knotters."--

The ultimate guide to creating and styling modern macramé projects in the home from top creative tastemaker and sought-after macramé artist Emily Katz. Macramé--the fine art of knotting--is an age-old craft that's undergoing a contemporary renaissance. At the heart of this resurgence is Emily Katz, a lifestyle icon and artist who teaches sold out macramé workshops around the world and creates swoon-worthy aspirational interiors with her custom hand-knotted pieces. *Modern Macramé* is a stylish, contemporary guide to the traditional art and craft of macramé, including 33 projects, from driftwood wall art and bohemian light fixtures to macramé rugs and headboards. The projects are showcased in easy to follow and photogenic project layouts, guiding both the novice and the more experienced crafter in a highly achievable way. Included with every project are thoughtful lifestyle tips showing how macramé can provide the perfect finishing touch for the modern, well-designed home--whether it's a hundred-year-old farmhouse, a sophisticated loft, or a cozy but stylish rental.

Provides instructions for creating a variety of home accents, accessories, and toys that combine crafting and technology.

More than just a 'how to' guide *Granny Chic* offers inspiration to keen crafters hoping to breathe new life into vintage fabrics and second-hand objects. From handmade notebooks to lace lampshades and pinnies made from tea towels, each of the craft 'recipes' brings the granny chic look to life whilst allowing you to give them your own personal twist. This selection of 20 projects includes spruced-up coathangers, a 'dingle dangle' door screen a 'patched and pieced' lampshade and a crocheted tea cosy. In addition to the projects *Granny Chic* offers advice on the granny chic lifestyle, from befriending your local fabric shop to creating a handmade home. Packed full of ideas it will have you rustling in your vintage fabric to find your inner granny chic crafting soul.

Sew stylish clothes for your children with this enjoyable sewing book. Today's DIY sewing generation loves to outfit their kids in stylish homemade clothes, and kids love clothes that feel good. Designer Ruriko Yamada draws from her own experiences as a mom to create designs and sewing patterns that are fun to wear, easy to make and infused with covetable Japanese style. A wide range of sewing designs are covered from —tops and shorts for boys and girls, girls' dresses, and unisex pieces. *Happy Homemade: Sew Chic Kids* features easy-to-follow diagrams, Japanese sewing patterns in English, and simple instructions on how to make twenty super-comfy pieces for both boys and girls. Sewing patterns include: Pin-Tucked Blouse Dress with Flared Sleeves Knee-Length Shorts Tiered Skirt Boy's Stand-Up Collar Shirt Pull-Over Parka Yamada provides four sizes of westernized patterns, each of which can easily be adjusted to fit children from three to nine years old. Simple lines give kids room to move, and the classic styles look good on any frame. Sewing for children has never been easier. With *Happy Homemade*, you'll whip up a fantastic, money-saving wardrobe in practically no time at all!

Make your own cute and fashionable clothes for girls with this easy-to-use sewing book. Author, Yuki Araki is one of the most recognized names in the growing sewing-for-children movement. The mother of two daughters, Araki has become a DIY sewing favorite because she knows what young girls want. They like to wear stylish clothes that also let them play with ease. Moms adore the relaxed aesthetic of Araki's simple mix-and-match play clothes and accessories, and young girls are happy wearing them because they're both cute and comfortable. Best suited for girls from two to five years old, the sewing patterns in this Japanese sewing book are simple, casual, and look good on any girl. Araki provides westernized patterns in four sizes, plus diagrams and instructions for twenty-two pieces. Simple lines give kids room to move, and the classic styles look good on any frame. Sewing designs include: Shoulder-tie camisole top and dress Classic smock shirt and dress Four variations of a basic elastic-waist skirt Shorts and easy-breezy kid-style leggings to pair with

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any top Button-front and pullover tops Adorable bucket hat Moms will love dressing their girls in these economical and easy-to-make clothes. Nothing could be simpler—or sweeter! Craft Your Own Charming Characters with Impeccable Style Designed with her own kids in mind, these beautiful plush toys are infused with Melissa Lowry's artful craftsmanship and fresh sense of style. Now you can create your own unique characters and quick-sew fabric accessories. Use easy-to-learn needle-felting techniques for cuddly animals without any sharp plastic components. Follow simple, fully illustrated steps to craft huggable, long-limbed friends like Oliver the Raccoon and Madeline the Fox or adorable little plushes like Harry the Hedgehog and Penny the Panda. With moveable arms and legs and chic outfits, every doll has personality. Experienced sewers will love the clever, detailed patterns and beginners will find the simple, clean lines approachable. As well suited to playtime as they are to home décor, these dolls make the perfect handmade gift and add a whimsical touch to any room.

Shares instructions for creating handmade clothing for boys from infancy through age eight, providing patterns that accommodate seasonal and activity needs.

Discover the amazingly creative things you can do with your glue gun! • Imaginative Ideas for Kids • Fun and Artistic Hacks • Seasonal Decorations • Holiday-Themed Crafts • Creative Decor • Cute Party Ideas Filled with color photos and easy-to-follow, step-by-step instructions, Hot Glue Hacks and Crafts shows how to create unique and fun projects from a wide variety of stylish glues.

Planters, Vases, Dishes and More, Without a Pottery Studio! You'll be amazed by what you can create with polymer and air-dry clay. These affordable, easy-to-find clays present endless possibilities for artisan-quality home decor and gifts. Francesca Stone, creator of the decor blog Fall For DIY, presents simple step-by-step techniques for shaping and decorating clay with just a few household tools. All final pieces can be air-dried or baked in a standard home oven. Featuring a gorgeous, modern palette of natural colors, these projects are deceptively easy and effortlessly chic. Personalize your home with practical and beautiful items like the Terra-Cotta Jewelry Dish, Hanging Herb Garden Planter and Salt-and-Pepper Pinch Pot. Get creative with color and geometric shapes in home accents such as the Color-Block Photo Holder and Abstract Floral Block Platter. This book is the perfect primer to start making beautiful clay pieces at home and get that handmade ceramic look without the expenses and challenges of traditional pottery.

Create a stylish and individual home using nothing more than remnants of fabric, flea-market finds, buttons, beads, hand-me-down furniture, and leftover paint. Projects for every room.

Happy Homemade Vol. 2 contains 20 projects for making gorgeous clothes for boys and girls aged 4--10. The easy-to-follow instructions are accompanied by detailed diagrams, beautiful full-colour photographs and full-sized pull-out pattern sheets.

Japanese Craft books are hugely popular, with hundreds of blogs and online craft-communities devoted to their unique aesthetic and meticulous detail. Previously only accessible to Japanese-speakers and those with sewing skills advanced enough to attempt to interpret the patterns with no instruction, this translation will appeal to an already-devoted following and also engage with a whole new market.

From Bonnets to Bearskin Rugs . . . Sweet Crochet Projects for Baby & Family Create something extra special for the baby, toddler or child in your life with Jennifer Dougherty's new book of better-than-boutique patterns. Find the same gorgeous textures and stylish designs that made her first book, Crochet Style, a hit with makers

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everywhere, this time for little ones of all ages. If you're looking for a baby shower gift parents will treasure, choose from a selection of chic bonnets, beautiful blankets, creative car seat covers and more. Make baby's first photo shoot over-the-top adorable with Jennifer's original, one-of-a-kind Faux Bearskin Nursery Rug pattern. The whole family can keep warm in style with quick cold weather designs, including sizes through adults. This versatile collection for intermediate crocheters is one you'll keep returning to for meaningful shower gifts, newborn photo props and cute toddler attire. Jennifer guides you through every step, providing tips, tricks and pointers for a perfect finished product without the guesswork. Each pattern combines sumptuous textures and delicate details with dependable construction for gorgeous, high-quality designs you won't find anywhere else. These 30 timeless patterns, enhanced by your handmade touch, are sure to become one-of-a-kind family heirlooms.

Fast Weekend Projects for an Upscale, Rustic Home In their debut book, JP Strate and Liz Spillman, creators of the popular DIY YouTube channel *The Rehab Life*, bring over 20 new beginner-friendly furniture projects to your home. Their distinctive style pairs clean, contemporary designs with natural wood and warm stains to give your space that urban farmhouse look. There's no need for prior woodworking experience or a garage full of fancy tools. It's easy to dive right in, with minimal materials, foolproof instructions and gorgeous results. Each project is so quick to complete, you won't be able to stop until your entire home is transformed into a chic, cozy haven. In just 24 hours, you could be sitting at your very own handmade Hairpin Leg Dining Table, waking up to your Dreamy Headboard or selecting a bottle from your classy Napa Valley Wine Rack. Unlock a whole new world of home decor possibilities, free from high-end price tags and cookie-cutter furnishings, while discovering a woodworking skill you didn't know you had. You'll be showing off your timeless custom furniture for years to come!

Seventy-two step-by-step projects for modern do-it-yourself home and office design, by world-renowned designer Todd Oldham. Love the look of mid-century, modern, retro design, but don't feel like dropping two weeks' pay on an Eames chair? Todd Oldham shares his passion for mid-century modern homes with over 72 do-it-yourself projects for anyone who loves crafts and longs to add character to every corner of their home. Each project is charted through step-by-step photos and instructions until the fabulously mod end. Other projects include home-computer face-lifts, Xerox wallpaper, aluminium lighting fixtures, and cosy shoe-storage systems. In addition to Todd's brilliantly engineered projects, the book comes complete with a tutorial on modern home design in the form of sidebars and short essays throughout –everything from that now-famous Eames chair to the case-study houses of the 1950s. *Handmade Modern* promises to revolutionise the way the reader looks at his or her own home and capacity to beautify a space. Chic, accessible, and fun, this is the achievable new look of modern home design.

One of Library Journal's Best Books of 2018 In *Handmade Houseplants*, expert crafter and tastemaker Corrie Beth Hogg offers a no-water option for your urban jungle: plants made from paper! This stylish guide includes step-by-step instructions and templates for making 30 of the most popular houseplants, from monstera and peperomia to fiddle leaf fig and philodendron. Additional projects show how to use paper plants for home décor, wall art, holiday decorations, gift giving, and more. The projects are simple enough to be made in few hours and the materials are affordable and easy to find. Packed with colorful photos and filled with inspiration, *Handmade Houseplants* shows how paper plants can provide a modern, light-hearted touch to

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a well-designed home.

In *Handmade Chic: Fashionable Projects That Look High-End, Not Homespun*, Laura Bennett shares simple strategies for creating 40 small luxuries and high-fashion accessories, from a smart leather iPad portfolio to a feather-embellished evening bag. With sections organized in skill-building order and based on type of accessory—small leather goods, agendas and notepads, electronics, bags and wallets, and evening items—Laura offers patterns, easy-to-follow diagrams, and detailed instructions for fabricating each glamorous project, whether it involves sewing from scratch or embellishing a prepurchased garment. While showcasing her own creative designs, she provides readers with the basic techniques and encouragement they need to come up with variations and create their own signature pieces. Packed with Laura's signature flair and finesse, vibrant four-color photos, step-by-step drawings, and a complete list of suggestions on where to purchase materials, *Handmade Chic* is an accessible guide to at-home crafting that is elegant enough for the most modern, fashion-savvy of women.

There are so many ways to make cool bracelets with natural hemp! Soft, supple, and durable, hemp cord now comes in a beautiful range of lustrous colors, perfect for making stylish eco-chic jewelry. This book makes it easy, with step-by-step instructions and irresistible projects. Discover how to create amazing hand-tied bracelets, key chains, headbands, and more. Inside you'll find lots of super fun ideas for both contemporary and earthy boho designs. Bestselling craft author Suzanne McNeill reveals the simple knotting and braiding techniques that guarantee stunning results, with friendly advice on using findings, choosing colors, and embellishing with beads, buttons, rings, and charms.

Presents patterns for hats, scarves, bags, blankets, ponchos, shawls, sweaters, and three gifts.

Sew your own stylish clothes with this fabulous sewing book. Are you a DIY sewer, with a passion for Japanese style? Look no further, *Happy Homemade: Sew Chic* is the Japanese Sewing book you've been waiting for—all new timeless and straightforward creations of Yoshiko Tsukiori, acclaimed Japanese fashion designer and author of *The Stylish Dress Book*, now available in English in the United States. *Happy Homemade: Sew Chic* features 20 flexible sewing patterns that boast authentic Japanese style created simply—by you. Sew-your-own pants, tops, dresses and skirts will add that sought-after Japanese flair to your wardrobe. Simple lines make these garments perfect for women of all ages and all sizes. This book includes a complete western-sized sewing pattern for each design that is easily adjusted to fit your body form. The understandable, concise diagrams and simple instructions allow you to create a unique style with ease and confidence. Sewing designs include: Tunic Dress with Lace Blouse with Front Tucks Box Tunic Straight-cut Tiered Skirt Straight-cut Sarouel Pants Smock Dress with Puff Sleeves And much more... Whether you're a sewing maven or an aspiring novice, *Happy Homemade: Sew Chic* is your ultimate guide to transforming fabric to fabulous!

Yearning for a unique look--yet shopping on a shoestring? Learn fashion designer Jenny Wilding Cardon's secrets for finding the creative possibilities in cast-offs! With a snip here and a tuck there, you can turn common thrift-store items--such as sweaters, curtains, and jeans--into sassy, stylish originals. Turn secondhand basics into first-rate fashions with over 20 beginner-friendly projects Make chic tops, skirts, dresses, purses, scarves, bags, and hats--plus a rug, simple quilt, and more View before and after pictures that illustrate the potential of your thrift-store finds

50 ideas for creative parents, from decorating nurseries and bedrooms to creating essential storage and encouraging inventive play.

Bring joy, creativity & learning to your sewing with fabulous kid-friendly projects! Meg McElwee puts her signature sewing style into gorgeous children's clothes and creative activity-focused designs. From simple clothing to toys, *Growing Up Sew Liberated* is packed with innovative,

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playful sewing patterns. Follow the structure of a child's day with 20 projects including: Getting up and getting dressed: comfortable clothing patterns such as T-shirts, sweatshirts, and pocket pants. Homemaking and cooking: projects for engaging children in helping around the house and for in the kitchen, such as aprons, bibs, and placemats. Playtime: indoor and outdoor activities are celebrated with dolls, a cape, a satchel, and a tent. Bedtime: snuggle in for a night in cozy pj's and a sleep sack. Meg adds in suggestions for projects and adventures for kids and adults to explore together and tasks that children can accomplish on their own. Includes a techniques section, how-to photos, extra tips and tricks, and a bonus full-size pattern section, Growing Up Sew Liberated collects designs, activities, and ideas that are perfect for adding creativity into the daily life of sewists, children, and families.

Laura Bennett is not a soccer mom or a PTA mom or a helicopter mom—and she's certainly not mother of the year. Another breed of mother entirely, Laura is surely more Auntie Mame than June Cleaver. As a busy mother of six, Laura is on an impossible mission: raising a brood of fast-moving, messy, wild sons in the jungles of Manhattan. So what other choice does she have than to sit back, grab a martini, and let the boys be, er, boys? In *Didn't I Feed You Yesterday?*, Laura gives her irreverent take on modern motherhood and proves that a strong sense of humor and an even stronger sense of self are the mother's milk of sanity. In a series of refreshingly candid and hilarious anecdotes, she unapologetically breaks every rule in the Brady Bunch playbook: She gives her kids junk food, plays favorites, and openly admits to having "a genetic predisposition to laissez-faire parenting." Children, she observes, don't need constant supervision from neurotic, perfectionist parents. Allow kids to make mistakes and entertain themselves and they'll turn out just fine—even if you do sometimes forget to pick them up from school. Beyond the mayhem of a life among males, Laura celebrates the glories of womanhood with a generous helping of wit and style. She gives thanks to the fashion gods for the essentials—red lipstick, Manolo Blahniks, and Lycra shapewear—but reminds us that true style comes from an inner compass that points directly at oneself. In every aspect of life, Laura gives one simple, powerful piece of advice: "Dress like you want it or stay home." Brutally honest, outrageous, and sure to raise a few eyebrows, *Didn't I Feed You Yesterday?* is a riotously funny read—and it'll go fabulously well with your new handbag.

Decorate your tent, tipi, motorhome, or camper van with any of the 35 stunning projects in *Handmade Glamping*. Using a variety of crafting techniques including knitting, crochet, quilting, embroidery, patchwork, and appliqué, Charlotte Liddle and Lucy Hopping have created a wonderful range of accessories that will bring retro charm to your idyllic country getaway. Whether you fancy a quiet retreat to secluded beaches or are off to live it up at the summer festivals, you will find something to make your home-away-from-home-look-stunning, and feel cozy and comfortable. Divided into four chapters, *Handmade Glamping* starts with *Recycling and Repurposing*, which will show you how to make some stunning embroidered curtains using vintage fabrics, or the hexagonal patchwork scatter pillows to put on the camp bed. In *Campfire Cooking* there is everything you'll

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need for a romantic meal under the stars, including decorated plates, quilted placemats, and a picnic bag. Pretty Decorations has crocheted bunting to string outside, a cute cross-stitch picture to hang inside, and pretty storage ideas for small spaces that recycle jam jars and other household items. Finally, Outdoor Living comes with ideas for candle holders, a tent tidy, a wind break, and even a reupholstered deck chair.

More than forty craft projects for high-fashion accessories include instructions for creating bracelets, laptop cases, embellished shoes, wallets, and nightgowns. Chic and timeless, macrame has once again established itself as a popular home decor trend. Decorative Macrame walks you through the process of creating your own unique pieces, perfect for your space. Clear step-by-step photographs show you how to create the four basic knots and apply simple macrame techniques, while detailed diagrams help you with things like measurements—making the creation process less daunting. Diagrams, drawings and instructions show you how to create 20 projects that are simple enough for beginners and satisfying enough for practiced knotters. Ranging from small accessories to hanging statement pieces, everyone will be able to find something that catches their eye. The projects in this book include: Soft wall hangings—perfect for warming up any space An elegant room divider A boho chic lampshade An adorable bunting that can hang year-round Multiple hanging plant holders Curtain ties that add a touch of interest to your windows A keychain so you can carry your crafts with you And much more! Beautiful lifestyle images of the finished projects (surrounded by muted tones, natural materials and an abundance of plants) are sure to inspire your own space.

Make the festive season really special by making your own cards, gifts and decorations. Save money and have fun with this beautiful collection of Christmas makes. There are three chapters covering a wide range of different crafting techniques--from papercutting and collage to embroidery and sugar crafting--with projects which take inspiration from different cultures and festive traditions. Start with Decorations, where you will find delightful ideas such as a traditional advent calendar and colorful embroidered Christmas stockings, brighten up your dinner table with tin candle holders that will glimmer and shine, and welcome carol-singers with a pretty wreath for your door. There's nothing so satisfying as making your own cards, and Cards and Gift Wrap also has inspired ways to present your gifts, such as goody bags and labels in the shape of gingerbread men, and why not get the kids involved with making the potato print star gift wrap? In Handmade Gifts, there is something to please everyone, including tasty edible treats such as button bites, chocolate coins, and traditional German lebkuchen. Every project comes with clear step-by-step instructions and illustrations, most of the projects require no specialist equipment, and many can be made in an afternoon, so you can get started right away.

Japanese craft books are loved the world over for their beautiful and practical design, unique aesthetic, and their clear, meticulous and educational instruction.

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Translated into English for the first time, Stylish Dress Book contains 26 projects for beautiful dresses and blouses. Elegant and loose-fitting, the pieces in this book are designed to be worn in any season and are suitable for women of all ages. The easy-to-follow instructions are accompanied by detailed diagrams and gorgeous full-colour photographs. The full-sized pattern sheets have been adapted for Western sizing and run from AU 6 - 16. IMPORTANT

CORRECTION: Correction: The sleeve pattern piece for Dress Y, pictured p. 34, How to Make p. 82, is missing from the pattern sheet. Click the link in the left side navigation pane to download the Y Sleeve pattern piece.

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