

DIY for YAs

Make It Yourself!

Dough Crafts

Woman's Day Dough Crafts

Lorraine Bodger 1983

745.5 Bodger

Various recipes to construct dough crafts are given. Most of the projects included are baskets and ornaments. Get cooking!

Embroidery

Easy Embroidery

Lis Paludan 1970

J 746.44 Paludan

Embroidery is back in style. Don't pay those department store prices, do it yourself! Personalize blouses, t-shirts, or jackets with stitches and techniques shown in this book.

Felt

The Felt Book: Easy to Make Projects for All Ages.

Clare Beaton 1994

J 746.0463 Beaton

Felt is cheap and very versatile. Excellent detailed patterns are given in this book so we don't have to think too much and get frustrated. Categories included are clothes, jewelry, and toys.

General Crafts

Hey, Dey! Super-Amazing, Funk-da-crazing, Ultra-glazing Things to Do, Make and Ponder Every Day of the Year

Clea Hantman 2001

745.45 Hantman

Written like a journal, this book gives the reader a creative project to do each day. Entertaining and has cool ideas such as making your own lip gloss, light switch, and pipe cleaner tiaras are included.

Jewelry

Fabulous Jewelry for Found Objects: Creative Projects and Simple Techniques

Marthe LeVan 2005

New Book 745.5942 Levan

Make jewelry out of junk mail, game tiles, or fishing flies.

The Girls' World Book of Jewelry: 50 Cool designs to Make

Rain Newcomb 2004

J 745.5942 Newcomb

Filled with large and clear photographs of all projects, Newcomb makes this book completely doable for the jewelry making novice.

Knitting & Crochet

Crocheting

Gwen Blakely Kinsler 2003

J 746.434 Kinsler

Get out that crochet needle your grandma gave you years ago and whip up all sorts of handy items such as a headband, a beaded scrunchie, or a locker organizer.

Teen Knitting Club: Chill Out & Knit

Jennifer Wenger 2004

746.432 Wenger

This new book is not just about starting a knitting club, but it also gives good knitting instructions, patterns, and how to keep a book on what you have knitted.

Mosaics

Easy Mosaics for Your Home and Garden

Sarah Donnelly 2001

738.5 Donnelly

Detailed instructions, photographs, and templates are provided to make small mosaic objects such as stepping stones and decorative tiles.

Origami

The Great Origami Book

Zulal Aytüre-Scheele 1987

J 736.982 Aytüresc

Fold little surprises for your friends such as a ladybug, a leaf, or a bird.

Painting

Berry Smudges and Leaf Prints: Finding and Making Colors from Nature

Ellen B. Senisi 2001

J 745.7 Senisi

Okay...okay...I know this book has kids on the cover, but it is worth a look. It shows how to make colors for painting using veggies and flowers.

Paper and Writing

Tin Can Papermaking: Recycle for Earth and Art

Arnold Grummer 1992

J 676.22 Grummer

Are you on a shoe string budget? This book enables you to create your own unique paper for practically nothing.

Making Books that Fly, Fold, Wrap, Hide, Pop Up, Twist, and Turn

Gwen Diehn 1998

J 736.98 Diehn

Don't put your treasured thoughts down on plain flat paper! Present and preserve them in a unique three-dimensional way using techniques shown in this book. The book's cover features a creative way for making a family tree, which would wow any lucky recipient.

Gifts of Writing: Creative Projects with Words and Art

Susan J. Tchudi 1980

J 745.594 Tchudi

Don't let this book's boring cover deceive. Inside you'll find more writing projects and unique ways to present your writing.

Rocks and Stones

Rock and Stone Craft: Creating Art and Functional Objects from Natural Materials

Elyse Sommer 1973

745.5 Sommer

This flashback from the seventies gives lots of ideas on how to make a rock into a creative piece of art.

Soap Making

Gourmet Soaps Made Easy

Melinda Coss 2001

668.124 Coss

Make yummy smelling soaps. Passion Fruit Cake, Peppermint Cream, Silk & Shea Butter, and Christmas Cake are just a sampling of what is included.