

Complete Book Of Handicrafts



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Welcome to The Complete Book of Handicrafts which is packed with super things for you to make for home and family and friends. The satisfactions of crafting it yourself are many- you will probably turn out a superior product for less money than it could be bought readymade and have a good time doing it. The value of working with your hands cannot be underestimated for also giving your spirit a boost. Once a craft has been mastered the imagination will go to work and the yield of your labors can be both practical and inspired. A fabulous sunset may turn out to be a perfect subject for a collage or piece of needlepoint. A visit to a department store where every dress you see is overpriced and none of them is exactly right may send you home with a length of fabric and the determination to get it together on your own (try

that hemi¼ this collar¼ those sleeves¼ and see what
happens!). All of us have the energy to create¼ often without
being aware of it. and if you will give some time to learning a few
of the ways to express that energy¼ life will be the richer.
We have tried to turn you on to some of these pleasurable tasks in
the lessons that follow: how to kniti¼ sewi¼ embroideri¼ how to do
basketwork and make hats¼ how to make picture frames¼ rag rugs¼
and jewelry¼ sweaters and toys (and that s not all !). If you are
familiar with some of the crafts on display here¼ you can skip the
lessons and go on to the actual designs. If you are not already
adept at a craft¼ you will find that the lessons are paced to keep
rhythm with your fingers-the designs grow more difficult as you
become more practiced. But¼ beginner oT no. we hope that this
volume will provide a quick and handy reference guide for various
craft skills¼ that it will give incentive for hours of working pleasure
to those who wish to create (no less than to those who receive
the fruits of creation on birthdays¼ Christmas and ordinary
I-just-felt-like-giving-you-a-present days).
The frenetic pace of our everyday world can be slowed down a
little by doing it yourself. The dreaw feeling that life is a long
mass-production line can be translated into a sense of joy with
the rediscovery that the human hand may be the most useful
machine of all.

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