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Making Mathematics with Needlework

Emphasizing basic concepts and supported by current industrial practices and applications, this readable text/reference on engineering materials is designed to help students develop problem solving abilities in such areas as materials evaluation and selection, materials processes selection, failure analysis, and materials testing. It focuses on materials in the systems context, and prepares students to work with current engineering materials as well as with new and/or improved technologies that influence many aspects of engineering materials technology. Over 200 experiments and demonstrations from the National Educators' Workshops are listed throughout. The new edition provides revised case studies with illustrations of materials applications and highlights new developments. It also contains new/revised solved problems and self-assessment questions, including an extensive database of objective questions (with solutions).

Dishing Up® Oregon

Mathematical craftwork has become extremely popular, and mathematicians and crafters alike are fascinated by the relationship between their crafts. The focus of this book, written for mathematicians, needleworkers, and teachers of mathematics, is on the relationship between mathematics and the fiber arts (including knitting, crocheting, cross-stitch, and quilting). Each chapter starts with an overview of the mathematics and the needlework at a level understandable to both

mathematicians and needleworkers, followed by more technical sections discussing the mathematics, how to introduce the mathematics in the classroom through needlework, and how to make the needlework project, including patterns and instructions.

The Handmade Marketplace, 2nd Edition

Equipped with a camera and a tape recorder, Buz Swerkstrom sought out hundreds of interesting, intriguing and talented people for quote-rich profiles during the course of more than thirty years as a freelance writer. The forty crafters featured here have demonstrated a wide variety of skills: canoe building, decorative woodcarving, clock repair, guitar repair, classic car restoration, furniture building, blacksmithing, leathercraft, knitting, copper art, stained glass art, pottery, photography, cartography (map-making), and others. The sixteen collectors profiled are passionate about everything from antique and vintage cameras to Civil War cannons, sea shells and stamps to Studebaker cars, old books to baseball cards, farm toys to jukeboxes. Illustrated with scores of black-and-white photos.

Craft Hope

The Crafter (Book 1)

Presents instructions for creating decorative books using a variety of techniques, including stamping, collage, and stitching.

Profiles in Passion

A Publishers Weekly Best Book of 2019 Why do we make things by hand? And why do we make them beautiful? Led by the question of why working with our hands remains vital and valuable in the modern world, author and maker Melanie Falick went on a transformative, inspiring journey. Traveling across continents, she met quilters and potters, weavers and painters, metalsmiths, printmakers, woodworkers, and more, and uncovered truths that have been speaking to us for millennia yet feel urgently relevant today: We make in order to slow down. To connect with others. To express ideas and emotions, feel competent, create something tangible and long-lasting. And to feed the soul. In revealing stories and gorgeous original photographs, Making a Life captures all the joy of making and the power it has to give our lives authenticity and meaning.

Granny Chic: Crafty recipes and inspiration for the handmade home

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Straight from a jewelry-business mentor, this guide to entering the bauble business compiles expert knowledge and wide experiences for those looking to take their hobby to the next level. Aspiring businesspeople will gain the advantage of experience from the numerous case studies and engaging personal stories. Starting with the basics of assessing style, time commitment, and target market, the sections progress through business licenses and tax numbers, developing a cohesive presentation for a business, and the fine art of pricing for a profit. Helpful appendices on display suppliers, business and government agencies, and recommended reading complete the handbook, making it a valuable companion for entrepreneurs.

Crafting with Cat Hair

Kids can sew too! This inspiring guide includes 21 fun sewing projects for children ages 5 and up. With easy-to-follow illustrated instructions and cut-out patterns, young crafters will quickly be sewing up colorful pillows, potholders, dolls, blankets, and more. These kid-tested projects require only minimal supervision and most can be made using simple hand stitches, so no sewing machine is required. With plenty of encouragement and helpful tips, Sewing School ® helps young sewers develop their skills while sparking a passion that will last a lifetime. Also available in this series: Sewing School ® 2,Sewing School ® Box Set.

The New Politics of the Handmade

Uncover a treasure-trove of crafting tips and inspiration with help from a rare book librarian and examples from Natalie Chanin, Liesl Gibson, and more. A Library Journal Best Book of the Year Deep in the stacks of any library is a wealth of inspiration waiting to be uncovered, and a plethora of projects ready to be tackled. In BiblioCraft, crafting aficionado and rare book librarian Jessica Pigza shares her secrets to scouring those musty collections—both in person and online—for everything from vintage needlepoint magazines to historic watermarks and Japanese family crests. As a host of the New York Public Library's Handmade Crafternoon series, Pigza has helped creative people of all types take advantage of these hidden riches. BiblioCraft also presents more than twenty projects inspired by library resources from a stellar cast of designers, including Alabama Chanin founder Natalie Chanin, Liesl + Co. founder Liesl Gibson, Charm Patterns founder Gretchen Hirsch, illustrator and fabric designer Heather Ross, Design*Sponge founder Grace Bonney, and others. Whether your passion is pillows or coasters, fascinators or fabrics, Pigza will show you how to turn your local library into a global crafting goldmine.

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More Than 50 Clever Techniques for Scrapbooking Like many scrapbookers, you've likely been lured by the look, touch and feel of specialty papers but are unsure of how to incorporate them into your creations. If beautiful papers are your passion, this is the idea source for you! Packed with all the texture, dimension, pattern and color you could possibly ask for, A Passion for Specialty Paper takes everything you love about this scrapbooking staple and wraps it into one must-have resource. With 10 different kinds of specialty papers showcased, there are plenty of creative options inside sure to satisfy even the most serious paper fixation. What's inside: Comprehensive chapters dedicated to specialty papers, including: fabric, glossy, leather, mesh, metallic, natural, textured, transparent, wood and art papers Bonus idea variations and dimensional craft projects Creative ways to enhance specialty papers through pleating, peeling, painting, altering, folding and weaving Helpful pointers for working with and adhering specialty papers Easy-to-follow illustrated step-by-step techniques Innovative designs spanning simple to advance styles Whether you've been hesitant in the past to use specialty papers or are a tried and true veteran, you'll be inspired to discover just what specialty papers can do for your scrapbook design. Try the ideas today!

Creative Jewelry Techniques & Creativity Skills For Etsy Crafters

Presents instructions for craft projects using items found around the home, with the intention of donating the finished crafts and useful items to charitable organizations.

How to Start an Internet Business

These amazingly simple step-by-step tutorials inspire crafters to decorate their lives with brightly colored and boldly textured flowers that never die. Through her popular Etsy shop, Paper & Peony, Chantal Larocque creates custom paper flower arrangements for events, weddings and everyday, all infused with her signature bold style and fun colors. Now, with this book readers can learn how to make her flowers and favorite arrangements step by step using easy-to-find supplies and common cardstock. Chantal's use of cardstock instead of the more common tissue or crepe paper gives the flowers a unique bold and full appearance that stands out. With this simple trick, no fancy tools or difficult-to-work-with papers are required, as in other paper flower books on the market. Readers will be amazed at how quick and easy it is to craft these stunning flowers and arrangements. Not only do readers learn how to make each bloom step by step, they also learn to use a variety of those blooms for stunning statement arrangements. The photos showing each step reveal Chantal's secret techniques that give a life-like look to the flowers. Templates are provided at the back of the book for readers to trace onto their cardstock and cut out the petals and leaves. With this helpful and inspiring guide, readers will love creating bold and colorful flower arrangements that last forever. This book has 65 paper flower projects, including arrangements and bouquets, and it has more than 100 photos.

BiblioCraft

Make money doing what you love. Kari Chapin's insightful and inspiring guide to turning your crafting skills into earned income has been completely revised and updated. The Handmade Marketplace is filled with proven techniques that can help you brand your business, establish a client base, sell your products, and effectively employ all aspects of social media. Learn how easy it is to enjoy a lucrative career while leading the creative life you've always craved.

A Passion for Specialty Paper

A fun, witty, nerdy, and irreverent craft book for the modern cross-stitcher. Sometimes it's good to be a littleimproper. Profane, funny, and smart, Haley Pierson-Cox's IMPROPER CROSS-STITCH invites the modern crafter to bring personality and humor to their cross stitch projects. From a fully designed "Damn it feels good to be a crafter" to the beautiful Art Deco inspired "fuck," Haley's patterns are fresh, lively and just what the crafter ordered. In this book, she'll introduce readers to the joys of stitching the naughty, the profane, the irreverent, and the just plain awesome. First, she starts with a basic lesson in cross-stitch technique, no previous experience required. Then, once readers know your way around an embroidery hoop and a skein of floss, the books moves on to the designs—35 in total, ranging from hip, to nerdy, to ironically domestic—where Haley encourages crafters to embrace their inner snark with gleeful abandon. Her easy to follow instructions and colorful designs can make a cross stitcher out of anyone. In all her years of crafting, Haley's learned many things, but this simple fact remains one of the most important: There is absolutely nothing in this world quite so satisfying as enshrining something deeply inappropriate within the delicate stitches of a cross-stitch sampler. It's truly one of life's great delights!

Crafting Is Like You: Poem A Day Book For Crafters (Minecraft Crafting Guide, Crafting with Duct Tape, Crafting with Cat Hair, Crafting With Kids & Crafting Buttons Crafting Guide Poetry & Rhymes in Verses & Quotes for Crafting Poem Journals)

Got fur balls? Are your favorite sweaters covered with cat hair? Do you love to make quirky and one-of-a-kind crafting projects? If so, then it's time to throw away your lint roller and curl up with your kitty! Crafting with Cat Hair shows readers how to transform stray clumps of fur into soft and adorable handicrafts. From kitty tote bags and finger puppets to fluffy cat toys, picture frames, and more, these projects are cat-friendly, eco-friendly, and require no special equipment or training. You can make most of these projects in under an hour—with a little help, of course, from your feline friends!

Poems include guotes by Alan Cohen, Confucius, Buddha, Muhammad, Ravi Zacharias, etc. They are organized by names and from A to Z in coherence with the poems. The collection of poems includes 25 crafting poems from A to Z with guotes just like this one: Crafting is much like the letter U because crafting with used books is one of the best ways to add some style. It's a fun way to make an author's words become even more worthwhile! Crafting is also like U because crafting with the universe in mind is yet undefined but might be the best thing happening to mankind. Crafting with the universe might make you seem very small. Yet that one little space you take for you is the most important crafting space of all. Some very lucky few crafters are able to get in touch with it so make sure you work at it! Crafting is also quite like the letter U because crafting reminds me of crafting with used Christmas cards. Used Christmas cards are also guite nice because of every Xmas craft ingredient that is guite convenient and because crafting with Used Christmas cards also follows the crafting law of the "Petit Bourgeois". There are other things like the blue artistic law and the natural crafting law, but the important thing to remember they are all employing the unwritten law of hem and haw! If you think that this crafting thing is getting out of line, let me tell you this. Question the law of crafting and with you, an expert will have a grand ol' time! And as always, never, never forget this. Make sure to stay true to your hue of blue and your glue. If you stick to this you will always keep your artistic view! Umberto Ungerer can really speak to this: "The only exercise some people get is jumping to conclusions, running down their friends, side-stepping their responsibilities, and pushing their luck!" -Umberto Ungerer Welcome to a happy crafting life and welcome to "Crafting Is Like You!"

Sewing School ®

CRAFT is the first project-based magazine dedicated to the renaissance that is occurring within the world of crafts. Celebrating the DIY spirit, CRAFT's goal is to unite, inspire, inform and entertain a growing community of highly imaginative people who are transforming traditional art and crafts with unconventional, unexpected and even renegade techniques, materials and tools; resourceful spirits who undertake amazing crafting projects in their homes and communities. Volume 01, the premier issue, features 23 projects with a twist! Make a programmable LED shirt, turn dud shoes into great knitted boots, felt an iPod cocoon, embroider a skateboard, and much more.

Sewing Tutorials: 7 More Ways Of Sewing For A Beginner - Includes Over 300 Sewing Resources + Interactive Sewing Guide

This book enables you to make gifts such as artist trading cards, cards, gift bags and tiny paper plants for friends - or simply for yourself!It includes: 11 projects that are explored in depth and accompanied by numerous variations; new and inventive ideas for using your craft punches will give your old punches a new lease of life; and over 200 photographs accompany the projects, making the clear step-by-step format accessible to all ages and skill levels.

Make It Mighty Ugly

In this craft compilation of craft opportunities and craft resources, I am going to show you how you can do much better than the average Etsy craft seller! The goal of Sewing Tutorials the second Volume of the "Top Ways Of Sewing For Beginners" series is to show you 7 more sewing ways that you could apply today as a beginner. This is the reason why I have started this new sewing series for beginners to ultimately bring out their passion for a craft like sewing and to help them develop a passion for sewing which is the ultimate goal in order to be able to run a profitable crafting business. I have added another exciting section called "Interactive Ways Of More Cool Sewing Nuggets" sections to learn even more cool stuff about sewing and to continue your learning path. Be aware that I will constantly be updating this book so that it will always reflect the top ways and resources of sewing that a beginner is looking for. Lastly, I hope that the guide will get you started the right way so that you are going to be hooked and passionate about sewing for life like so many others who have been able to start their own lucrative from passion to profit type businesses. Let's get started with these exciting sewing tutorials that include seven exciting ways of sewing for a beginner + 300+ Resources + Even More Cool Interactive Sewing Nuggets + A Cool Surprise Sewing Bonus

Engineering Materials Technology

Explore Oregon's varied and exciting food traditions. With delectable dishes that range from Hazelnut-Crusted Salmon with Balsamic Vinaigrette to Blackberry Bread Pudding and Flank Steak with Sorrel Salsa Verde to Rustic Pear Galette, Ashley Gartland covers the entire range of Oregonian cuisine. Profiles of local food producers are paired with stunning photography of Oregon's farms, inns, and vineyards, bringing the state's vibrant food and drink scene to life. Pass the locally sourced cranberry chutney!

Improper Cross-Stitch

This book shows in detail how to set up an e-business by introducing you to seven different ways to start one. It covers topics such as niche blogging, websites, sales, e-tail stores, merchandise, and products. It also relates techniques to improve brand awareness. All in straight-forward, no nonsense language that will benefit anyone needing a little inspiration to move their business forward.

Sewing Craft Books: Sewing Stitches & Sewing Techniques

Offering an abundance of information and inspiration, Homemade is a revelatory addition to the craft world—the ultimate

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reference book on crafting and also a warm, engagingly written book that combines history and personal narrative with the science that makes a craft possible and the passion that inspires it. Carol Endler Sterbenz is a crafter, a teacher, a homemaker, a wife, and a mother. Raised by immigrant parents who taught her the enduring value of resourcefulness and creativity, she makes her lifetime of experience and infinite enthusiasm the foundation for Homemade. Sterbenz provides readers with not only practical information and direction but also a philosophy and methodology of crafting that build confidence and ability, making it easy to achieve truly professional results. Teeming with clear, reliable, and thorough information on everything from tools and materials to techniques, Homemade is an essential guide to seven of the most beloved crafts: beading, the flower arts, paper crafting, hand printing, decoupage, decorative embellishing, and children's arts and crafts. Crafters—beginners and veterans alike—can turn to Homemade to learn which glues and finishes to use, how to form a perfect beaded loop, assemble a miniature robot, hollow out an egg, emboss paper, make a hand-tied bouquet, or transform a chandelier. Overflowing with hundreds of techniques; easy-to-follow step-by-step directions supported by more than eight hundred beautiful and precise hand-drawn illustrations, diagrams, and patterns; and countless insider secrets and troubleshooting tips, Homemade is an indispensable go-to reference no crafter should be without.

Social Media for Crafters

Did you know? According to an article in Inc. magazine, the average Etsy seller makes just \$785 a yearBasic Sewing Business For Beginners: How To Sew Basics, Learn How To SewCloting With Sewing Machines & Fun Projects For Money - Beginner's Crafts Guide Series, the author is going to show you how to get started and go beyond Etsy

Basic Sewing Business For Beginners

Play with paint, get creative with color, and discover your personal palette--a joyful, interactive workbook for creativity, self-expression, and deepening your understanding of how color works. Color is one of the most profound ways we have to express ourselves. In this lively workbook for artists, graphic designers, hobbyists, and creators of all types, you will journal your way through fresh and enriching ways to develop a more personal connection to color in your art and life. Using watercolors, gouache, or any other water-based medium, dive into color theory and explore your personal style while playing with a balanced blend of experiments and color meditations. Discover a personal color wheel while exploring tints and shades. Experiment with color mixing while you make as many of one color as you can - and then name them all (honeydew green, avocado green, mint ice cream). Through playful prompts and inspiring examples, and with lots of room for painting, this book will guide you to a new or expanded relationship with color and deepen your understanding of what color can do for you.

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Crafter's Passion

This is a 4 In 1 box set compilation of 4 books. This compilation includes Mary Kay Hunziger's 4 titles: Book 1: 7 More Ways Of Sewing For A Beginner Book 2: Sewing Tutorials Sewing Book With Sewing Patterns For Beginner Book 3: Craft Business: Sewing Books with 99+ Places To Sell For Profit Book 4: Crafting Is Like you! Mary Kay Hunziger is an expert in teaching adults and kids how to sew, how to knit, how to quilt and how to craft. Mary Kay has written a series of best-selling sewing, quilting, knitting and crafting books. This sewing compilation is the perfect introduction to sewing for beginners. You will get access to her 3 awesome sewing tutorials for beginners that include 400+ resources + even more sewing nuggets that are included in the interactive sewing guide that is included, too, plus her one craft poem a day book. These 400+ resources include places to research and sell your DIY sewing items beyond Etsy, Dawanda, Pinterest. These are sewing places that you probably never even heard before, but you definitely want to make use of these resources because that is how the sewing and crafting elite is doing it. If you want to become financially independent with selling your own creations and crafts make sure to take a look at the resoruces part because this is how you are able to secretly profit from what you love doing, too! This is how the sewing and crafting elite is doing it and inside you will find these secret resources so that you can benefit from this knowledge, too! Based on the techniques and instructions that you will find in this sewing compilation, you can guickly, easily and effortlessly learn to sew on a basic level. You will learn basic sewing stitches, patterns and techniques in order to be able to create your very first successful sewing project on your own and without visiting an expensive sewing training course that is way too expensive and that takes too much time out of your day. If you are a busy person and want to learn

A Field Guide to Color

The Art and Craft of Wood shows you how to mill, stack, dry, and flatten a log into useable lumber and build a variety of household furnishings. Trees are all around us. They provide shade, beautify our neighborhoods, filter our water, and clean our air, but when they die, we often don't know what to do with them. Now you can learn the skills to reclaim those trees as lumber. Perfect for the woodworking hobbyist, The Art and Craft of Wood introduces readers to the basics of wood craft. The Art and Craft of Wood will inspire you to make something of your own through simple, step-by-step photos. As a reader, you will learn valuable skills, including: Where to find wood that you can reclaim for your own use How to mill, stack, dry, and flatten your log into useable lumber Create a variety of useful household furnishings in 7 step-by-step projects ranging in difficulty from novice to more complicated What to do with leftover material, such as making firestarters and animal

bedding Authors Silas Kyler and David Hildreth are also the filmmakers behind the documentary Felled, a film about giving new life to urban trees; they have lived the process of refining wood. The Art and Craft of Wood is their guide to you!

Making a Life

Craft, Inc. is the hipster business primer for entrepreneurial crafters to turn what they do for fun into what they do for money. Pro crafter Meg Mateo Ilasco offers a step-by-step guide to everything from developing products and naming the company to writing a business plan, applying for licenses, and paying taxes. Chapters on sales, marketing, trade shows, and publicity round out the mix. Plus, in-depth interviews with such craft luminaries as Jonathan Adler, Lotta Jansdotter, Denyse Schmidt, and Jill Bliss provide inspiration and practical advice. Accessible, informative, and more than a little spunky, Craft, Inc. paves the way for today's creative minds to become tomorrow's trendsetters.

The Repurposed Library

Craft: Volume 01

A collection of fantasy tales by such masters of the genre as Christopher Stasheff, Katherine Kurtz, Esther Friesner, and Ru Emerson

The Art and Craft of Wood

As a ten year old orphan, all Wick ever wanted was money, power, and well, what else was there? Enough is never enough. His father's death left him only with a glass amulet, his trusty spade, and two level one skills. Six months in the backwater city of Outlast, Wick has finally decided to make his move for a brighter future. It may cost him the beating of his life, but he lives by the Sprawler's Code: The strong live long, but the bold get the gold. Follow Wick on the beginning of his new life as he explores new powers and manipulate anyone foolish enough to get in his way.

Craft a Life You Love

An all-encompassing guide to starting and running a successful craft business provides authoritative coverage of everything from developing successful product lines and preparing taxes to forming LLCs.

Bold & Beautiful Paper Flowers

Paper Punching

Contemporary craft, art and design are inseparable from the flows of production and consumption under global capitalism. The New Politics of the Handmade features twenty-three voices who critically rethink the handmade in this dramatically shifting economy. The authors examine craft within the conditions of extreme material and economic disparity; a renewed focus on labour and materiality in contemporary art and museums; the political dimensions of craftivism, neoliberalism, and state power; efforts toward urban renewal and sustainability; the use of digital technologies; and craft's connections to race, cultural identity and sovereignty in texts that criss-cross five continents. They claim contemporary craft as a dynamic critical position for understanding the most immediate political and aesthetic issues of our time.

Marketing and Selling Your Handmade Jewelry

Fans of DIY projects and crafts will conquer their fear of failure and create their own masterpieces using this fun and inspiring handbook. Get Crafty. Make Great Stuff. Be Creative! The number one fear of all creative types—crafters, DIYers, makers, artists—is that failure lurks right around the corner. Crafty blogger and creativity guru Kim Piper Werker urges everyone to pick up their pen or paintbrush or scissors and make something mighty ugly: get that "failure" out of the way. This friendly book offers up a multi-pronged approach to overcoming creative fears through inspiring essays and anecdotes, interviews, exercises and prompts, and sage advice from all over the creative spectrum to help individuals slay their creative demons.

Travel Guide to South African Craft Sites

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 while allowing you to give them your own personal twist. This selection of 20 projects includes spruced-up coat hangers, 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.

The Crafters

In Craft a Life You Love, readers will learn how to focus their creative energy and make things (and make things happen) by implementing small—yet powerful— changes in their everyday lives. In this memoir and hardworking handbook, creativity and craft maven Amy Tangerine, shows readers how to find their flow, maintain a positive mindset, and cultivate a rich and fulfilling life by focusing on what truly matters. Chapters explore how to craft the soul, craft the right mindset, craft the right environment, craft good habits, rediscover your creative mojo, and maintain momentum, with each section offering exercises for taking your creative practice to the next level. For anyone who has felt disconnected from their creativity or has had trouble saving a space for their passions, Craft a Life You Love will teach you how to make time for creativity each and every day.

Handmade to Sell

Stan can't afford to have his brain removed. The richest and luckiest players of the video game "Thousand Tales" get their minds uploaded to its virtual paradise world, while Stan can barely buy a handheld console. Instead of sulking he plays, and grows, becoming a skilled craftsman and seafaring explorer. The game's ruling AI, Ludo, helps him find the hope and inspiration missing from his real life. When the AI starts asking for favors and having him reach out between the real and digital worlds, Stan has a chance to turn his life into an actual adventure. But first he needs to earn the most valuable prize of all: his freedom. "Crafter's Passion" is part of the emerging "LitRPG" or "GameLit" genre, combining science fiction with the world of gaming.----On Island East-2 stood Stan, in the dungeon, with the rickety raft. He dragged it out to the beach, scavenged more wood and some interesting shells, and paddled his way back west. The raft disintegrated just as he got within sight of East-1. He held onto a chunk of wood to help him float but couldn't carry the rest in his pack. All he could do was start swimming! A scary fish swerved into his path but he managed to detour until it lost interest. Finally he sprawled onto the beach with a bunch of stat penalties for being wet and tired. Belatedly he realized, "I probably ruined everything in my backpack." A note said, [Nearly everything you're carrying is safe, like coins and a sealed bottle, but that can be a problem with other items. There are several ways to get waterproofing.] That sounded reasonable. He'd assumed that jumping into the water with a load of items was harmless, but that was his own fault. "Fine."He headed west to Central Island across the bridge. So far he just had that crude backpack full of loot, and he couldn't carry much more without a better pack. He looked over the junky resources he'd scavenged, then the items he'd looted off his party members' bodies. None of the equipment was listed as magical, and the item descriptions were starting to give him more serious labels like [Crude Wooden Bow] for Alaya's weapon. Even he could probably make something better with a little practice. He could make something better! That could be fun. Besides, he'd swiped this gear from people he'd agreed to help, so maybe he could replace or upgrade the stuff by way of apology. Stan headed over to the Crown & Tail's workbench to give it a try.

Along the way he jumped around for the fun of bounding up the sunny shore. He tapped the bench of tools and tried to fix up some items, but it buzzed at him. [Equipment repairs require access to improved crafting stations.] The bartender directed him to the "maker workshop" a ways inland from the beach. It looked like an old fort, a squat wooden cabin surrounded by a spiky wall of logs. Why not a giant golden palace? Probably it had been built by the players using the game's own physics. That was pretty neat. He walked right in through the open gate. Inside was a craftsman's playground. Saws, drills and other tools covered some of the tables. A whole corner was devoted to colorful glassware and bubbling fluids. A green-robed figure was busy at that alchemy station, pouring beakers one into another and making puffs of steam. The only other person here was a smith in a leather apron and goggles, making a pleasant rhythmic ringing of metal. Behind him loomed a forge where slabs of metal were glowing cherry-red. Stan looked around and asked, "Is this stuff open to the community?" The alchemist turned around. He had deep violet scales like a dragon on his nearly human face, and waved with hands that were clawed and scaled like gloves that stopped near his wrists. "Yeah, but it's expected that you pay five copper a day." A sign on the wall called that a suggested donation. Stan grumbled. "I've just started to get money." But he could pay, and he'd gotten the money by fair play

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We all love to read and learn from books, but The Repurposed Library takes our passion even further, presenting us with 33 projects to make--quite literally--out of books. For these projects, Lisa Occhipinti rescues and repurposes orphaned and outdated books from flea markets and library sales and turns them into new art objects and practical items for the home. Her creations range from artfully constructed mobiles, wreaths, and vases, to functional items like shelves, storage boxes, and even a Kindle "keeper" for those who want to replicate the sensation of holding a "real" book while reading from an ereader. Projects utilize every imaginable part of a book--from hardback cover to individual pages--and are a DIY celebration of a new way to view a book's potential. Praise for The Repurposed Library: "In an age when the bound book is an endangered species, [Occhipinti's] artwork is nicely topical. She now has a book of her own, The Repurposed Library, out this week from Stewart, Tabori & Chang. In it, she offers readers a how-to guide to making household objects from, well, books, like a mirror, a lamp and a fire screen, as well as the winsome mobile shown on the cover." - The New York Times "Book hoarders rejoice: all those random children's books, encyclopedias, and unread paperbacks are about to find their purpose . . . Furnished with cheery photographs and numerous hand-drawn diagrams, this endearing book will appeal to veteran crafters and literati alike." -BUST magazine "The book is really well-made, fittingly. The photography by Thayer Allyson Gowdy is wonderful and really shows off the projects—and everything in the background is as tastefully arranged as a Crate & Barrel catalog. . . . if you love books as objects, The Repurposed Library is a fun collection of project ideas." —Wired.com "We love how everyday objects like a colorful collection of vintage books can double as décor. . . . Th[e] cute wall-hung book ledge is easy to make and provides a perfect perch for treasured keepsakes. —Natural Home & Garden

Canadian Business

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