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Rag Rugs, Pillows, And More: Over 30 Ways To Upcycle Fabric For The Home



Synopsis

In this stunning new book, young crafter Elspeth Jackson reinvents the old (and somewhat forgotten) technique of rag rugging to create contemporary and sustainable homeware items from leftover fabrics. You'll be amazed at how simple and enjoyable it is to upcycle old and well-loved garments into beautiful rugs, pillows, artworks, bags, and other gifts, using just a few basic tools and some simple techniques. The book is arranged into three chapters: Home includes a selection of projects for fun and easy rugs in a range of colors and styles, as well as a shaggy pillow, draft excluder, wall hanging, and chalkboard frame. Gifts has wonderful ideas for unique items that you can make for friends and family, from a clutch bag to flower hair clips and even a brooch. Finally, Seasonal will inspire you to turn your strips of fabric into decorations and gifts to use at certain times of the year, from a rag-rugged heart for Valentine's Day, to an unusual spring wreath, and some gorgeous Christmas baubles. With lavish color photographs and clear, step-by-step instructions and artworks, crafters of all ages will enjoy making these projects. A comprehensive section at the start of the book covers everything you need to know about which fabrics to choose, what tools you will need, and what the essential techniques are, allowing you to discover how to update this traditional craft with endless possibilities of color and fabric combinations.

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Customer Reviews

Elspeth Jackson has been a lover of crafts all her life but knew she'd stumbled upon something truly special when her mother taught her how to rag rug at the age of 14. In 2014, Elspeth left her job in marketing and founded her company Ragged Life (www.ragged-life.com) to

sell rag rug homeware, fashion, and art full time. She now sells rag rug kits, takes rag rug commissions, and runs rag rug workshops across the UK. She prides herself on making rag rug accessible to everyone and bringing this age-old British craft into the twenty-first century with manageable, contemporary designs. She has established herself as one of the leading rag ruggers in the UK and is now regularly featured in craft and lifestyle magazines at home and abroad.

Good for beginners

This is great book for anyone who wants to make their own rugs. It's very easy to understand the step by step instructions and pictures. Don't hesitate to buy this book you won't be sorry.

When I ordered this I expected something different. I wasn't wanting to use the bags of strips I have on a mesh base.

This book shows how to do both loopy rag rugs and shaggy. Some of the projects use both types. The accessories are some of my favorite projects. One features a basket that the edge is trimmed with rag rug and loopy rag flowers. There are some fun decorations that would make holidays and special occasions so festive.

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