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Home Sewn: Projects And Inspiration For Every Room



Synopsis

Transform your home with fabric as your foundation. This beautiful craft book features distinctive sewing projects dedicated to living, resting, eating, and sharing. Use quality materials—from rustic linen to leather—to create simple ottomans, pendant light shades, a voile bed skirt, and more. With dreamy lifestyle photography and ideas for every room, Home Sewn is a keepsake for the modern maker.

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Some of the major problems I had with this book: Two of the projects in the book are just pictures of the writer having used purchasable kits with her own fabric. There is a make your own lampshade, and make your own headboard. I don't think using a premade kit and writing the instructions count as making your own project... One project is a linen ottoman. This on its own this could be a great project. Except when you get to the important part of the stuffing. She gives minimal direction on this. "Stuffing of your choice"... "Up to you really"... I made a floor cushion a year or so ago. The sewing part, although complicated, was the easiest part. Finding a good stuffing, tips on getting it into the cushion, tips on not getting said stuffing all over your house... Any of those would be a really useful addition to this project. At least two projects in this book don't fall on the right side of the handmade vs homemade. When I make something by hand I want to take the time to do it right. If I am going to spend hours making something and probably spending at least twice what it would cost to buy the same thing. What I make should look good. One project the "embroidered lambskin and

silk throw pillows" looks terrible. The final project pictured is wrinkled and the embroidery is a small circle in the middle filled in with random stitches and x's. Maybe if it was a child making it this could be appreciated. Another project "decorative silk upholstery panels" looks like she tacked on fabric to the back of a chair. Reading the instructions for this project, says that is exactly what she did. "You probably don't need instructions - the images say almost all you need"... She actually says that.

• Fabric is definitely in our nests to fulfill function, but I also encourage you to use it to make something beautiful • for beauty's sake alone, • Cassandra Ellis writes in her book, *Home Sewn: Projects and Inspiration for Every Room*. ~ What ~ This one-hundred-sixty-page paperback targets those who are looking for sewing projects for home applications. After an introduction, thirty-two creations cover the topic, ending with material listings, recommended resources, index, acknowledgments, and the author's biography. Divided into three sections, the book is about projects using fabrics, usually natural fibers in light colors or patterns. The first section covers ideas for casual living spaces such as lampshades, ottomans, pillows, throws, panels, bookends, curtain tie backs, and log carriers. The next part concentrates on the bedroom with quilts, pillowcases, headboards, bed skirts, curtains, and duvets while the final section focuses on eating and sharing with examples of chandeliers, tea towels, table cloths, storage containers, napkins, coasters, chair covers, and bulletin boards to name a few. Each product includes the author's personal connection to the item in its description, followed by chart or several photographs along with a list of materials needed and numbered instructions in paragraph format. ~ Why ~ Since I am an artist, I am always open to new creative ideas, sometimes involving fabrics and sewing. I like that this is an eclectic compilation of various concepts for decorating with cottons, linens, silks, organza, velvets, or leather. My favorite were the gilded silk organza butterflies and the cotton, silk, and leather chandelier.

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