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It is a small world, after all!

Here are step-by-step instructions for making tiny teddy bears, little ladybugs, petite porcupines, itsy-bitsy bikinis, and much, much more! *Microcrafts* shows crafters how to create dozens of miniature treasures, each no larger than a spool of thread. No previous crafting experience or pricey materials are necessary—just a love of all things small!

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Traci Lee says

This book has directions to create some of the cutest miniatures. It is not limited to just decorations for your dollhouse, but includes decorations for your next cake, ideas for jewelry, and more. The pictures are wonderful, and the writing has a wonderful humor. I highly recommend!

Rebecca says

This book makes me talk in a squeaky voice and remember my obsession with small things as a kid (doll houses, doll clothes, tiny books, etc). Teddy bears in matchbox beds? I'm all over that. Props to the authors for large pictures, very nice design, and a lot of great synonyms for "small."

To remember:

- p. 33 - Flower Pocket Pendants (pocket as opposed to locket)
- p. 42 - itty bitty houseplants (this might be the cutest thing ever -- teen program idea?)
- p. 56 - Paper Balloons (white floral wire as "string" holds them up)
- p. 61 -- OMG, remember quilling?!?
- p. 73 - temporary tattoo paper from decalpaper.com (another teen program idea)

Rebecca says

It is very rare for me to love every project in a book, but this one did. I added this to my amazon wish list. This craftyness is full of fun stuff and I wanted to try it all out. Well worth your time if you want to expand your artistic capabilities.

jessica says

oh my god, y'all. just the photos alone make this book awesome, but then there are templates and instructions for making them!

i really like this introduction:

"hello! if you're reading this book, chances are you already have a minor obsession with adorably tiny trinkets and treasures. But microcrafting isn't just about a love of all things small. it's really all about putting odds and ends to good use."

who doesn't have tons of odds and ends to use up?

Angela Holtz says

From Lilac Wolf and Stuff

I'm still enthralled by all the tiny crafts in this book. There are pictures, traceable patterns and step-by-step instructions to walk you through whichever craft you'd like to attempt. There weren't too many that were my style, but I saw many that I want to try or that I think friends would make.

There are candy charms made with clay, tiny felted cats and dogs, boats, microtaxidermy (little deer heads, bears, birds, etc), fabric buttons, tiny flower pots with a tiny plant, greeting cards and even books. I could go on and on, but you get the idea. Things we all love making, with a tiny makeover.

I want to try making the cats and dogs and teddy bears...in fact I think that would be a great Christmas gift for the kids in husbands family. If I can find the tiny pots, I think the little plants would be cute for adults.

The tiny cat next to the spool of thread on the cover really gives you a clear idea on what this book is all about. It's ironic that its a fairly large hardcover book. Not thick but tall.

Each project has a small tag on the page sized picture with the actual size and who designed it. Considering that this is a "compiled by", it is interesting to see who is involved in each craft.

So the question is, do you like exploring your crafting skills? This book will challenge even the most talented crafter - and it's a fantastic way to use up all your odds and ends!

Tamara says

You will be sure to talk in a high squeaky voice about this book.

These would make fun projects for spontaneous and anonymous gift giving.

Favorites

Mini books (p7)

Mini temp tattoos (of course I want the black silhouette kitty, p73)

Speech bubble toothpicks for parties (p65)

The One I Have Any Inkling of Actually Making

Flower pocket pendants (p33)

Carol Harlow says

If you like to create little things, this is the book for you. If you're not sure you want to create little things, then just pick up this book and take a look! This book has so many great little projects! There are sweet little Monster Babies and Accessories, Hansel and Gretel Cards with matching Envelopes and even little Books you can make! So, if you like to create little treasures, this is the book to help you create!

Melissa Lee-Tammeus says

I loved the idea of this book. I think this would be a fabulous edition for anyone who makes dollhouse crafts of loves intricate details. There is a terrific craft for mini books. But it was a bit too involved for my taste. And honestly, the biggest thing to make was about the size of my thumbnail. I don't think I have the patience to make something that I can only see with a magnifying glass when I'm done. But those who do? Rock on!

Genevieve says

Apparently I'm not as into tiny things as I thought. I had no real desire to make anything from this book, except the owl, which is what brought me to it in the first place. Still 4 stars for nice photos and general hipster cuteness.

Brianne says

The crafts in here are so cute! And most of them look pretty easy, so I'm excited to try them out. Recommend this!

Westerville says

"You will be sure to talk in a high squeaky voice about this book. These would make fun projects for spontaneous and anonymous gift giving." - Tamara, Web Content Librarian

Reserve a library copy!

Laura says

such tiny little projects, made you laugh and smile. not practical but made me joyful just looking at them.

Julie Waldman says

What a fun little book! I'll probably never do any of these things, but when I saw it at the library I couldn't pass it up, teeny tiny books, stuffed animals, party hats and more, with great illustrations.

Shala Kerrigan says

Microcrafts: Tiny Treasures to Make and Share is a compilation of tiny handmade crafts that can be used as jewelry, gifts and little decorations and whimsy on shelves.

I'm absolutely charmed by tiny things and as you all know, I love crafts, all sorts of crafts. So this collection was a winner from the start with it's cover of a tiny stitched cat next to a spool of thread.

Tiny projects that are stitched, cut, felted, knotted, knit, crocheted, sculpted and in the best crafting tradition, make use of even the tiniest scraps.

One of my favorite things about this book is that the diminutive crafts aren't used in dollhouses, they are wearable, or perfect for gift giving, or an unexpected artsy craftsy touch.

There are a lot of little stuffed animals and monsters in this book. A little patchwork dog, those sweet tiny kitties from the cover, baby monsters and little owls. There is also miniature book binding to make a pendant, a little walnut shell boat and my personal favorite, the tiny plants in little thread macrame hangers.

For the paper artists out there, you aren't left out. A miniature bunting, some wonderful decorations and the most wonderful little fairy tale paper pieced cards you've ever seen.

Okay, the little plants aren't my only favorite. I also love the miniature polyclay taxidermy in it's stylish white and brown, tiny teddy bears with their little blankets and matchbox bed and the felt flower pocket necklace.

Crafts for many levels of crafter made tiny. These aren't pieces that will take forever to put together, and they are so whimsical and charming. They would make wonderful gifts, and it's a book that you could share with a young person who is interested in miniatures. They would be wonderful in a room box or to make a very special shadow box.

At the end of the book is a techniques section which also includes tips for making jewelry, displaying and ways to use these miniature crafts. It also has well diagrammed tips for miniature sewing.

Being so close to Christmas right now, I'm thinking of starting now so next year I can have a pile of handmade tiny gifts all wrapped under a miniature tree to give out to friends. As a beader, I can see uses for a lot of these miniatures in beaded pieces as well.

[I received a complimentary copy of the book to review on my craft blog- Don't Eat the Paste. My reviews are always my honest opinion]

Katey says

What I liked most was the varied ideas in this book, from a variety of crafters. (But everything is incredibly cute and tiny!) Sure, there were some that didn't appeal to me at all, but the others made up for it plenty. Definitely a book I'll have to come back to.

