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When you're young, broke, and in search of a life of adventure, *Making Stuff and Doing Things* is the most useful book on the planet. It's an indispensable handbook full of basic life skills for the young punk or activist, or for anyone who's trying to get by, get stuff done, and live life to the fullest without a lot of money. The book started in the 90s as a series of zines, with dozens of contributors setting down the most important skills they knew in concise, often hand-written pages. If you want to do it yourself or do it together, this book has it all, from making your own toothpaste to making your own art and media, feeding, clothing, cleaning, and entertaining yourself, surviving on little, thriving on less, and staying healthy for all your life's adventures. You'll never be bored again.

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Cameron says

This book was inspiring and fun to read and had many useful tips and ideas. The only drawback for me was how difficult many of the zones were to read. I definitely got a headache trying to piece together some of the information, and I feel like this could have easily been solved to make it more accessible without compromising the authenticity of the zine collection project. Overall though, I found this book really useful.

Johanna says

This new edition is slicker but the print feels smaller. Maybe I'm just getting old. Still full of useful, fun, and inspiring info on how to do just about anything. A fine compendium for taking care of business.

Me says

In exchange for an honest review, I received this book free of charge through GoodReads. This is a collection of zines with thousands of contributors offering tips, instructions, and advice on whatever skill they knew well. Since many of these entries were submitted in hand-writing, they are reproduced that way in the book. It makes it very difficult to read and the font can be extremely small in the photocopied instructions. The emphasis is on thriving on little and the topics are diverse, covering how to make your own toothpaste, how to make beer, how to fix a harmonica, how to make a bikini out of bandanas, how to make a wallet out of tape, and the strangest IMO, how to pee standing up if you're a female. Basically, there are some good tips in this book, but there are so many that are strange such as "how to unstink your socks" after wearing them more than 3 days. It seems like without this book, you could still just look up this "advice" on the internet and be just the wiser.

Rani says

Won in a goodreads giveaway. This was not a very good book. The formatting wasn't particularly good. I think it was done to look clever, but the print is so small or made to look like messy handwriting that it is nearly impossible to read certain sections. Some of the articles are fairly vague about the projects they entail as well. Overall, this was a big disappointment.
