

The Crafty Minx

Creative Recycling and Handmade Treasures

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DESCRIPTION

The Crafty Minx is about making gorgeous things from pre-loved, remnant and vintage items. It is written especially for non-crafters who are desperate to be more creative but don't know how, and shares the delicious rewards of living with and giving away beautiful handmade objects.

Kelly Doust shares her practical tips to help make your own delectable crafts from discarded materials, and a positive impact on the environment in the process. Including over 75 projects which give traditional crafts a modern makeover – from brightly patterned summer beach bags and cotton apron tops to cosy lambs' wool throws and cashmere-covered hot water bottles, or a soft toy for a friend's new baby – this book is broken down into the four seasons of the year for easy inspiration, and to carry you through the year creatively. Bringing you stories about great vintage finds and new ways of looking at the treasures within our own homes, thrift stores and local flea markets, it reflects the huge cultural shift taking place right now towards recycling and buying locally.

No matter where you live or what your circumstances, discover just how easy it is to be a crafty minx.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- Beautifully presented and filled with photographs, diagrams, instructions and tips to support the projects.
- Features practical and innovative ways to get creative with recycled fabrics, paper and hand stitching.
- Written in a lively manner that will enthrall and inspire.

AUTHOR PROFILE

Kelly Doust has been making and reinventing things in her own trial-and-error way since she was a girl, and scouring flea markets and charity shops for recycled fashion and homewares from her early teens. For the better part of a decade, she worked in book publishing and public relations in Sydney, Hong Kong and London, and as a freelance writer on the side. She was a regular contributor to *Vogue* magazine, with her essays and articles appearing in *Dazed & Confused*, *The South China Morning Post's* Lifestyle section and various other magazines and newspapers in Australia, Hong Kong and the UK. Her short stories and poetry have also been published in a number of collections.



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