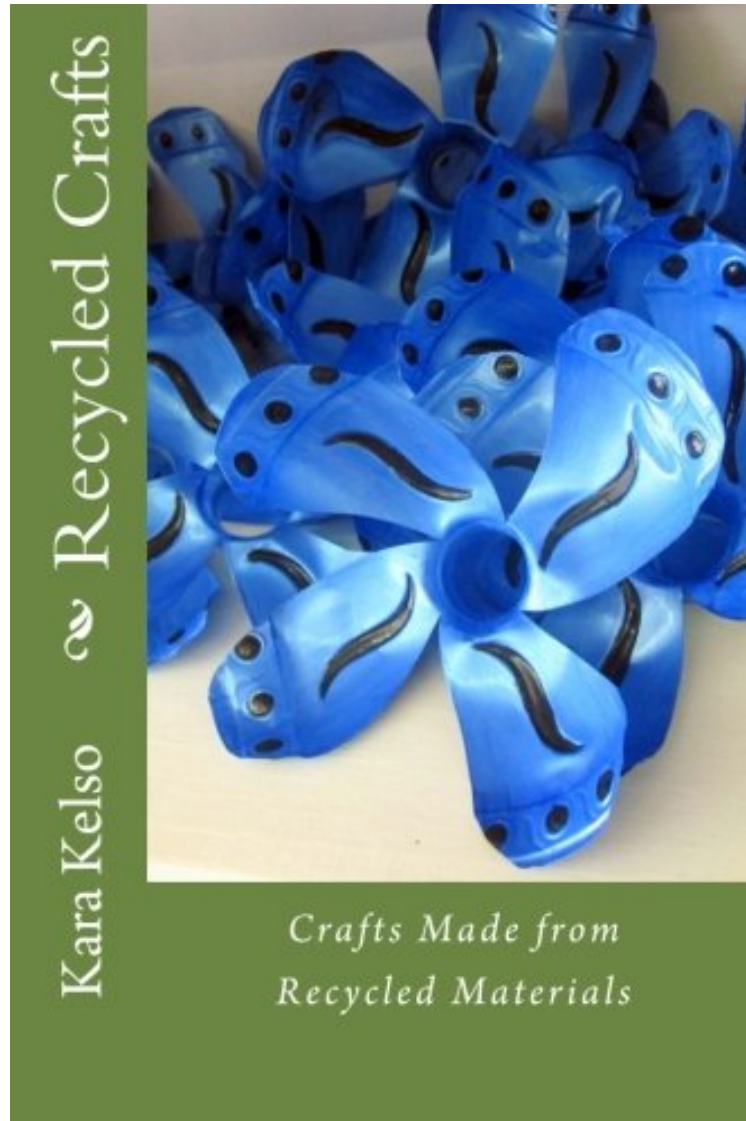


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Kara Kelso : Recycled Crafts: Crafts Made from Recycled Materials before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Recycled Crafts: Crafts Made from Recycled Materials:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great ideas but needs some formatting work By Traci Otte I like that this book has a range of ideas and techniques. There is sewing, painting, decoupage, and more. Each technique is described in good detail so even a novice should get great results. There are a number of materials used (water bottles, CDs, T-shirts, jeans, boxes...) with cute, imaginative ways to dress them up for functional items. The full-color pictures are wonderful, and I like that multiple examples of some projects are shown. I also like that the author's cat,

Stella, is in a few pictures. The poor cat thought she was going to get a dolled-up box that was destined for another purpose. I hope the author and her daughter dressed up a box for Stella, too. Unfortunately I did find some formatting problems: The table of contents is not functional. If I want to go back to a specific project, I either need to scroll through the book to find it or set bookmarks for each of the projects ahead of time. In some places, the picture and the description are on different pages. Once I thought the description was for the picture right above it (on the same page), but it was really for the one on the next page. I'm not sure if there's anything that can be done to fix that, though. Maybe a page break? In the T-shirt pillow section, there are a number of white squares that appear with the black or sepia background. I have sepia turned on because I do a lot of reading when I can't sleep (like tonight), and it's less jarring in the dark. I checked them with the white background, and they aren't visible. I don't know if those are missing pictures or something else. Later in the book, starting in the "Computer Art" section (specifically line above "Window Art" and down until a few lines after "Step 1"), it appears that lines are highlighted. It occurs in "Keyboard Necklaces", too (the whole section), and just the heading for "Word Magnets". Again, I wouldn't have noticed it if I was using the white background (I checked). It doesn't distract from the instructions, but I found it a bit odd. All in all, I recommend this book. Hopefully the author can get the table of contents working to make the book easier to flip around in, but don't let that detract you from getting this book and trying out these projects! The next time my husband is ready to toss a pair of jeans, I'm going to make catnip mice for our cats, and I'll keep in mind the other projects as we have the available items!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars
By Elwin Miles
Great book
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great for crafts with kids
By Dana Corby
I didn't realize when I bought this little book that all the projects were at children's level. Not having kids, I didn't get much use out of it. But if this had been a paperback, I know the perfect family I could have passed it on to. It would also be a great resource for a early grade school teacher, Brownie leader, or Sunday school teacher. Just not for me.

Tackling projects with the "reuse, reduce, recycle" motto in mind, this book features basic step-by-step instruction using common recyclable items as the "canvas" for simple craft projects. 16 core ideas and instructions serve as the platform for hundreds of crafts and activities. Projects are family friendly, encouraging creativity and individuality in a group setting. Great book for families crafting looking for earth-friendly crafting projects on a budget!