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34 of 36 people found the following review helpful. I should have looked more closely at the coverBy E. KarasikThis book sounded like a great idea so I bought it for my niece, who is very creative and likes to sew. But paging through it, I am disappointed with the projects. They are simply not things a chic 20-something woman would want to wear or own. As the cover (which I didn't inspect online) illustrates, most of the skirts and dresses LOOK like they are made out of curtains or tablecloths. The clothing styles overall are boxy and dowdy. One of the handbags is OK, but overall I am afraid there is little in here, other than the basic concept of reusing thrift store materials, that my niece will find of interest.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. fun and practical!By lwildWhat a great idea for a book!Saw this book featured on one of my favorite websites and decided I needed to check it out. Author Jenny Wilding Cardon has a amazing way of clearly explaining what she does to "re sew" her projects, but also gives the reader enough leeway to personalize whatever great find they have found at a thrift store.The illustrations were wonderful and very

helpful, and I really like the friendly conversational tone the directions have. Makes it that much easier to enjoy sewing your creation! My faves are the sheet skirt and the two tee tank top--both very cute and very wearable! Beautiful pictures of the projects too. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Book for our Times By Sophia Jewell Campbell This book is really one for our times. It encourages one to shop at thrift stores and re-sew clothing items into fun, hip outfits and even children toys and things for the home. Jenny's instructions are clear and concise. The pictures are easy to follow and all of it allows for one's own creativity in creating a "one of a kind". Jenny does a really good job of giving extra tips, such as ways to make each item your very own; deviating a little from her idea. I highly recommend the book to those who love to sew, want to go "green", and who want to save money!

Yearning for a unique look--yet shopping on a shoestring? Learn fashion designer Jenny Wilding Cardon's secrets for finding the creative possibilities in cast-offs! With a snip here and a tuck there, you can turn common thrift-store items--such as sweaters, curtains, and jeans--into sassy, stylish originals. Turn secondhand basics into first-rate fashions with over 20 beginner-friendly projects. Make chic tops, skirts, dresses, purses, scarves, bags, and hats--plus a rug, simple quilt, and more. View before and after pictures that illustrate the potential of your thrift-store finds

Author Jenny Wilding Cardon has pooled all her thrifting and re-fashioning knowledge into one fabulous book! Her introduction gives you a glimpse into her fun personality, and why she likes to "renew." Jenny shares her personal methods for thrift shopping, like keeping a running list and an open mind while shopping. The best part about re-sewing is that when you re-sew, your creation is always one-of-a-kind, and perfectly suited for you! Jenny also has "Design Diversions" for each project to encourage your personal creativity. Jenny's projects are simple yet detailed, and the instructions are flawless. A new sewist will be equally excited by these projects, as someone more experienced as well. Each of the projects has a list of Jenny's fiber facts, the number of pieces needed, and what you should look for while shopping, including fiber content and recommended sizes. Also included are many "ReTip" sections within the patterns to teach you sewing basics, such as making casings, inserting elastic, making your piece a custom fit, sewing with wool, and dealing with imperfect pieces--really, too many to list! Jenny has taken refashioning to a whole new level. She has over 20 projects including shirts, skirts, dresses, bags, a scarf and hat set, a quilt, rug and even a child's toy. There is something for everyone in this book, and it will definitely get you thinking creatively about your wardrobe. I really love how useful this book is--I need to look through my own closet for items to re-sew! This is also a great book for many of you that already quilt, and would love to learn to sew garments. --Amy Ellis, Amy's Creative Side Are you a pattern kind of stitcher or more the make-it-up-and-see-what-happens type? I am rather a maverick when it comes to sewing and more often than not I make it up as I go along. Patterns are not really my thing, and as a result I tend to end up with a few projects that arguably would have been better off as great ideas that never got off the ground! It's all part of the fun of creating. And given that most of the fabric I use for making clothes is found in an op-shop (thrift store), the mishaps are never worth a fortune. My favorite item I ever made was a ball gown from bronze colored 1970's shot silk curtains that cost me \$30! So, it was with great delight that I came across ReSew. While there are many patterns in this book, my favorite thing about the approach of author Jenny Wilding Cardon is her encouraging nature. Statements such as "design diversions are welcome here" and "use the designs on the page as a starting point, then jump" hooked me right in. There's the story of how Jenny began thrifting to hints on shopping second-hand. The patterns are easy to read and use and are well illustrated with tips (or "ReTips") for techniques that the reader may not be familiar with. But here's my favorite part, the bit that really got me excited: The designs are as simple or as complex as you dare make them and each project comes with a list of suggestions for "design diversions"--ideas, amendments and thoughts for adding a personal touch to your project. I made the "Happy Hat, Mitten, and Scarf Set" for each of my daughters and completed them in a little under an hour and a half. I do have to confess that I did the detailing with fancy machine stitching rather than hand-sewing but to have two complete winter sets in such a short time frame and for only a \$3 sweater each, I am super impressed. Next on my list is the cuffed skirt using men's suiting . . . or perhaps the knit-knot T-shirt . . . I have so many sticky notes on these pages I'm not sure where I'll start. Perhaps I'll wait and see what the op-shop gods deliver! --Whipup.net --Whipup.net Scarlett O'Hara was on to something--curtains can be quite fashionable! So, too can sweaters, jeans, and other cast-off clothes you find at your local thrift shop as you cut up the fabric and give these items a real makeover, the soft version of transformers, as you'll discover in ReSew: Turn Thrift-Store Finds into Fabulous Designs. Fashion designer Jenny Wilding Cardon (The Little Box of Baby Quilts), Kaysville, Utah, has seen her styles on the covers of McCall's Quilting and Quilts and More. Here she offers 20 projects for beginners, among them tops, bottoms, dresses, accessories, a quilt, a rug, and a cushion. Illustrations by the author with photos by Brent Kane. Today's Books editor Lex Ticonderoga puts ReSew on the "A-List!" --Lex Ticonderoga, Today's Books Scarlett O'Hara was on to something--curtains can be quite fashionable! 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From the Inside Flap Learn to find creative possibilities in cast offs! Turn common thrift-store items into chic tops, skirts, dresses, purses, scarves, bags, and hats--plus a braided rug, simple quilt, and more.

About the Author Jenny Wilding Cardon has been designing since high school. Back then, she would create eccentric, rebellious items of clothing, and then make her friends wear them to school. After graduating from the University of Utah with a degree in Women's Studies, Jenny spent three years with her husband in Seattle. A hot spot of American quilting, Seattle introduced her to the vibrant, varied art, along with the many coworkers she befriended while working as a copywriter for Martingale Company. Jenny's passion for quilting inspired her to publish a book of baby-quilt designs (*The Little Box of Baby Quilts*, 2007). Her quilts have also appeared in *McCall's Quilting* and on the covers of *American Patchwork Quilting's Quilts and More* and *Quilter's Newsletter's Quilt It for Kids*. Jenny now lives in a quiet, quite sleepy bedroom community north of Salt Lake City, Utah, with her husband of ten years, Brett, her two sons--Jack, 7, and Charlie, 3--and Niko Bear, a big silver and black cat. Along with sewing of all sorts, Jenny's current interests include eating store-bought birthday cakes, listening to classic rock and current soul, writing, and knitting.