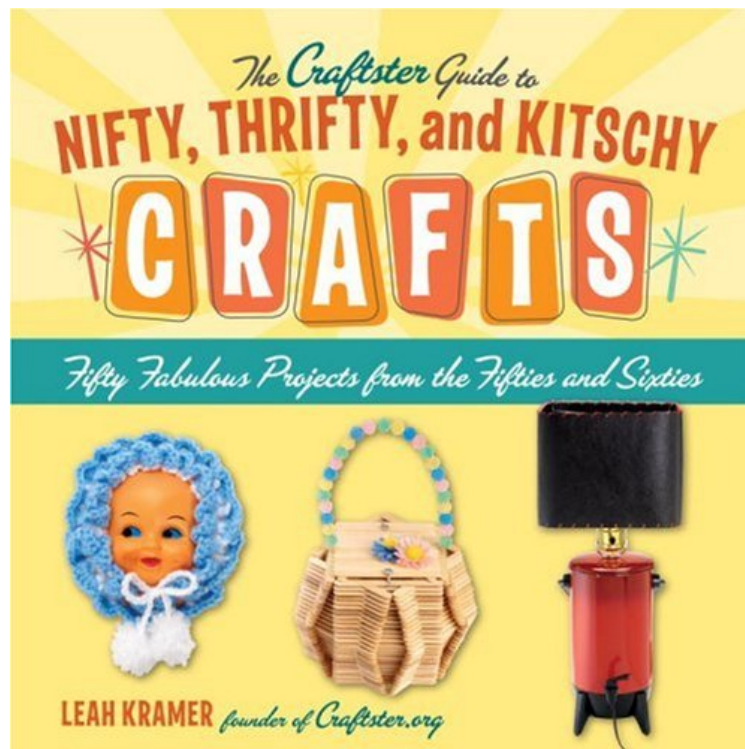


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**Leah Kramer : The Craftster Guide to Nifty, Thrifty, and Kitschy Crafts: Fifty Fabulous Projects from the Fifties and Sixties** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Craftster Guide to Nifty, Thrifty, and Kitschy Crafts: Fifty Fabulous Projects from the Fifties and Sixties:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Blast from the past. By MayJ63 This is an interesting book just for the nostalgia. Most of the projects are not what I want decorating my home but they did make me want to modernize some of them. It made me want to Modge Podge some record covers to an old trunk, and melt the records into globes to hang from the ceiling for a dance. But who has used light bulbs any more or carries a pop cycle purse? I remember making a bleach bottle bank but I don't want to make a new one. Never had a knitted poodle toilet paper cover but have certainly seen a few. Fun to look through but not projects that I want to make again. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I Love It! By Cydni Perkins I want to make several of the projects in this book. I love the idea of the thread-spool knitting, and I want to learn to crochet so I can make the doll face fridge magnets. The necktie apron is absolutely inspiring. I'll definitely make the cigar box purse and the cigar box makeup kit. And the burned-out lightbulb christmas ornaments will be a fun project to start and continue with as I burn out more lightbulbs. Oh, and the recycled bottle flower earrings, and the magazine page valentine, and the spare glove coin purse, and the recycled towel toilet lid covers...so much to make! At the end of the book there are also a couple of pages of links to websites

where you can learn more about sewing or knitting or embroidery, and also websites that sell supplies like impossibly cute fabric and very cool notions. This book makes me want to find out what else I can find in the way of vintage crafts that will be so unique and match my crazy taste so well. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Just OKBy D'elleThis book has has SOME cute ideas but it also has alot not so cute items as well. Was not really what I was looking for.

You won't find die-cut teddy bears, cross-stitched friendship plaques, or ducks painted with bonnets in this hipster collection of crafts from Craftster.org founder, Leah Kramer. You will find forty easy-to-make, fun-to-wear, and stylish-to-display projects pulled straight from the pages of vintage craft books--plus ten all-new retro-inspired crafts--including: Cigar-Box Purse, Coffee Urn Lamp, Doll Face Fridgies, Glovely Lovely Coin Purse, Sweater Teapot Cozy, Novel Necktie Apron, Slip-On Toothbrush Bracelet, Painted Glass Martini Set, Powder Room Poodle, Space-Age Party Accessories, and much more! An unabashedly tacky craft compendium for lovers of gold-painted macaroni, toilet paper cozies, and everything terry cloth, THE CRAFTSTER GUIDE features full-color and vintage photographs, descriptions of tools and techniques--and enough irony to fill a popsicle-stick purse. Reviews "It's time to get in on the latest social craze--crafting! In this clever book by Leah Kramer, you'll find a world of ideas. . . each with easy-to-follow instructions for even the most amateur craftsters." -Justine Magazine". . . an irreverent combination of recycling and innovation." -Decorating Digest Craft Home Projects "Craft royalty Leah Kramer has rescued and resuscitated scores of great and so-bad-they're-great projects from half a century of crafting history. Thanks to her discerning eye and clever wit, everything from the cinchy Cigar-Box Purse to the terrifying Terry Loincloth has been given a new lease on life. Whether you make them or mock them, this unforgettable collection of improbable projects is guaranteed to keep you crafting--and cringing--for years to come." -Debbie Stoller, editor-in-chief of BUST Magazine and author of the Stitch 'n Bitch books "Leah Kramer's collection of vintage craft books has served her well! She's come up with a kitschy collection of clever crafts that remind us of the days before the ubiquitous hot glue gun. THE CRAFTSTER GUIDE is sure to be required reading for anyone interested in mid-century crafting culture." -Brini Maxwell, host of the Style Network's The Brini Maxwell Show "Leah Kramer has helped advance crafting into the twenty-first century with Craftster.org . . . but she knows the real way to our DIY hearts is with retro projects from the fifties and sixties. Who hasn't pined for a collection of these almost-forgotten classics? Essential for your craft corner library." --Jenny Hart, founder of SublimeStitching.com and author of Stitch-It Kit

From the Publisher\* A full-color collection of 50 craft projects from the 1950s and 1960s (including more than 10 new retro-inspired crafts) from the founder of hipster craft website Craftster.org. \* With hundreds of vintage photographs, original project instructions, colorized images, schematic line drawings, and contemporary color photographs. \* Leah Kramer and Craftster have been featured in Time, Jane, Budget Living, San Francisco Chronicle, London Guardian, and Houston Chronicle, and on National Public Radio. Selected Crafts: Cigar-Box Purse Hardcover Book Clutch Coffee Urn Lamp Powder Room Poodle Macaroni Glamour Beaded Fruit Felt Flowers Glovely Lovelies Plastic Bottle Piggy Bank Doll Face Fridgies About Craftster.org: "This isn't your grandmas craft club. . . . Cross Martha Stewart with an urban hipster and you've got the idea." CBS News Radio "It has a sensibility that's not exactly homespun. . . . Call it open-source crafting." Time About the Author Leah Kramer has been a self-proclaimed craft junkie since she could hold a pair of safety scissors. In her spare time, Leah combs the aisles of thrift stores, yard sales, and flea markets looking for items to add to her collection of everything weird, old, and eye-catching, including 1950s craft and cookbooks, kitschy plastic charms, cake decorations, and old records with beautiful covers. Combining her computer skills with her love of crafting, Leah started the popular web community Craftster.org, whose motto is No Tea Cozies without Irony, in 2003. Much to her surprise, the website is now visited by hundreds of thousands of like-minded crafters. Part-owner of the Somerville, Massachusetts, boutique called Magpie, which sells hip crafts and goods by indie designers and artists, Leah is also an organizer of the popular punk rock craft fair, Bazaar Bizarre (bazaarbizarre.org). Leah lives and crafts in Boston, Massachusetts.