

The Decorated Bag: Creating Designer Handbags, Purses, and Totes Using Embellishments

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Genevieve A Sterbenz : The Decorated Bag: Creating Designer Handbags, Purses, and Totes Using Embellishments before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Decorated Bag: Creating Designer Handbags, Purses, and Totes Using Embellishments:

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in it for your future projects. I also want to add that the author's focus in this book is to take an old purse and giving it a new life by various types of embellishing techniques...something we all should do rather than buying a new purse. It is amazing how one can extend the life of an accessory by doing a few creative things with it. In summary, I use this book as a tool to get my ideas flowing and dig into my own projects using maybe a technique or two from this book, and additional ideas from other books/magazines/patterns (right side of the brain included). Therefore, I am pleased to have this book in my reference library. 52 of 52 people found the following review helpful. Fooled by the Cover By Purse Artist I was attracted to this book by its cover, so I pre-ordered it. After waiting 3+ months past the release date (Feb 6, 2006) it finally arrived in early May. Wow, what a disappointment! I was expecting some upscale professional design ideas for handbag embellishment. Instead, the ideas in this book are very cutsey-poo and childish. The only nice design is on the cover. These designs might be appropriate for very young girls (faux fur, poodle appliques, felt cat with rhinestones, pom-poms, costume jewelry decorations, etc) but not for the sophisticated handbag creator. A better choice for elegant handbag embellishment would be Stephane Kimura's BAGS WITH STYLE, or Barbara Weiland's new book SEW EASY DESIGNER BAGS TOTES. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great Book with Unique Ideas By Susan M. Reynolds Amazing detailed book on making unique bags. Color pictures and descriptions are so helpful and clear in this book that anyone could make these wonderful decorated little purses. This is one of the best books on purse making I have ever come across.

The Decorated Bag is a fun, stylish collection of 25 must-have bags inspired by the look of designer originals. Shown in full-page color photographs, purses, envelopes, totes, and shoulder bags are accompanied by simple, step-by-step directions. Most of the designs are created by embellishing inexpensive store-bought bags, but patterns for sewing four popular styles are also included. From a velvet purse with a faux leopard lining and shimmering rhinestones to a casual knitted tote decorated with vintage buttons, The Decorated Bag presents an array of stylish bags for every occasion.

From the Back Cover The Decorated Bag: Embellishing Handbags, Purses, and Totes The Decorated Bag is the quintessential guide to decorating gorgeous and practical bags for every occasion from a velvet purse encrusted with crystals and lined with faux fur, to a casual tote covered in a profusion of buttons. 50 original designs for stunning decorated bags, inspired by designer originals. Clear step-by-step directions to make each fashionable bag, suited to all skill levels, especially the beginner. Over 175 beautiful images, art, patterns, and photographs that show every dazzling bag and the way to achieve the same results.