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THE CRAFTY MINX

Kelly Doust

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In *The Crafty Minx* Kelly Doust takes a new look at the lost art of craft-making and links it to the current drive for sustainability, inviting the reader to take their inner crafty minx in a green embrace by transforming unwanted goods into stylish and clever crafts. Delightfully packaged in an easy to manage size, this is a beginner's guide and not a book for the purist. Craft glue and staple gun take their places beside hand-stitched appliqué. Expertise is not the point here; this is about having fun and putting a contemporary spin on Nana's crochet doilies and table runners. The book is seasonally organised, beginning in spring – a time to open up your home to new life and inspiration. The diverse choice of spring-inspired projects ranges from collecting personal treasures for a framed collage to sewing a patchwork baby blanket. Stylish full-page photos introduce each project, with a materials list, detailed instructions and tips to guide the inexperienced crafter. So, as autumn approaches, there's no need to throw out those old woollies hibernating at the back of your wardrobe – they can live again as a tea cosy, hot-water bottle cover or even a patchwork scarf.

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