

Scandinavian Needlecraft: 35 step-by-step projects to create the Scandinavian home

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Clare Youngs : Scandinavian Needlecraft: 35 step-by-step projects to create the Scandinavian home before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Scandinavian Needlecraft: 35 step-by-step projects to create the Scandinavian home:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED By Morgan10412/10/15 review: Scandinavian Needlecraft is a beautiful book, with color photos of all completed products, as well as very clear illustrations and step-by-step instructions for making each project in the book. The 35 projects include Bags (e.g., totes and a "log roll" caddy, etc.), Soft Furnishings (pillows, curtains, chair pad, a quilt, etc.), Clothes and Accessories (hat, slippers, mittens, scarf, etc.), Kitchen items (apron, tea towel, egg cozies, etc.), and Gifts and Decorations (wall hanging, stuffed-reindeer toy, gift tags, etc.). The Christmas stockings alone make this book worth having. The book includes a detailed table of contents, an index, loads of templates and patterns, and even an embroidery stitch guide. I really like the clean lines of Scandinavian design. In fact, I am already thinking about how I might use some of the design elements in this book for other types of projects that I enjoy, such as mosaics, painting, clay work, and so forth. This will be one of the most treasured books in my extensive art craft book collection. I give it 5 stars and highly recommend it. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book, with some minor negative points By sigi The projects are pretty nice, I am currently embroidering the cover bag. This said, I do find the book to be a bit sloppy as far as the technical aspect goes: it would be nice if the author took time to say how many strands floss you

need to use, and some notes about the main embroidery stitches wouldn't hurt (not that it's or should be a book for beginners but usually each author has his tricks and such and it would be nice to share them, this being, after all, an embroidery book. Also, I would have preferred a good old patron sheet, I find it a bit annoying having to go out to get an entire page enlarged to 250% (which obviously I cannot do on my home printer...) I do recommend the book though :-)

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Love This Book! By JeannieDI really love this book but have one teensy complaint which is why I only gave it 4 stars...I am having a lot of difficulty resizing the first bag and the adult slippers. My printer is very basic and won't cooperate! I then took the book to a Printer and they wouldn't let me resize due to copyright laws. Tried printing on one of their self-serve printers and could not find instruction manual. GRRRR!!! So today I downloaded a program from the internet that will let me resize. Keeping my fingers crossed! Anyone else having this issue? Other than that, there are many wonderful projects and the instructions for the sewing and embroidery are very clear.

Fans of the clean, elegant lines of traditional Scandinavian style are sure to be inspired by the 35 sewing projects in this book. Incorporating the finest elements of Scandinavian crafting traditions, inspiration is taken from a range of backgrounds including classic folk art, as well as more contemporary sources. These delightful designs, each with clear step-by-step instructions and beautiful photography, will have you itching to get stitching. Arranged into five chapters, the projects work with a wide variety of fabrics: there are adorable fleece and felt baby booties finished with French knots, classic embroidered gingham napkins, and a striped machine-embroidered apron. A wide range of techniques are employed, including applique, cut work, patchwork, decorative machine stitching, shadow work, and ribbon work. Basic stitches such as herringbone, cross stitch, Danish knots, blanket stitch, and satin stitch are also used to great effect. Simplicity is always at the heart of Clare's designs, and with step-by-step artworks and such clear instructions, anyone can have a go and will be surprised how quickly beautiful pieces can be made.

About the Author Since childhood, Clare Youngs has loved making beautiful handcrafted objects. She studied graphic design and went on to work in packaging for a number of high-street stores, including Marks and Spencer and House of Fraser. Clare has since worked in illustration and book jacket design before deciding to turn her attentions to craft full-time. Her first book, *The Perfect Handmade Bag*, is also available from CICO Books. The author is based in Forest Hill, London.