

The Big-Ass Book of Crafts 2

Mark Montano

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Mark Montano : The Big-Ass Book of Crafts 2 before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Big-Ass Book of Crafts 2:

11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. The Sassiest and Most Ginormous Book of Crafts Ever! By Pamela Brackett I almost couldn't pull myself away from The BIG-ASS Book of Crafts 2 long enough to write this review. You want to have some sassy fun and dig on some crafty ideas PLUS witty dialogue? (Yes, I can almost hear Mark talking as I read the descriptions of each item.) Well, Mark Montano has wrapped up all that crafty fun into a startlingly HUGE sequel to his best selling BIG-ASS Book of Crafts. From beer can party lights and sparkling necklaces to a Virgin Mary Suit Case and thread sketching on cloth for some pretty amazing Pillow People, this book will keep you up to your elbows in creative fun. The instructions are easy to follow and most of the projects use items you can find around the house. Looking for templates? They're all in there! And are you craving a book with variety? This book has that, too! There are so many craft projects to choose from - more than 150! Seriously! Sorry I couldn't write more - I'm in the middle of making my own WISHING SHRINE and my first wish will be that Mark Montano is

working on his next Big-Ass book. Oh, and excuse the glitter... I just finished some pretty awesome clothespin ornaments - all decked out in retro colors. My daughter's going to love these...2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Some good ideas, pretty helpful for crafters who are idea-blocked

By KatalystI think this book is best seen as a collection of ideas/materials/projects to mix and match as you see fit and use in your own way. Look at what he's done, and find a different material or thing to use his ideas on, and it's helpful if you like taking a concept and making it your own. A lot of them aren't for me; I doubt I'll ever have a sewing machine - but I DO have fabric glue! Etc. There are definitely things I wouldn't have thought of in this book. I love the way the author shows repurposing eyeglass cases - I will use similar ideas on different types of cases because of those projects. Also, I was impressed with the idea of whiffle balls as material - now that I see how he's used them, my imagination has come up with a lot of other ways. Several projects I like are basically, 'Take this thing, put resin on it - paperweight!' Which is nifty, but I have to buy supplies for that kind of thing. However, it makes me think of different things I could do with resin and different materials to use instead. A lot of stuff is repurposing average things using mostly Krylon spray paint. It's not what I would call genius, but if you're a person who already crafts, these ideas will make you think of more ideas and so on.

19 of 20 people found the following review helpful. It's Big-Ass-Tastic!

By L. A. SmithI was already a fan of Mark Montano's when I ordered this book, so I was expecting a well-written, beautifully photographed collection of clever projects with clear instructions (like you'll get in his earlier books, *The Big-Ass Book of Crafts*, *The Big-Ass Book of Home Decor: More Than 100 Inventive Projects for Cool Homes Like Yours*, and *#5368 Pulp Fiction - Perfect Paper Projects*). Wow, talk about having low expectations! This book is cover-to-cover clever with frequent flashes of genius thrown in to surprise and amaze even the most hardcore crafter. Well organized into 21 categories, this book features a mind-boggling collection of attractive, inventive, and exciting projects that will keep you busy creating for ages. Whether you want to make yourself a sassy new scarf, spice up your decor and lighting, embellish a pair of dancing shoes, or create a gift that sure to please, you will find inspiration and more in this book. The best part about many of these projects is that you can make them with materials you probably already have on hand, so dive right in and start a project, any project. You'll be treated to an array of clear, colorful photographs, a comprehensive materials list, step-by-step instructions, and Mark's advice and insight on how to get more fun and fabulousness (is that a word?) out of the time you spend crafting.

TLCs While You Were Out top designer Mark Montano's wildly anticipated follow-up to *The Big-Ass Book of Crafts* features more than 300 easy and fun crafts, with tips and tricks for quirky projects to make at home. Searching for crafty inspiration? Eager to try some new techniques? Need some more junk for your trunk? Well, look no further! In this cheeky sequel, Mark Montano picks up where his wildly popular *The Big-Ass Book of Crafts* left off, with even more spectacular and easy-to-make projects sure to satisfy crafters of all skill levels. Turn colorful ribbons into a show-stopping scarf . . . transform old cargo pants into a kick-ass carryall . . . a high-drama neckpiece made out of zippers? Absolutely. Along with a host of other wearable wonders, this exciting all-new volume includes sections such as *Pillow Talk* (fun, comfy, and made from the most surprising materials), *Letter Perfect* (cool designs to pop into the mailbox nearest you), *Hey, I Could Use That* (make a big statement with little things from magnets to nail polish), *Just Kid-ding* (cheery decor made from kid-centric stuff, guaranteed to make you smile!), *That's Shoe Biz* (fun fixes that give sidelined footwear and handbags a whole new life), and dozens of other ideas that are inventive, imaginative, and just plain fun. With his trademark humor and no-holds-barred approach to crafting, Mark will have you tapping into your creative soul and taking simple techniques to a whole new level in no time. Were not talking plant-hangers and potholders here the more than 150 handmade projects in this truly unique compendium are artistic, eye-catching, and cutting-edge, from cool brooches and earrings to ingenious belts and bags, from Bauhaus-style furniture to fishbowl lanterns, and so much more!