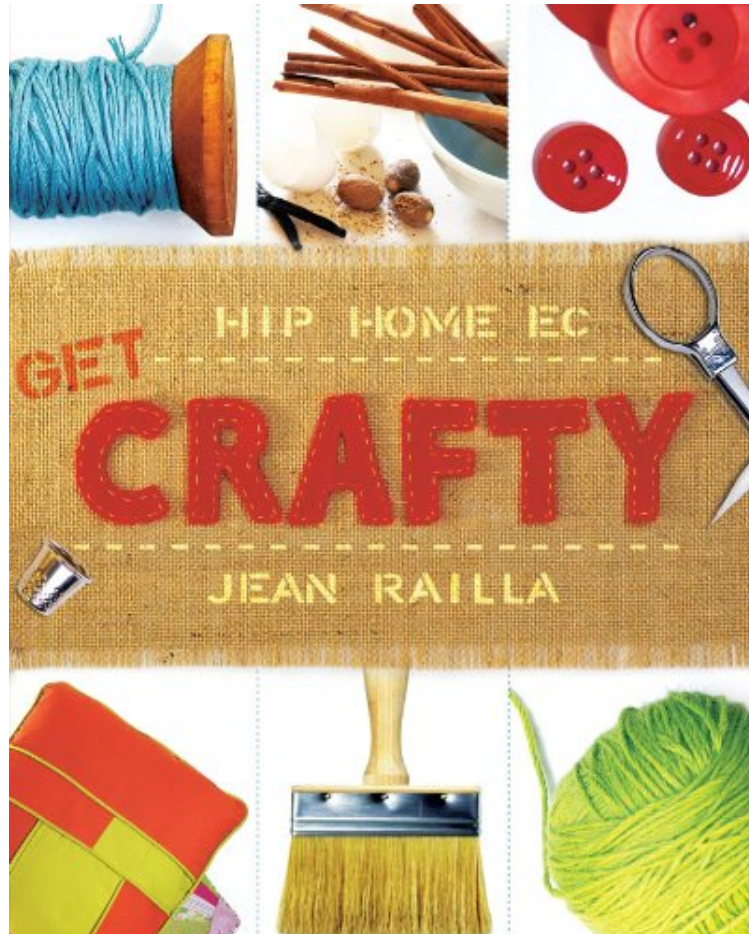


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Jean Railla : Get Crafty: Hip Home Ec before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Get Crafty: Hip Home Ec:

22 of 22 people found the following review helpful. a lovely addition to the new wave of craft booksBy Elizabeth PurvisI've been a peruser of Jean's fabulous website since its inception. She's really done a lot to bring the feminism of crafting back to light, and her book continues in just that vein. Not just another craft book, her essays on the hows and whys of crafting really set it apart and present us with a personal, modern perspective on what doing-it-yourself means. Jean encourages us to get past our outdated notions of domesticity, embrace it, and turn it into an expression of our creativity.Jean's got some nifty features in here to help us do just that. There's a quiz to help you figure out what activities are right for you. This is probably the only craft book ever written that contains journaling exercises to help you get the most introspection out of your projects (who knew that introspection and crafting even went together!). Jean coaches you on how to reduce and reuse by thrifting, cook with a generous spirit, and cultivate "a crafty style". Community and cooperation are the name of the game here: resources on craft activism ("craftivism") are sprinkled

throughout, and she has an entire chapter devoted to how you can connect with creative ladies of like mind -- a perfect remedy in an increasingly impersonal world. My only complaint with this book is that I thought there could have been a little more in it. Getcrafty.com has always been packed with tips and projects and how-to's; this book was a little leaner than it could have been on all of those. On the other hand, that this book isn't just another overstuffed craft book is a good thing. The message is most important, and that shines through. This book really goes a long way to explaining why crafting is back with a vengeance among younger women. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Absolutely wonderful! By DJJ This book inspired me to be crafty in so many areas of my life. It's not just about "making stuff" - it's about having an overall attitude of creating a nice life, even if you don't have much to start with. I really enjoyed reading about the author's own life and how she was inspired by friends and family members. I highly recommend this refreshing book for those who would like to make a positive change. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Total lack of pictures.. By Amy Lynn Shoup It's a craft book, so I expected pictures of all the wonderful crafts I would be soon making myself! If you are like me and would prefer pictures to help you visualize your end product.. this book is not for you. I honestly haven't done anything from the book just due to this fact.. It may be amazing and really helpful, but I really need the pictures!

This is not your mother's home ec! When Jean Railla was in her twenties, she thought being a bohemian meant smoking in cafes and going home to a crummy, dusty walk-up apartment. But then she had a shocking thought--would vacuuming really get her booted from the riot grrls club? So she began to cook, and then to knit, and then she took up sewing. Soon she had launched getcrafty.com, the webzine for radical craftiness. Get Crafty is about realizing that domesticity matters--that an apartment with handmade pillows or a bathroom with an Elvis theme is more life-affirming than the same old Ikea couch. Jean inspires readers to start making creative choices throughout their lives--in the way they shop, cook, dress, decorate, and, of course, craft. You will learn to consciously create your space, experience the joy of making things by hand, find the zen in cleaning, stock your pantry, and find treasure in the trash. It's Home Ec, only hip. You will: Discover the joy of making it yourself, with instructions for a knit bikini, DIY cards, floral soap, and homemade peppermint lip gloss Create your own space and make simple home improvements Take a quiz: Which craft is right for you? Learn to thrift like an expert Take up Craftivism: 20 crafty causes that make a difference Organize crafty girl groups, and host a Naked Lady party Get Crafty is more than craft projects; it's a new way of thinking and living, a way of finding happiness by expressing yourself creatively in every aspect of your life.

From Publishers Weekly Thirty-three-year-old Railla has learned to balance her "life-long passion for feminism" with domesticity, and wholeheartedly embraces her "inner craftiness." This manifesto of what she calls the New Domesticity--"a movement committed to recognizing, exalting, and most of all enjoying the culture that women have built for millennia"--offers loads of projects for people who have crafty urges, but who aren't excited by cross-stitched bunnies and crocheted toilet paper cozies. Making something from nothing can be fun, relaxing and teach you a lot about yourself, says Railla, and she offers loads of relatively simple crafts for all levels. For knitters and sewers, there's an a-line skirt and a knit bikini. For home design hounds, there are tips for buying secondhand furniture and painting walls. Fashion buffs will find advice on shopping for vintage clothing, selling items at consignment shops and even picking through the trash. Railla also covers cooking and gives suggestions for throwing parties. Best used as a jumping-off point or a guide for those who want to do something themselves, but aren't sure what, this handbook is perfect for today's new wave of crafters. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "Sewing circles aren't extinct--they're online.... A pioneer of the cybercraft movement is Get Crafty."--Time Out New York "Martha Stewart meets Patti Smith in this essential homemaking manual for the modern-day gal (and guy). With projects ranging from the straightforward (how to paint your room) to the sublime (Jean's grandmother's Madeleine recipe) as well as a keen sense of both the political and spiritual reasons for why young people are embracing the "New Domesticity," Get Crafty is the best proof yet that crafting is the new rock n' roll."--Debbie Stoller, author of Stitch n' Bitch: The Knitter's Handbook and Editor-in-Chief of BUST Magazine From the Inside Flap This is not your mother's home ec! When Jean Railla was in her twenties, she thought being a bohemian meant smoking in cafes and going home to a crummy, dusty walk-up apartment. But then she had a shocking thought--would vacuuming really get her booted from the riot grrls club? So she began to cook, and then to knit, and then she took up sewing. Soon she had launched getcrafty.com, the webzine for radical craftiness. Get Crafty is about realizing that domesticity matters--that an apartment with handmade pillows or a bathroom with an Elvis theme is more life-affirming than the same old Ikea couch. Jean inspires readers to start making creative choices throughout their lives--in the way they shop, cook, dress, decorate, and, of course, craft. You will learn to consciously create your space, experience the joy of making things by hand, find the zen in cleaning, stock your pantry, and find treasure in the trash. It's Home Ec, only hip. You will: Discover the joy of making it yourself, with instructions for a knit bikini, DIY cards, floral soap, and homemade peppermint lip gloss Create your own space and make simple home improvements Take a quiz: Which craft is right for you? Learn to thrift like an expert Take up Craftivism: 20 crafty causes that make a difference Organize crafty girl groups, and host a Naked Lady party Get Crafty is more than craft projects; it's a new

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