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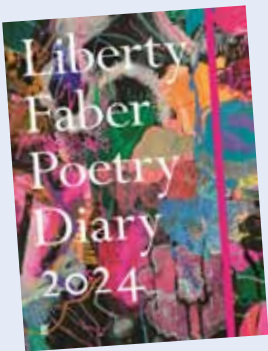
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Can Do Picks

Liberty Faber Poetry Diary 2024

The Faber Poetry list, originally founded in the 1920s, was shaped by the taste of T.S. Eliot, who was its guiding light for nearly forty years. Each passing decade has seen it grow with the addition of poets who are arguably the finest of their generation. The *Liberty Faber Poetry Diary 2024* is a celebration of this remarkable Faber list. The diary is a handsome A5 hardback covered in Liberty fabric and printed in colour throughout with a ribbon bookmark and an elastic closure. It features a week-to-view with more than forty poems along with illustrations from the Faber Archive.



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The Art of Paper Quilling Kit

Create 10 Beautiful Flora and Fauna Designs Cecilia Louie

With a focus on simple, elegant projects, *The Art of Paper Quilling* offers a complete technique guide and materials for making beautiful decorative pieces and gifts. The designs are all built upon simple rolled coils of paper that, when grouped together, form intricate flowers, charming woodland creatures, and delicate mushrooms. With all the materials you need to get started, this kit is perfect for beginners interested in the world of quilling. The kit includes:

- 48-page instruction book with step-by-step photos
- 10 quilling designs, from colourful flowers and mushrooms to adorable forest animals
- 360 strips of paper in 16 colours
- Quilling pen.



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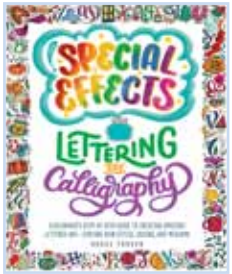
Practical Art

Special Effects Lettering and Calligraphy A Beginner's Step-by-Step Guide to Creating Amazing Lettered Art

Grace Frosen

Explore a wide range of mediums and styles, dazzling special effects, stunning colour combinations, and awesome embellishments:

- Getting Started. Experiment with pens, paper and other essential art materials
- Creative Lettering for Beginners. Warm-up exercises, hand-lettering basics and alphabet guides
- Adding Extra Sparkle. Develop your own style and add various special effects and techniques to make your lettering pop
- Colours and Blending. Blend colours and learn to work with metallics and other glittering mediums
- Oodles of Doodles. Add illustrations, flourishes and embellishments to your lettering pieces
- Putting It All Together. Create well-composed art pieces that combine different styles in beautiful layouts.



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15-Minute Drawing: One-Line Drawing

Learn to Draw Forals, Portraits, and More using a Single Line!

Heinke Nied

This interactive instructional book includes space for you to practice directly on the pages as you learn. Professional artist Heinke Nied has perfected the quick one-line drawing technique and teaches it to art students in her native Germany. Now she brings the technique first made famous by Pablo Picasso to English-speaking artists. The easy-to-follow projects require only a pen or pencil, so they're very transportable and fun to do wherever you like to draw. Additionally, one-line drawing is a calming, meditative process that will appeal to all artists, whether you're a beginner or just looking for a relaxing creative experience.



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Hyper Realistic Drawing

Create Photorealistic 3D Art with Coloured Pencils Amie Howard

Learn how to create realistic 3D art with this collection of step-by-step techniques and tutorials for creating hyperrealistic art using coloured pencils. Take your art to the next level with this collection of step-by-step techniques and tutorials for creating hyper realistic artwork. Amie Howard is an expert in how to get the most from coloured pencils and she takes you through all the key techniques for rendering realistic representations of everything from pets to water. All of the tutorials have multiple step-by-step images so you can see how the forms and textures are built up over a series of stages.



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Butterfly Skies

Press Out and Learn About 20 Beautiful Butterflies

Lauren Fairgrieve & Kate Reid

Create your own beautiful 3D butterflies before discovering fascinating facts about each species! Press out the pieces and slot them together to create 20 different irresistible flying friends. After finishing your 3D flutter, either hang the stunning decorations to make a butterfly sky or press them back into the sturdy board pages and hardback binding to be used again and again. Then turn to the back of the book to pore over 22 richly illustrated pages with dazzling full colour nature scenes alongside a gently informative text to treasure. Covering everything from habitats and diets to myths and legends, this is a stylish, joyful introduction to a variety of European butterflies. Recommended for ages 6+.



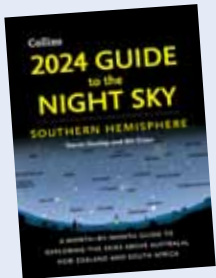
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2024 Guide to the Night Sky Southern Hemisphere

Storm Dunlop & Wil Trion

This guide is a comprehensive handbook to the planets, stars and constellations visible from the southern hemisphere with 6 pages for each month covering January–December 2024. Content includes:

- Advice on where to start looking
- Easy-to-use star maps for each month with descriptions of what to see
- Special, detailed charts for positions of planets, minor planets and comets in 2024
- Seasonal charts
- Details of dark sky sites
- Details of objects and events you might see in 2024
- Diagrams of notable events visible from Australia.



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Gift certificates available too!

Open this Box and Make Some Art

40 Playful Artworks You Can Do Robert Shore

Just open the box and start some art! Let nothing get in your way... Making art doesn't have to be about technically brilliant painting, sculpting and drawing or complicated equipment. This is a card deck and booklet of 40 super-simple art activities, each inspired by the actual work of a famous artist, that anyone can do, anytime, anywhere, to increase everyday creativity. Always wanted to make your own Andy Warhol inspired video? Only got a minute to make a sculpture? Or looking for simple but meaningful ways of using your cameraphone? Pick a card, follow the simple instructions contained within it, and let your creativity flow! The emphasis of each activity is on making art accessible and to understand the simple joy of straightforward creative acts. Open the box and get going...



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How Art is Made The Craft Behind the Masterpieces Debra N Macoff

*How Art is Made* looks at renowned works of art from across the centuries and around the globe and asks the intriguingly simple question – how were these works actually made? Each chapter showcases a single work which demonstrates the mastery and innovative use of a single material or method, from oil paint, pastel and pencil, to woodcut, litho and impasto. Comparative works are also included to help amplify our understanding. The book enhances the experience of looking at great works of art and guides us to a deeper understanding of how they were created and why we regard them as so important.



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Creative Portraits in Watercolor

Learn to Paint Faces and Characters with Beginner-Friendly Lessons Ana Santos

With simple step-by-step demonstrations and beginner-level exercises create expressive, imaginative portraits. You'll learn about:

- Essential Materials: Types of watercolour paint, papers, brushes and other supplies
- Colour: Its essential characteristics, plus the colour wheel, harmonies, contrasts and creating palettes
- How to Work with Watercolour: Fundamental methods, brushstrokes, transparencies, gradients and techniques for creating areas of light
- Proportions of the Face: Basic proportions and feature positions for front, profile and three-quarter views, plus creating imaginary faces and transferring reference images
- Creative Portraits: Discover more than 20 fun exercises that explore painting portraits using key colour wheel palettes, mixed media combinations and thought-provoking techniques.



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Gardening

Botany of the Kitchen Garden

The Science and Horticulture of Our Favourite Crops Hélène Dove

Hélène Dove expertly combines horticulture and science in this reference on food crops. She demonstrates that by examining the botany of both wild and domesticated plants, we can understand behaviours and adaptations, giving readers and growers the tools to delve further into their favourite foods. From asparagus, cabbage, lettuce and raspberry to pineapple, tomatillo and okra, each comprehensive plant entry and includes information on etymology, cultivation history, growing habits, cultivars and varieties, and much more. With a closer look at the everyday crops we grow and eat, this book will help the reader cultivate more productive plots, provide a renewed zest for the food on our plates, and a deeper understanding to an afternoon spent at the allotment.



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The Kew Gardener's Guide to Growing Shrubs The Art and Science to Grow with Confidence

Valerie Boujard

This guide to planting and cultivating shrubs features 12 easy and inspiring projects as well as detailed information on 50 of the most important specimens to grow. Shrubs are the perfect plant – they are low-maintenance, there is a variety for nearly every need and they are widely available. Combining the authority and expertise of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew with beautiful artworks and practical advice, this book is ideal for enthusiasts and beginners. Packed with information and inspiration, it covers a range of plants as well as vital information on soil, light and maintenance. Every plant's needs are revealed so readers can succeed with 50 specimens and 12 easy to follow projects.



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The Kew Gardener's Guide to Growing Perennials

Richard Wilford

Learn to grow all kinds of perennials with the wisdom and guidance of Kew Experts in this handy and comprehensive guide. This guide is a perfect mix of practical and giftable gardening reference for the entry level enthusiast who wants to find out more about perennials and wants to grow them successfully. Combining the authority and expertise of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew with beautiful artworks and practical advice, this is a hardback for enthusiasts and beginners. Packed with information and inspiration, it covers a range of plants as well as vital information on soil, light and maintenance. Every plant's needs are revealed so readers can succeed with 50 specimens and 12 easy to follow projects.



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Secret Gardens of Aotearoa

Field Notes & Practical Wisdom

Jane Mahoney & Sophie Bannan

Explore twelve intriguing and unique New Zealand gardens and learn from the talented gardeners who created them. From a hidden suburban food forest to a flower farm to an organic vegetable patch to a large station garden, each is described in detail, along with their owners' challenges and delights. The gardens have been selected for their diversity in style and for the humble, passionate home gardeners who planted them. These growers have developed a wealth of knowledge over their lifetimes and have generously contributed their practical advice and wisdom. Though each garden is so different, they all embody the values of sustainable gardening practices, of tuning in and learning through observation, of kaitiaki and of knowledge sharing.



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General Interest

Bedside Companion for Book Lovers

An Anthology of Literary Delights for Every Night of the Year

Edited by Jane McMorland Hunter

*Bedside Companion for Book Lovers* contains an eclectic mix of fact and fiction, letters, diaries, essays and dedications, all suffused with the joys of books and reading. The perfect gift for the bibliophile in your life, it contains snippets from some of the greatest writers and book collectors from throughout history, including:

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- Maya Angelou on the pleasures of reading aloud
- Virginia Woolf on finding space for writing
- Nick Hornby on reading for pure enjoyment
- And much more.

Along the way, you'll find advice on how to look after your most precious volumes, what to do when books start taking over your home and where to find the most atmospheric libraries and bookshops around the world.



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