

Can Do Picks

Gelli Arts Printing Guide

Printing Without a Press on Paper and Fabric Using the Gelli Arts Plate
Suzanne McNeill

Discover the amazing Gelli plate – a revolutionary printmaking surface that makes it easy to produce beautiful, one-of-a-kind artwork with amazing colours and textures! This book will show you how to use gelatin printing to create 32 stunning designs of layered prints, decorative pages for art journals, fabric for quilting, greeting cards, and more! It teaches you all the basics and the best techniques for making colourful backgrounds, textured pages, multiple layers and basic borders. Perfect for both beginners and experts, durable and reusable Gelli plates are easy to clean so you can quickly change paint colours and move on to your next project. Wonderful results can be obtained quickly, and simple variations give each print its own unique personality!



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Royal Horticultural Society Desk Address Book

A beautifully designed organizer to keep all your information for contacts, co-workers, family and friends in one place. This stylish and elegantly designed address book has plenty of space to record names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses for everyone you need to stay in touch with. With color-coded alphabetical sections, a silk ribbon marker and beautiful floral images throughout from the world-famous RHS Lindley Library, this decorative address book makes the perfect gift.



\$29.99	Hardback	230 x 170mm	112pp	250320
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Practical Art

The Big Book of Watercolour Learn Quickly

Hazel Soan
In this extended compilation edition, Hazel Soan explains everything you need to know about painting people and landscapes in watercolour in an accessible and informative way. She advises on how to master brushstrokes and balance composition as well as dealing with the theories of colour and light. She gives you the tools to create urban streets, woodland forests and rocky coastlines and guides you through ways to inset people into your pre-existing paintings to bring them to life. Bursting with easy-to-follow exercises and demonstrations, this comprehensive compendium to watercolour painting is a useful resource for experienced painters and an invaluable companion for beginners.



\$34.99	Hardback	175 x 225mm	304pp	250370
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Gouache for Beginners

Simple, Stunning & Realistic Projects
Kate J Birch

Curious about gouache but unsure where to start? Learn all the essentials of this versatile medium with this fresh and inspiring guide. *Gouache for Beginners* emphasizes realistic artistry with a fresh, contemporary style that focuses on the beauty of ordinary scenes and natural landscapes. The easy-to-follow projects explore a wide variety of subjects and demonstrate a range of skills, including:

- Painting landscapes
- Depicting transparency
- Capturing subtle colour variations
- Painting reflections
- Rendering fine lines and details.

By delving into the unique qualities of gouache, you'll discover a medium that allows for bold expressions and nuanced details that unlock your artistic potential.



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Calm & Serene Coloring Book Over 150 Pages of Inspiring Beauty to Color

Drift away into a peaceful oasis as you bring these meditative patterns to colourful life. In our hectic world, colouring is a relaxing activity everyone can enjoy. *Calm & Serene Coloring Book* is a creative way to unwind, with no pressure, just fun. You'll find over 150 designs to choose from, including:

- Mandalas
- Geometric Patterns
- Natural Patterns
- Lines and Doodles
- Meditative Designs.

As a gift for a friend or to keep for your very own creative pursuits, this book offers hours and hours of screen-free artistic exploration.



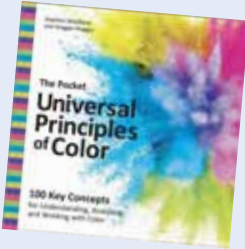
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The Pocket Universal Principles of Color

100 Key Concepts for Understanding, Analyzing and Working with Color
Stephen Westland & Maggie Maggio

Richly illustrated and easy to navigate, this comprehensive, cross-disciplinary overview of colour is organized alphabetically so that principles can be easily and quickly referenced. The book pairs clear explanations of every topic with visual examples of it applied in theory and in practice. For those interested in addressing a specific colour challenge or application problem, the principles are also indexed by pathways based on nine topics of colour study: light, order, communication, object, mixture, application, observer, composition and history. Explore a diverse array of colour principles, including:

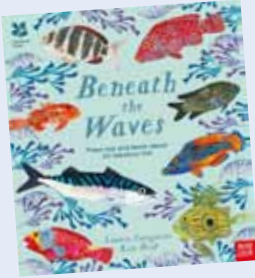
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- Bezold Effects
- Harmony
- Pointillism
- Newton's Opticks
- Rayleigh Scattering
- Transparency Effect
- Warm and Cool.



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Beneath the Waves Press Out and Learn About 20 Fabulous Fish

Lauren Fairgrieve & Kate Reid
Create your own 3D fish before discovering fascinating facts about each species, in this gorgeous gift book from the National Trust in the UK! Press out the pieces and slot them together to create 20 different fishy friends. After finishing your 3D shoal, either hang the stunning decorations to 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 fish. Recommended for ages 7+.



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Draw Kawaii: Mythical Creatures Step-by-Step

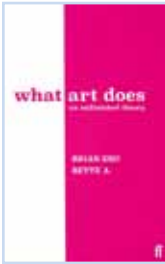
Isobel Lundie
Learn to draw the cutest mythical creatures and master the art of kawaii in this adorable step-by-step guide. Kawaii is a Japanese word meaning 'cute' and a globally appreciated Japanese art style involving creating characters that are cute and charming. *Mythical Creatures* will introduce budding artists to the basic techniques required to produce many creatures, from unicorns to werewolves and more, in an adorable kawaii style. The multiple fun projects, outlined with easy to follow instructions and endearing illustrations, will make this beloved art style accessible to all, giving readers aged 8 to 80 the confidence and skillset to create their own kawaii creatures.



\$16.99	Paperback	245 x 190mm	64pp	250212
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What Art Does An Unfinished Theory

Brian Eno & Bette Adriaanse
Why do we need art? *What Art Does* is an invitation to explore this vital question. It is a chance to understand how art is made by all of us. How it creates communities, opens our worlds, and can transform us. Curious and playful, richly illustrated, full of ideas and life, it is an inspiring call to imagine a different future.



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Drawn from the Wild

A Practical Guide to Making Your Own Foraged Art Materials
Caroline Ross

This stunning, practical book contains both ancient and modern techniques for 'rewilding' your art practice. With hands-on advice and simple, step-by-step instruction, artist and author Caroline Ross shows you how to create beautiful, useful art supplies from wild and ancient materials whether those materials are foraged, natural, discarded or repurposed. Inside the book you'll discover:

- Advice on how to forage safely and ethically, as well as tips on scavenging in the urban environment and rewilding your art practice gradually
- Practical, step-by-step instructions for using lump media, preparing pigments and creating hard and soft pastels
- A complete guide to creating charcoal, from assessing different wood types, refining your sticks and then a guide to burning
- A guide to creating tannin, iron gall and botanical inks, plus instructions for making your own quill pen and brush
- Surfaces on which to work, from found paper, leather and bark, to making your own sewn sketchbook
- A final section on more permanent and long-lasting materials, such as metalpoint.



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Plein Air Painting with Watercolours A Practical and Inspirational Guide to Painting Outdoors

Grahame Booth
Infused with Grahame's friendly, encouraging teaching style, this is the ideal introduction to painting outdoors with watercolours. Discover:

- A guide to the essential kit you need
- Practical considerations for outdoor painting (the weather, the changing light and interested onlookers to name a few)
- The importance of selecting and simplifying the boundaries of your painting when you have a 360-degree view to choose from
- How to successfully capture the atmosphere of a place
- 8 seasonal projects, with invaluable advice on painting successfully in different seasonal conditions.

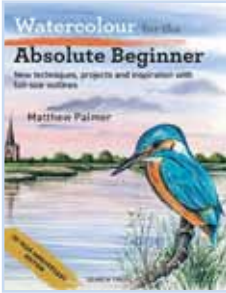


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Watercolour for the Absolute Beginner New Techniques, Projects and Inspiration with Full-Size Outlines

Matthew Palmer
This revised and updated anniversary edition celebrates ten years since this best-selling book was first published. The book contains:

- Key advice for every beginner, including a guide to paint and paper and a handy brushstroke comparison guide
- Essential techniques including drawing, composition, easy perspective, using light and shade and mixing colour
- Watercolour techniques including washes, layering, wet-into-wet, lifting out and using masking fluid, plus in-depth step-by-step projects for painting a variety of skies, trees, reflections and figures
- Six simple step-by-step painting exercises, and six further projects, including a seascape, snow scene and a mountain landscape
- Pull-out outline drawings for all the exercises.



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10 Step Drawing: Figures

Draw over 60 Poses in 10 Easy Steps
Justine Lecouffe
Draw an inspiring, dynamic range of 50 figures, in a range of poses, in just 10 simple steps each! All you need is a pen and paper: learning to draw has never been easier! Features include:

- Practise drawing people in natural, everyday poses such as resting, eating, walking or playing, or choose dynamic, mid-action poses, from skiing and surfing to dancing
- Handy drawing prompts at every stage, and each figure comes with suggestions for a beautiful, coloured finish.
- Once you've mastered the basics you can apply the techniques and draw your own family members and friends too!



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Craft

Making Mechanical Toys

Rodney Peppe
Whether the mechanism is hidden or revealed, simple or complex, the cycle of movement allows you to simply turn a handle and see the magic work before your eyes. *Making Mechanical Toys* explains how to make these wonderful and fascinating toys through a variety of bright and exciting projects. The well-known 'Kim' game can be played with the Jungle Box where the animals appear one by one. In MIAOW! the cat never quite catches the mouse who is after the cheese. Detailed descriptions and photographs also bring to life dancing ladies, drummers, bobbing boats and a snappy little alligator clothes-peg toy in this delightful and lavish book.



\$59.99	Paperback	260 x 215mm	176pp	250118
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Mid-Century Woodworking

80 Projects to Make by Hand AWP Kettless
These sought-after classic designs from the 1950s and 60s include a range of items for home and garden, simple display shelves, bookends and a tray to a chest of drawers and a desk. Every project includes a clear pattern and diagrams, detailed step-by-step instructions and illustrations of the finished pieces. The projects are arranged by level of difficulty as you go through the book; some suit those fairly new to woodworking and some work best for more experienced hands. Packed with useful tips and hints, and featuring spotlights on individual techniques within every chapter, this book is perfect not just as a project book but as a way to build up your knowledge. No complicated equipment is needed and all projects can be made at home.



\$44.99	Hardback	255 x 195mm	288pp	230448
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Stenciled Book Edges Kit

Turn Your Favorite Books into Custom Works of Art
Create your very own collectors' editions of your favourite books with *Stenciled Book Edges Kit*. Inside, you will find:

- 2 plastic clamps
- 1 sponge dabber
- 1 foam brush
- 4 acrylic paints
- 6 vinyl adhesive stencils with 10 designs including roses, dragons and castle, sword, mountains, crystals, feather, snake and letters
- 32-page full-colour instruction book.

So why add this touch of antiquarian finery to your bookshelf? There's something about reading a decorated-edge edition that just feels special – both elegant and clandestine at the same time. With the splash of colour and images along the outer edge of the book, you've made the book more aesthetically pleasing.



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Handmade Soaps Kit

Learn to Make All-Natural Soaps

Handmade Soaps gives you the tips, techniques, inspiration and basic supplies that you need to make your own natural soaps right at home. From Chamomile Vanilla Soap to Milk & Honey Bars to Rose Petal Soap, these easy-yet-elegant soaps are the perfect way to pamper your friends and family. The instruction book features 15 easy-to-follow recipes with step-by-step instructions for simple soapmaking techniques. Create over 20 soaps with this starter kit that includes: • 48-page instruction book with full-colour photos • 12 custom soap moulds • 5 colours of glycerin • 2 measuring spoons • 5 die-cut paper gift boxes to beautifully package the finished products.



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General Interest

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A beautifully designed organiser to keep all your information for contacts, co-workers, family and friends in one place. This stylish and elegantly designed address book, pocket-sized and perfect for carrying around in your bag, has plenty of space to record names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses for everyone you need to stay in touch with. With colour-coded alphabetical sections, a silk ribbon marker and beautiful floral images throughout from the world-famous RHS Lindley Library, this decorative address book makes the perfect gift.



\$19.99	Hardback	140 x 100mm	112pp	250321
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WordPlay A Collection Of 250 Word Search Puzzles

Put your brain to the test with these 250 engaging word searches. Each puzzle has a solution in the answer key, making it easy to check your answers and track your progress. With its sleek, easy-to-carry design, these word searches are perfect to take on the go. The spiral binding lets this book lay flat so you can easily complete these puzzles wherever you are. Whether you're a word search enthusiast or just looking for a fun and challenging way to pass the time, WordPlay is for you!



\$29.99	Paperback	230 x 170mm	256pp	240362
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Dominoes Kit Complete Game Set for Hours of Fun

This dominoes kit is the perfect way to become familiar with this age-old, yet ever-evolving game. Inside you will find: • Double-six, 28-tile set of dominoes • 16-page instruction book, with a brief history of dominoes as well as instructions on how to play Chicken Foot, one of the most fun and popular dominoes games • Game wheel to assist in setting up the tiles • Velvet pouch to store the tiles in when you are finished playing. Create a new game night tradition with dominoes!



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The Book of Phobias and Manias

A History of the World in 99 Obsessions
Kate Summerscale

Our phobias and manias are contradictory and multiple: deeply intimate, yet forged by the times we live in – the commonest form of anxiety disorder, but rarely given a formal diagnosis. Plunge into this rich, surprising and fascinating A–Z compendium to discover how our fixations have taken shape, from pre-history to the present day, as Kate Summerscale deftly traces the threads between the past and present, the psychological and social, the personal and the political.



\$24.99	Paperback	215 x 135mm	256pp	220643
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Architectural Drawings

Hidden Masterpieces from Sir John Soane's Museum
Frances Sands

Architectural Drawings casts light on the magnificent architectural drawings of neo-classical architect, teacher and collector, Sir John Soane, that are otherwise concealed in archives. This book, featuring artworks handpicked from what was probably the first comprehensive collection of architectural drawings in the world, numbering 30,000 at the time of his death in 1837, celebrates a life spent procuring curiosities. This book illustrates the story of Soane as a collector of architectural drawings and provides a sumptuous opportunity to peruse some of the finest architectural drawings in existence.



\$69.99	Hardback	300 x 400mm	160pp	210448
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Little Book of Fendi The Story of the Iconic Fashion Brand

Founded in 1925, Fendi is one of the finest and most celebrated luxury brands in the world. Renowned for its attention to detail, innovative design and signature 'double F' logo, the family firm has conquered the fashion industry and acquired cult status among celebrities and fashionistas with the iconic Croissant, Peekaboo and Baguette 'It' bags. Through stunning photographs and expert text, the Little Book of Fendi tells the story of one of Italy's oldest fashion dynasties, from the Fendi sisters, early days of fur and Dolce Vita period, to Karl Lagerfeld, Kim Jones and a global empire that remains as deeply embedded in popular culture as it ever was.



\$24.99	Hardback	180 x 125mm	160pp	240172
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Children

Stomp Like an Elephant

Guilherme Karsten

A stompingly good novelty book with hilarious animals and fun sliders! With simple rhyming text, things to push pull and spin, and brilliant illustrations from Guilherhem Karsten, children will love to copy the movements of these animals and join in the jungle fun. A fun way to develop a child's physical development and encourage them to explore the way their bodies move. Recommended for ages 2+.



\$16.99	Board Book	180 x 180mm	10pp	250311
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The Big Book of Adventure Mazes

Explore an adventurous collection of mazes in The Big Book of Adventure Mazes, specially designed to promote logical thinking and enhance hand-eye coordination, while practicing patience and having fun! These mazes are designed to be challenging enough to keep active minds occupied. So, pick up your pencil, trace the twisting paths through pirate ships, parks, pizza parties and so much more! Recommended for ages 4+.



\$14.99	Paperback	255 x 215mm	96pp	250211
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Graphic Novel Builder The Illustrated Guide to Making Your Own Comics

A comic book...about making comic books – the perfect gift for budding artists and aspiring storytellers. Meet the Graphic Novel Builders, a group of big-dreaming teens who set out to write, design and draw their own comic books. There's Ash the Publisher, Jay the Writer, Finn the Designer, Rayah the Artist, Sam the Colourist... and Peanut the Pup! Together, you'll explore all the building blocks of the complete creative process: • Discover different types of comics • Plot and script your story • Create characters and build worlds • Level-up your drawing skills • Share your graphic novel with the world! Recommended for ages 11+.



\$24.99	Paperback	235 x 155mm	160pp	240726
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Paper Adventures A Rip-and-Glue Activity Book

Join two brave explorers as they journey through the jungle meeting wild animals along the way before diving to the bottom of the ocean for sunken treasure... But something is very strange! A tiger has lost its stripes, an elephant needs a trunk, and the flowers are missing their petals! Can you help the explorers fill in the picture and finish their adventure? At the back of the book, you'll find 13 sheets of brightly coloured and patterned paper for little hands to rip and glue to complete the scenes. The perfect companion for hours of creative fun. Recommended for ages 5+.



\$16.99	Paperback	280 x 235mm	64pp	240524
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Paper Stories A Snip-and-Glue Activity Book

Paper Stories is a snip-and-glue adventure for young crafty kids who love to create and make! Discover a new story on every page – but wait, there's something missing! The butterflies are searching for a home, the zebra has lost its spots and where are all the shooting stars? Start your story in the jungle then travel from the city to the ocean – all the way back home. Using the strips of colourful illustrations, cut along the lines and glue new art to the scene, creating your own illustrated stories. Or if you're feeling brave, cut the shapes, not the lines, for practising super scissor skills! Recommended for ages 5+.



\$16.99	Paperback	280 x 235mm	64pp	240584
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Sticker Dolly Dressing Fancy Dress

Use the stickers to dress the dolls as they get dressed for different fancy dress parties. Dress the dolls in swashbuckling outfits for a pirate party, butterfly and ladybird costumes for a bug ball, spooky Halloween outfits and lots more in this party-filled sticker book. There are over 300 stickers of clothes, accessories and party decorations to add to the pages, leading to hours of fun! Recommended for ages 5+.



\$14.99	Paperback	305 x 235mm	44pp	240689
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First Sticker Book Doll's House

Here is a delightful doll's house sticker book to fill with over 180 stickers of beautiful furniture and accessories. Children can fill the colourful playroom with toys, books and games, stock the kitchen with delicious food to eat and find a spot for Zippy the cuddly monkey in the bedroom. A fun way to practise fine motor skills. Recommended for ages 3+.



\$12.99	Paperback	275 x 220mm	32pp	240277
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The Story Orchestra Musical Puzzle:The Sleeping Beauty

Jessica Courtney-Tickle

The Sleeping Beauty Musical Puzzle is a 48-piece puzzle with shaped pieces and four musical excerpts. Piece together the story and hear the music play! The musical jigsaw puzzle features four sound clips of an orchestra playing from Tchaikovsky's original score – a perfect gift for music lovers and aspiring ballerinas with four musical buttons to press. Complete the puzzle to see how the story ends and press the musical note inside the shaped pieces to hear the music. The sturdy gift box contains 48-piece puzzle (44 child-friendly pieces, plus 4 shaped pieces with cutouts for pressing the musical buttons) and a double-sided poster with information about the composer, music and the story's ending on one side, and the full puzzle image on the other. Recommended for ages 5+.



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Home & Garden

The Kew Gardens Cookbook

A Celebration of Plants in the Kitchen
Jenny Linford

Food is a unifying cultural force, but food security (feeding the world) is one of the greatest challenges we now face. By 2050, with 2 billion more people on the planet, we'll need to find ways to feed everyone sustainably. There are 50,000 different plant species that are edible but 90% of our food energy intake currently comes from just 15 crop plants. Organised in six sections, covering leaves, roots and squashes, grains and pulses, fungi, herbs and spices, and fruit and nuts. The book features over 60 delicious and unusual vegetarian recipes from celebrity contributors.



\$44.99	Hardback	245 x 190mm	208pp	220661
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The Comfort Bake Food That Warms the Heart

Baking is the perfect antidote to busy times, providing a double dose of solace: the contemplative act of baking itself, and the great big buttery prize at the end, which tastes even better when shared or given away entirely. You don't need fancy equipment or specialist skills. In this foolproof recipe collection, Sally Wise serves up recipes that are big on comfort and low on fuss. Savoury classics (including pies, quiches, breads and focaccia – and the creamiest potato bake ever) sit proudly alongside a glorious line-up of sweet treats, including Coffee Hazelnut Cake with Espresso Drizzle, Rhubarb & Caramel Slice, Spiced Ginger Cookie Sandwiches and a supremely simple Whisky & Orange Chocolate Self-Saucing Pudding.



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The Preserving Garden Bottle, Pickle, Ferment and Cook Homegrown Food All Year Round

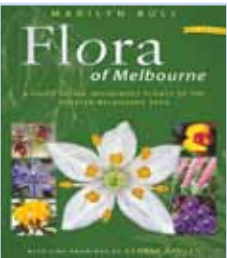
The Preserving Garden is a stylishly illustrated guide on how to use garden produce to provide food all year round. Learn how to make a veggie patch or plant fruit trees in any space – including where to begin, when to plant and how to care for your garden. From planting to preserving, each profile is accompanied with easy-to-follow recipes that allow you to make the most of your homegrown produce throughout the year. Features include: • 43 plant profiles with growing notes for starting or improving your garden • Scalable recipes and techniques for chutneys, relishes, jams, jellies, marmalades, bottling and drying • A joyful reinterpretation of cookery illustration – an inspiring and practical gift for the food enthusiast.



\$39.99	Hardback	255 x 200mm	208pp	230367
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The Flora of Melbourne A Guide to the Indigenous Plants of the Greater Melbourne Area, 4th Edition

The Flora of Melbourne is a resource that assists in the recognition and botanical identification of species while encouraging an awareness of the interrelationships between indigenous plants and animals. The book works on a few different levels. • It provides an important record of the plant life that developed in the Greater Melbourne area over a long period of time. • It indicates the probable distribution of plant communities and the species within them prior to European settlement, based on historical data, remnant vegetation, and the prevailing climatic and soil conditions of each area. • It records the breakdown of these important relationships that has led to both the extinction of individual species and the reduction in the range of species from several locations across the entire Melbourne area.



\$59.99	Hardback	290 x 220mm	624pp	230426
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Garden Allies Discover the Many Ways Insects, Birds & Other Animals Keep Your Garden Beautiful

The birds, mammals, reptiles and insects that inhabit our yards and gardens are overwhelmingly on our side – they are not our enemies, but instead our allies. They pollinate our flowers and vegetable crops, and they keep pests in check. Frederique Lavoipierre shares fascinating portraits of these creatures, describing their life cycles and showing how they keep the garden's ecology in balance. Also included is helpful information on how to nurture and welcome these valuable creatures into your garden. With beautiful pen-and-ink drawings by Craig Latker, Garden Allies invites you to make friends with the creatures that fill your garden – the reward is a renewed sense of nature's beauty and a garden humming with life.



\$34.99	Paperback	190 x 165mm	320pp	210562
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