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The V&A Book of Colour in **Design** Tim Travis

The V&A Book of Colour in Design is attractively simple: a celebration and exploration of colour, as revealed through objects in the world-class collections of the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. Structured by colour, it offers fascinating insights into the choices made by designers and makers from across the world and throughout history. Each chapter begins with

a brief introduction that considers the history, symbolism and use of an individual colour. Objects - from items of jewellery, textiles, glassware and ceramics to furniture and more - are reproduced in a visual selection that explores the varied hues of every colour. Beautifully designed, this highly visual, colour-led survey of design and the applied arts is a compelling sourcebook with broad appeal for anyone interested or involved in all aspects of visual culture

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The Inspiring Story of a Brave Kangaroo

and her Joey Rescued from Floodwaters

Mango and Hopscotch

Sophie Cunningham & Anil Tortop

Mango and Hopscotch live in a beautiful

tropical forest on the banks of a big river.

Together, they munch on grass and lounge

in the shade. One day, while the mob graze

quietly, drops of rain start to fall. Lightning

And then the river bursts its banks ..

This is the true tale of a brave kangaroo

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PLANTING

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by-step instructions how anyone can create detailed, mesmerizing optical illusions even with little drawing experience. He details how to create cool artwork from scratch by learning basic drawing techniques and progressing to more complex skills and creations, including:

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Molotow acrylic markers. Next, learn how to draw different kinds of flowers and trees. Once you have these under your belt, move on to 22 step-by-step projects that show you how to create stunning landscapes and city scenes using your acrylic markers.

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Botanical Prints in Linocut

This practical guide is for lovers of plants,

colour, design and print. Richly illustrated, it

explains the full process of making a linocut,

from sketch to finished print. It shows how

to design with native hedgerow plants or lush

garden favourites, whether for small intimate

Written with the author's natural passion and

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prints or impressive large-scale wallpaper.

An Artist's Giuide Laura Sowerby

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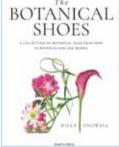
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The Botanical Shoes

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A Collection of Botanical Shoe Paintings in Watercolour and Words Billy Showell Step into The Botanical Shoes, a whimsical, watercolour collection of fantastical footwear, by Billy Showell. Each shoe, composed of vibrant blooms and delicate leaves, and accompanied by thought-provoking poetry and prose, invites you on a journey of the imagination. This captivating collection of watercolour artworks showcases over 50 floral footwear designs. Each delicate shoe, crafted from astonishingly detailed flowers,

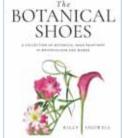


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leaves and botanical elements tells a story of dreams, journeys and the magic of imagination. From floral high heels to botanical boots, each piece in this collection of over 50 singular shoes is a testament to the power of creativity and the boundless inspiration found in nature.

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Planting for Native Birds, Bees and Butterflies How to Create a Garden That Attracts Australian Wildlife

Jaclyn Crupi

Countless Australian species of birds, bees and butterflies are in decline or threatened with extinction, but you can help. Jaclyn Crupi shows us that protecting and fostering precious native wildlife starts in our own

backyards. The first step: start planting! And choose native plants where possible. This alone presents endless opportunities for habitat creation - sometimes it's the smallest actions that make the biggest difference. Providing a well-placed dish of water on a hot day or allowing leaf litter to stay where it falls are among the many other super simple ways you can make your garden more attractive to native species. The book features practical advice with detailed planting plans for all types of gardens, from native to exotic, coastal to food forests.

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Thinking in Watercolor

A Daily Practice to Unlock Your Creativity & Discover Your Inner Artist Jessie Kanelos Weiner

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As both a commercial illustrator and professional art instructor, the author is uniquely poised to offer insider tips and tricks and clever visualizations of the creative process. And she brings each lesson to life with her vivid illustrations and stories from her life as an ex-pat in Paris. It all adds up to a volume that's at once inspiring, charming and informative - the perfect gift for anyone looking to begin or reignite a personal art practice.

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Sketching Nature The Beginner's Guide to Keeping a Botanical Sketchbook

Dianne Sutherland

This beautiful yet practical book is aimed at those just starting out in botanical art and nature journaling, as well as more experienced artists looking to evolve their sketching practice. • Explore a variety of subjects from delicate flowers and towering trees to fascinating insects and their habitats • Learn to compose your sketches effectively to



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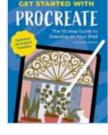
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Get Started with Procreate

The 10-Step Guide to Drawing on Your iPad: Contains 20 Project Tutorials Liz Kohler Brown

Get Started with Procreate guides the beginner through 20 tutorials, which can be easily personalised, using a 10-step plan to build confidence in working with Procreate tools and techniques. The projects include people, animals, buildings, nature, hand lettering and decorative



borders. With easy-to-follow instructions, in full colour and designed to be future-proof for updated versions of Procreate, the book includes a simple guide to getting started as well as providing links to additional colours and custom brushes. Ideal for readers looking for fresh ideas, inspiration and fun projects.

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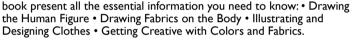
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Fashion Illustration Techniques

A Beginner's Guide for Fashion Designers and Illustrators Hiroko Fukuchi

This guide for budding fashion designers and illustrators shows you how to draw human figures accurately with a full range of fabrics, garments and accessories. It explains clearly all the techniques used by professional designers and illustrators with hundreds of examples to study and learn from! The detailed chapters in this



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an underdrawing • Explore colour theory and colour palette structures Learn painting techniques, including different shape and lighting approaches • Consider creative strategies for portraits • See how digital painting techniques can be used to support and enhance traditional painting techniques. Perfect for artists at all skill levels who want to explore capturing form and light through realistic painting techniques.

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Rag Manifesto Making, Folklore and Community Rachael Matthews

The Rag Manifesto is a unique, artist's view of the traditional art of rag rug making for this age of the Anthropocene. The book helps to break down all fears of what to do next with the rag pile. The stuff you loved can stay with you forever and the stuff you hated can be loved and laughed over in ways you never thought possible. Includes the techniques of plaiting; Welsh weaving sticks; peg loom; rigid heddle weaving; proddy on hessian;



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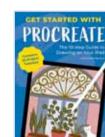
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Speedy Knots Quick & Easy Ways to Master the Basics Lindy Pokorny

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fundamental skill that will help your child through life's adventures. This manual uses detailed, step-by-step illustrations and diagrams that make it easy to follow along. The unique format includes rope and offers a hands-on approach to learning so readers can practice each knot as they read the diagrams. With this guide, you will learn how to choose, care for, and store your rope, when to use each knot and how to tie knots safely and securely. Recommended for ages 7+.

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The Golden Thread How Fabric

Changed History Kassia St Clair

When we talk of lives hanging by a thread, being interwoven, or part of the social fabric, we are part of a tradition that stretches back many thousands of years. Fabric has allowed us to achieve extraordinary things and survive in unlikely places, and this book shows you how - and why. With a cast that includes Chinese empresses, Richard the Lionheart and Bing Crosby, Kassia St Clair takes us on the run with

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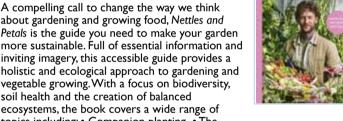
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Gardening

Nettles and Petals Grow Food. Eat

Weeds. Save Seeds. Jamie Walton

about gardening and growing food, Nettles and Petals is the guide you need to make your garden more sustainable. Full of essential information and inviting imagery, this accessible guide provides a holistic and ecological approach to gardening and vegetable growing. With a focus on biodiversity, soil health and the creation of balanced ecosystems, the book covers a wide range of topics including: • Companion planting • The



wonders of nettles and other weeds • The importance of flowers in the vegetable garden • Circular and ecological garden planning • Growing guides for the author's 'top 30' vegetables • Seed saving and sowing Urban and small-scale sustainable gardening • Harvesting, preserving and sharing produce. An ideal self-purchase or a gift for the green enthusiast in your life, Nettles and Petals is perfect for anyone curious about gardening sustainably.

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The Writer's Garden How Gardens Inspired the World's Great

Authors Jackie Bennett

The Writer's Garden presents an intriguing study of the beautiful gardens and outdoor spaces of 30 history's greatest writers. See inside the gardens where literary giants from Tolstoy to Agatha Christie created some of their finest works in this visually stunning and fascinating book. Discover the flower gardens, vegetable plots, landscapes and writing hideaways of 30 great authors – from Louisa May Alcott's



'Orchard House' where she wrote Little Women and Agatha Christie at Greenway, to Virginia Woolf at Monk's House and the Massachusetts home of Edith Wharton. Fully illustrated with specially commissioned photography plus archive images, and spanning centuries and continents, this book visits the homes and gardens that inspired novelists, poets and playwrights. It shows how outdoor spaces were important to writers in many different ways and offers insight into the lives and creative processes of beloved authors.

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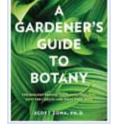
A Gardener's Guide to Botany

The biology behind the plants you love, how they grow, and what they need Scott Zona A Gardener's Guide to Botany is not just another book on how to grow plants. Instead, it's a lushly illustrated botanical journey into what makes plants tick, delivered in layman's terms that are easily understood and appreciated by both advanced gardeners and first-timers. You'll learn

how different plant parts function, the traits that

separate plants from animals, and how through

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eons of evolution the plants we grow in our gardens and homes have developed a million different fascinating adaptations that allow them to survive and thrive. From their leaf shape and growth habit to how they have sex and metabolize the nutrients they absorb, this book covers it all in an accessible and thought-provoking way.

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RHS Garden Bridgewater

The Making of a Garden Phil McCann Set on the site of the former Worsley New Hall stately home in Manchester, bordering the Bridgewater canal, the Bridgewater Garden is one of the most exciting public garden projects undertaken anywhere in the world in recent years. RHS Garden Bridgewater charts the glory years of royal visits to the site, the decline and fall into disrepair and the subsequent restoration and development of the gardens into what they are today.



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What a Ripper! 60 Everyday Objects That Shaped Australia Tim Ross

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previously untold stories and fascinating narratives, making this book equal parts retro-design celebration, pop-culture treasure trove and nostalgic adventure.

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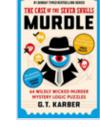
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Dinosaurs A Prehistoric Adventure with a 3× Magnifying Glass Eric Huang

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keeping every read fresh each time. Recommended for ages 5+.

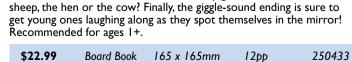
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Moo! What's That Noise? Pui Lee

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Peekaboo Car

Camilla Reid & Ingela Arrhenius

Connecting with faces and playing peekaboo is one of the first games that babies play. It's why the very youngest of children will love this cute car book - and want to read it again and again. With smooth mechanisms to push, pull or turn on every spread this beautiful book is packed full of fun! And surprise mirror ending is ideal fun for babies and toddlers!

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Lou Peacock & Ingela P Arrhenius

Open the doors to meet Bear's friends in this sweet and simple story that helps everyone settle down at bedtime. Bear is getting ready for bed. He's had a little snack, brushed his teeth and put on his big bear pyjamas when - Knock! Knock! - someone is at the door. Don't they know it's bedtime? It's Mouse and



she needs a little snack. Then Crocodile arrives and her toothbrush is broken, and - uh oh - Lion's pyjamas are too small, and now wide-awake Owl is playing her trumpet very loudly. Can Bear help his friends so they can all get a good night's sleep? Help your child wind down for bed with this gently interactive picture book that makes bedtime fun for everyone. Recommended for ages 2+.

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teach him how to play nicely? Recommended



inspire little musicians to experiment with toylike instruments to explore and play! There are guitar strings to strum, DJ records to 'scratch',



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 this book s sure to spark young imaginations.
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