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#### Can Do Picks

#### Liberty: Design. Pattern. Colour Kassia St Clair

Liberty - an icon of design innovation and luxury - is renowned internationally for fabric designs on silk, wool, cashmere and, most famously, Tana Lawn Cotton. Gathered here are 150 of the most striking and significant Liberty patterns, ranging from much-loved florals to bold and abstract designs and contemporary collaborations. Published to mark

Liberty's 150th anniversary, this beautifully produced book places fabrics in the context of the store's wider design history – from the retailer's remarkable Tudor Revival building to posters, advertising and branding. It presents the very latest examples of Liberty design alongside prints, drawings and samples from the company's outstanding archive, telling an inspiring, century-long story of manufacturing quality and design excellence.

\$100.00

Hardback

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# 2026 Guide to the Night Sky **Southern Hemisphere**

Radmila Topalovic & Dominic Ford

The ideal gift for all amateur and seasoned astronomers, this book is a comprehensive handbook to the planets, stars and constellations visible from the southern hemisphere with 6 pages for each month covering January-December 2026. Features include: • 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 2026 • Seasonal charts • Details of dark sky sites • Details of objects and events you might see in 2026 • Diagrams of notable events visible from Australia.

\$22.99

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### **Practical Art**

## Forests, Woods and Groves

Art from the Arborealists Forests, Woods and Groves is a stunning collection of artwork from the Arborealists, a group of highly skilled artists who feature trees, forests and woodland as their most vital subjects. Each member has developed their own artistic language, showcasing manifold applications in everything from scale, medium, style and philosophical approach. Featuring the artwork of Arborealist members including Tim Craven, Jemma Appleby, Alex Faulkner,

Ann Blockley, Fiona McIntyre and many more, this beautiful book is a joyful celebration of the natural world.

\$49.99

Hardback

285 x 225mm

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### **Colored Pencil Workbook:** Fabulous Flowers Sun-Kyong Clifford

Take a vibrant journey into botanical art! With 20 captivating projects, you can immerse yourself in the delicate beauty of nature, wielding coloured pencils as your brushes. Each project offers step-by-step instructions, accompanied by insightful tips and techniques to achieve lifelike blooms. What sets this book apart is the interactive element - sketches of each project appear with the instruction

allowing you to paint directly in the book. This inspiring book includes: An overview of essential coloured pencil techniques
20 projects on high-quality colouring paper • A wide variety of blooms, including peonies, daffodils, snowdrops, calla lilies, cosmos and more • Bonus downloadable templates to trace or print on your own paper • Videos of each project as well as basic techniques, accessible via QR codes.

Paperback

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128pp

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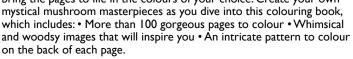
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# Twilight Mushroom Coloring

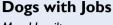
#### **Book** Color a Magical World of Mushrooms, Forests and Fungi

Fascinating fungi, mysterious mushrooms and enchanting forests - colour your way through one of the most captivating and complex parts of nature. From tiny, capped button mushrooms to larger, umbrella-like clusters, allow yourself to be transported to a world of charm and whimsy. Let your imagination soar as you

embark on this serene woodland journey and bring the pages to life in the colours of your choice. Create your own



**Paperback** 240 x 215mm \$19.99 128pp 250608



Max Hamilton

From beekeepers to brave rescuers, dogs have the most amazing jobs! This book is a delightful exploration of the many careers of our canine companions. Dogs may be our best friends, but sometimes that's just their side hustle! Meet the beekeepers, the whale poo sniffers, the dental assistants and the penguin protectors from around the world who prove that dogs have more jobs than you can throw a stick at. Packed with adorable illustrations and quirky jobs, this heart-warming book about our best (and busiest) friend is perfect for young readers and dog lovers everywhere. Recommended for ages 3+.

\$19.99 Hardback

Meditative Drawing Learn to Draw Mandalas and Other Patterns That Foster Calm and Creativity Lizzie Snow

Immerse yourself in the calming practice of meditative drawing while learning to draw mandalas and other nature-inspired designs. This accessible and inspiring book shows you how to enjoy the benefits of a mindfulness-based art practice, while creating stunning artwork. You will find: • Detailed step-by-step instruction on

drawing mandalas and other meditative designs • Traceable motifs that allow you to practice motifs and expand on them • QR codes that link to online videos and downloadable templates • Bonus designs you can colour and finish yourself. The projects and techniques begin with simple motifs that gently build toward more complex designs, which go beyond mandalas to include other free-flowing artwork.

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#### Gift certificates available too!

A Vintage Victorian Christmas

Sticker, Color & Activity Book Over 200 Unique Stickers

Commemorate a bygone age and immerse yourself in the elegance of the Victorian era with this treasure trove of Christmas ephemera - with 500+ stickers and 50+ activity pages including: • Exquisitely ornate holiday-themed

stickers from the past • Christmas cards and easy-to-assemble envelopes. • Enchanting colouring pages, featuring linedrawn images of Christmas trees, angels, Father Christmas and snowy scenes • Words games and activities, such as mazes, connect-the-dots, trivia, matching, shadow puppets and more • Period-specific pastimes, like parlour games and making holiday items such as Christmas crackers, gilded walnuts, pomanders, figgy pudding and so much more.

\$22.99

Paperback

230 x 170mm

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#### Vintage Blossoms & Blooms Sticker, Color & Activity Book

Get into the spirit of florists and botanists and partake in some enchanting flower-themed activities. Relax, explore your creativity and add fun to your free time with: • Exquisitely illustrated stickers, which you can use to decorate envelopes, gift wrap, letters, scrapbooks or cell phone and tablet cases. On the backs of the sticker pages are inspiring quotes from nature enthusiasts and

authors. • Enchanting colouring pages, featuring line-drawn images of all kinds of blossoms and blooms. Each full-page design has a meditative pattern on the back that you can colour in any way you like, regardless of your artistic abilities. You could even adorn your finished works of art with the stickers. • Word games such as mazes, trivia, matching, sudoku, flower name generator and more, plus instructions for activities such as crocheting and embroidering flowers, making vintage paper flowers, stencilling book edges and making botanical drinks.

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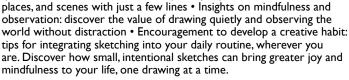
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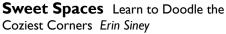
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#### Make (Sneaky) Art And Other Ideas to Build Your Sketchbook Habit Nishant Jain

Make (Sneaky) Art is more than just a guide to sketching - it's a philosophy for capturing the world around you with subtlety, mindfulness and minimalism. The author shares his techniques. encouraging you to embrace the art of drawing people, landscapes and cityscapes with minimal lines. Inside, you'll find: • Simple techniques for quick, minimal sketches: learn to capture people,





This fun and fresh guide helps you put your own spin on still life art, teaching you how to draw eye-catching interiors with vibrant motifs and characters. Each chapter includes signature art pieces and the following pages break down important objects to draw. In a craft room, learn how to draw an easel, a canvas, letters and envelopes, and scissors, but the possibilities are endless in how you fill your own room with



Sweet Spaces-inspired things! The book includes a guide of repeated items and symbols featured in the interiors, such as flowers and strawberries, as well as a simple perspective guide to draw a room.

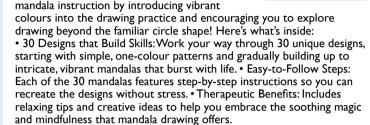
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#### A Bright & Beautiful Guide to **Drawing Mandalas** 30 Step-by-Step Tutorials to Unlock the Meditative Magic of

Drawing Repeat Patte Farah Brightart This book begins with an overview of the art form that teaches you everything you need to know to get started drawing mandalas. A truly inspiring book, this guide redefines traditional



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#### Paint 50: Watercolour Nature

From Basic Shapes to Amazing Paintings in Super-Easy Steps Clarice Gomes

Over the course of 50 simple watercolour projects including exotic fruit, vibrant insects and loose, ethereal flowers, this beginnerfriendly book will teach you how to let loose and go with the flow as you paint! Each project can be completed in six to eight simple steps, using a small selection of colours and a handful



of easy-to-follow watercolour techniques. • No prior knowledge of watercolour techniques needed • No drawing skills required • Suitable for artists of all levels - clear instructions guide you from start to finish in a way that makes it easy to pick up a brush and learn how to paint in the author's loose, characterful style.

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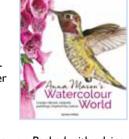
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# Anna Mason's Watercolour

World Create Vibrant, Realistic Paintings Inspired by Nature Anna Mason

Now in paperback! Learn to paint your own stunningly realistic watercolour works of art, rich in detail and vibrant in colour, with awardwinning botanical artist Anna Mason. • Discover a personal insight into Anna's way of working; with clarity and warmth she will help you find inspiration, choose scale and composition, see things correctly and work with discipline and



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flow until you produce fabulous work of your own • Packed with advice and inspiring finished pieces, this gorgeous book guides you through Anna's method of working with four beautiful step-by-step projects: a blackberry, an autumn leaf, a sunflower and a garden bird • Each project contains a full-size traceable outline • The book is suitable for beginners or experienced artists looking to refine their style with new techniques.

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# **Craft**

#### **Linocut** A Creative Guide to Making Beautiful Prints Sam Marshall

Linocut is the ideal step-by-step guide on how

to create personal and contemporary linocut prints. Through 18 easy-to-follow projects the author guides you through the whole process from the drawing to the carving to the inking to the printing to create your own beautiful prints and handmade cards. Featuring step-by-step projects, the book demonstrates a range of skills with low-cost materials to produce simple

linocuts, reduction linocuts and colourful multi-block prints. You will also learn more experimental techniques such as combining monoprint, chine collé, jigsaw linocuts and rainbow rolls and pick up handy tips on subjects such as 'noise' and editioning your prints.

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#### Modern Knifemaking for **Beginners** Laura Zerra From design to sharpening, this book covers

every step in the knifemaking process, all with beginners in mind: • Knife Design – Consider what you want your knife to accomplish, develop a design, and make a prototype • Choosing and Sourcing Materials - Learn how to choose and buy steel for your knife • Forging Techniques -Build your own forge, then learn forging basics • Developing a Blade



Shape - Forge the shape of your knife and make the blade tip . Cutting and Finishing the Blade - Cut the blade profile, grind in bevels to make the edge of the knife, heat treat and temper your blade, and grind and polish it • Making a Handle and Sheath – Create a handle and sheath for your new knife • Maintaining the Edge – Learn sharpening techniques to maintain the knife's edge • Pro-Tips from some of the leading knifemakers working today.

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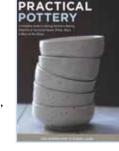
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#### **Practical Pottery**

Sus Borgbjerg & Susan Liebe

This book is an informative and practical handbook for anyone who wants to try their hand at clay and experience the joy of creating fine, useful things by hand. As you master the basics, you'll apply them to creating a series of progressively more difficult items - cups, bowls, plates, pitchers, vases and platters. Using moreadvanced ceramic techniques, you'll learn to add features like spouts and handles. And you'll explore modifying shapes, designs and colours



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to design your own pottery and make each piece your own.

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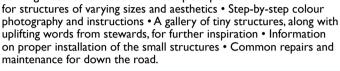
Home & Garden

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#### How to Build Your Very Own Little Free Library | | Mini

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Structures You Can Build Philip Schmidt Expand the book-sharing movement to your community with this photo-illustrated, inspirational source for building tiny sharing libraries. This information-packed guide features: • A how-to for planning and designing your little sharing structure • An overview of building materials and tools • 11 complete plans



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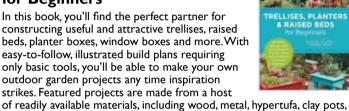
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### Trellises, Planters & Raised Beds for Beginners

constructing useful and attractive trellises, raised beds, planter boxes, window boxes and more. With easy-to-follow, illustrated build plans requiring only basic tools, you'll be able to make your own outdoor garden projects any time inspiration strikes. Featured projects are made from a host



latticework, copper tubing, wire, timbers, stone and more. With more than 30 project plans, you'll have the know-how you need to create just about any imaginable project to accent your garden or nurture and support the plants around your home. Each detailed building plan includes: • Full-colour photographs of the process and the finished project • Scaled drawing plan so you can easily follow along • Shopping list • Cutting list • Detailed, expert-vetted, step-by-step instructions.

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# The Rookie Gardener Chloe Foster For readers with absolutely no floriferous idea,

the book begins by explaining what a plant actually is. Chapters are set out in the order that you would do things in the garden – because a thorough grounding in the what, why and how of your bit of soil is the first and most important step towards imagining and creating something that perfectly suits you and your needs. To round out your rookie understanding, there are stepby-step projects, horticultural titbits, suggestions



for rabbit-hole reading, checklists, garden hacks and special features. As Chloe gently guides you through making your garden, and living in it, she provides insights into growing your own food, creating habitat, treading lightly on the earth and gardening in size-challenged spaces. An illustrated plant directory, giving recommendations for particular spots and styles, makes choosing the right plant for the right place a cinch.

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# The Complete Language of Herbs A Definitive and Illustrated

History STheresa Dietz

The Complete Language of Herbs provides the meanings, powers, facts and folklore for over 500 herbs and spices. Along with a beautiful visual depiction, each entry provides the herb or spice's scientific and common names, characteristics, and historic meanings and powers from mythology, medieval legends, folklore and flower poetry. Did you know that



allspice can be added to herbal mixtures to attract money or luck? Or that sprinkling arrowroot at the doors of your home will keep guests' negative energy from entering?

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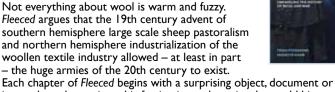
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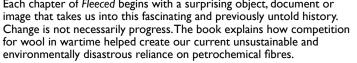
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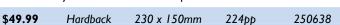
#### Fleeced: Unraveling the History of Wool and War Unraveling the History of Wool and War

Trish Fitzsimmons & Madelyn Shaw

Fleeced argues that the 19th century advent of southern hemisphere large scale sheep pastoralism and northern hemisphere industrialization of the woollen textile industry allowed - at least in part







#### Why Do Birds Sing? Amazing Answers to Questions about Birdsong

Gráinne Cleary

While the question 'why do birds sing?' might seem a simple one, the answer is complex! Throughout our history birdsong has influenced art, poetry and music. It can elevate our mood and bring our backyards to life. We often hear birds singing as we go about our lives, but have you ever wondered who they are singing to and what they are singing about? Why Do Birds Sing? provides an insight into

the world of bird communication that will surprise and delight you. It's an absorbing and informative book filled with answers to many of the common and often uncommon questions we ask about birdsong. After reading this book you will never listen to a bird song in the same way!

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Barkitecture

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#### **Barkitecture** Explore the World of Innovative and Sustainable Pet Architecture

Joshua Tomasson

Barkitecture is a world of innovative pet architecture featuring over 50 unique houses, from sleek modern beauties to whimsically fun creations. Whether you're a seasoned designer, a pet parent looking to create a special retreat for your furry family member, or simply someone who

loves animals, you will adore this book of cool digs and furry friends. For the cat lovers out there, don't worry – felines have their place in Barkitecture too! With a dedicated chapter featuring creative catfriendly designs, this book celebrates all pets of the four-legged variety.

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# As We Wander: Road Trip

Australia Favourite Holiday Itineraries for a Weekend or Longer Adventure

Luke Riddle & Jessica Caldwell

This stunning, curated travel guide is everything you need to hit the road! The authors have put together 34 of their favourite Australian road trips ranging from weekenders to month-long journeys. Each chapter features a map with their suggested itinerary, driving tips, must-

see destinations including nature walks and swimming spots, the best campsites and other stays, plus recommendations for great food and coffee. There's advice on preparing for road trips, travelling on a budget, travelling with kids and pets, handy apps and choosing the right setup. Jess and Luke also share tips and tricks for capturing the best photos of your journey. The book is filled with their beautiful travel photography, guaranteed to inspire your own road trip adventure.

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# The Botanists' Library The Most Important Botanical Books in

History Carolyn Fry & Emma Wayland The Botanists' Library is a lavishly illustrated compendium of the most significant

publications that have informed botanical knowledge throughout history. From the earliest manuscripts penned by visionary naturalists to the modern tomes that continue to shape our understanding of the plant kingdom, this book is a testament

to the tireless dedication of the world's greatest botanists. Each chapter delves into the pages of a seminal work, unveiling the insights, controversies and stories behind the books that have shaped our understanding of the plant world. Whether you are a seasoned botanist, a budding enthusiast or simply someone with an insatiable curiosity about the natural world, this book offers a comprehensive reference that will enrich your understanding of botany and its evolution.

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#### Children

#### Listen to the Music at Christmas

Listen to the Music at Christmas is the perfect way to introduce little ones to timeless pieces that conjure the spirit of Christmas from around the world. Join Pip and Sammy as they travel the world, listening to the most famous pieces of Christmas music. Meet the

s who dreamed them up and set the tone for Christmas hundreds of years. From the exciting Sleigh Ride, to the reflective Sankta Lucia in Sweden, to the exultant Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, beautiful sound clips bring the orchestra, choirs and Wassailers into vivid life at the touch of a button in this beautiful book, perfect for the run up to Christmas. This is a perfect, first gentle story book to introduce little ones aged 5+ to the sounds and songs of Christmas.

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The Instruments

Hardback

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# Listen to the Music:

Take a trip through the history of music, complete with sound clips of the worlds best-loved orchestral instruments. Covering 10 different, beloved orchestral instruments, from different pieces from around the world, readers hear music composed and can press

them to hear clips of musical masterpieces! From Elgars Cello Concerto to Tchaikovsky's Concerto in D Major for violin, this book will teach children about cultural history, famous musicians and musical genres, all while wanting to press the buttons and hear the music again and again. This is a beautiful first introduction to the history of music as told to the tune of the key instruments in the orchestra. Perfectly pitched to inspire and instil a love of music from a young age, this book will strike a chord with curious children who might be thinking about choosing a first instrument to learn. Recommended for ages 5+.

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#### Story Orchestra: Hansel and Gretel Jessica Courtney-Tickle

Discover the enchanting magic of Hansel and Gretel. As you and your little one journey through the magical scenes of one of the greatest fairy tales, press the buttons on each

page to hear 10 excerpts from the incidental music, encouraging interactive learning and



introducing children to this beautiful piece of music. Includes a short biography of the composer with details about his composition of Hansel and Gretel. Next to this, you can replay the musical excerpts and, for each of them, read a discussion of the instruments, rhythms and musical techniques that make them so powerful. A glossary defines musical terms. Recommended for ages 7+.

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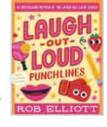
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# Laugh Out Loud - Punchlines

Rob Elliott

Q:Why was the nose feeling A: It kept getting picked on! Crack yourself up with this collection of fill-in-the-blank jokes and quips! Budding comedians will get to tap into their creativity to create hundreds of hilarious gags, puns and zingers that are sure to make the whole family laugh out loud. Rob Elliott gives you the ultimate laughter-inducing power of the punchline – perfect for kids and kids-at-heart of all ages!



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#### The Twelve Days of Christmas **Island** Teresa Lagrange

In this version of the much-loved Christmas song, we celebrate the unique birds that live on this wild and remote island from the bright-red plumage of the Frigatebird to the iridescent green of the Emerald Dove. Depicting the rare and special birds of this remote part of Australia, The Twelve Days of Christmas Island is a uniquely Australian Christmas book to be cherished and read year after year. Recommended for ages 6+.



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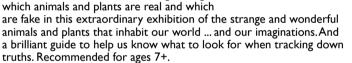
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**Unreal** Can you tell fact from fake?

Kate Simpson, illustrated by Leila Rudge Guess which of the weird and wonderful exhibits are real and which are fake in this sumptuous collection of extraordinary animals and plants. There's been a mix-up at the Museum - some of the displays from the Myths and Legends exhibit have snuck into the Natural History wing. We have to sort it out, but how can we tell fact from fiction? Animal from apparition? Megafauna from monster? Kids will have fun guessing

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There's No Such Thing as

a Silly Question 213 Weird Questions, Expertly Answered!

Mike Rampton

Fact-checked by experts from across the University of Cambridge, this book expertly answers 213 of the most unusual and interesting questions you never thought to

ask about the world - one for at least every bone in your body! There really is no such thing as a silly question. Recommended for ages 8+.

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**EARTH** 

#### Inside Out Earth Look Inside (and Outside) Our Amazing Planet

Featuring a die-cut model showing the different

layers beneath the planet's surface and above it, Inside Out Earth covers topics from plate tectonics to the ozone layer, all with colourful images and easy-to-read blocks of text. A layered 3-D model of Earth's inner and outer layers centres the book, introducing children to what's both beneath and above the planet's surface. Through engaging illustrations, photos,

and text, the book explores: • The layers inside our planet • Layers of the atmosphere • Earth's relationship to other planets • Natural phenomena such as aurora borealis and meteorites. Recommended for ages 7+.

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#### Inside Out Butterflies Discover Nature's Most Amazing Transformation Inside Out Butterflies is a colourful, interactive

reference that introduces children to the wonderful world of butterflies, including their metamorphosis, anatomy, migrations and much more. The book engages children with a 3-D tour of one of nature's most amazing transformations - the metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly! From a tiny egg that could balance on the head of pin, a caterpillar hatches, grows, and creates a chrysalis. When it cracks open, a butterfly emerges and stretches its wings. This amazing transformation takes place in just a few weeks. Recommended for ages 7+.



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