

Can Do Picks

Creative Abstract Mixed Media The Beginner's Guide to Expressive Painting with Watercolor and More! Kate Rebecca Leach

Kate Rebecca Leach introduces a wide range of exciting materials alongside watercolours to create mixed media art. • *Get creative:* Have fun and play with colour, shape, texture and materials to your heart's content. • *Try new things:* Start experimenting with a host of techniques including collage, printing, metallics, salt, alcohol, crackle paste and adding embroidered accents to your work. • *Improve your skills:* Expert guidance and helpful tips and tricks help you to build your repertoire of techniques. • *Go with the flow:* Relax into the watercolour process then add mixed media embellishments to take it to the next level. Packed with information and inspiring images, this beautiful book will take your work to new creative heights and allow you to try something new, exciting and, most of all, fun!

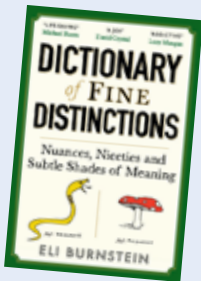
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Dictionary of Fine Distinctions Nuances, Niceties and Subtle Shades of Meaning Eli Burnstein

Swamp or bog? Guilt or shame? Poisonous or venomous? We pick from a wealth of words to express ourselves each day, giving precious little thought to the specifics or their meaning. But are we using them with any degree of accuracy – or should that be precision? For hair-splitters and language lovers, *Dictionary of Fine Distinctions* explores the words that too many of us collapse, conflate or confuse. Inspecting the vanishingly small distinctions between them that make all the difference, Eli Burnstein's witty deep dives into everything from food and fashion to ethics and architecture will sharpen your understanding, tickle your mind and bring clarity at last.

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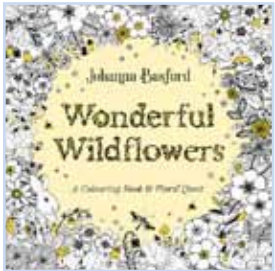
Practical Art

Wonderful Wildflowers

A Colouring Book & Floral Quest Johanna Basford

A decade on from *Secret Garden*, the global colouring phenomenon is back with her latest colouring book – reminiscent the magic of her first hit. Colour your way through these inky pages bursting to life with wildflowers both real and imagined. Alongside familiar lush bluebells, tangles of honeysuckle and cornflower meadows, you'll find some new and rather curious species: fluffy pom-pom flowers, speckled poppies and miniature buttercups – all awaiting your colours. As you adventure through these wild pages peppered with bees, birds and berries, keep an eye out for the 12 magical wildflowers featured in the Plant Hunter's list. Can you find them all and complete the floral quest?

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Big School of Drawing

Animals Well-Explained, Practice-Oriented Drawing Instruction for the Beginning Artist

Big School of Drawing Animals is your complete guide to the art of drawing animals with accuracy, creativity, and fun. Through step-by-step tutorials, explore popular animal subjects learning techniques for each animal's unique anatomy and characteristics. Inside, you will find: • Step-by-step instructions for drawing animals, covering popular pets like cats and dogs, as well as wild animals • Core art fundamentals, including perspective, light and shadow, essential for creating dynamic and realistic animal drawings • Coloured pencil techniques, providing guidance on adding depth and texture to bring animal illustrations to life.

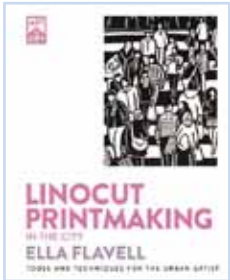
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Linocut Printmaking in the City Tools and Techniques for the Urban Artist Ella Flavell

Explore your street with *Linocut Printmaking in the City* to create stunning, relevant and highly original work. • Features an introductory section to show the basic techniques and guide to finding inspiration for your work • Detailed architectural skylines, bridges, drain covers, street furniture and diverse crowd scenes offer a new perspective on this traditional art form • Experimental section prompts research and discovery of new materials.

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Muster Dogs

The Next Generation Melissa Spencer

Discover the next generation of puppies, farmers and trainers in this new stunning companion to the beloved TV series *Muster Dogs*. This second illustrated book captures the young pups and trainers learning from experienced handlers while introducing their own fresh ideas. Set against the breathtaking vistas of outback properties and rural landscapes, it also showcases delightful family connections and adorable pups learning new tricks and getting into the action. So join the adventure and experience the heartwarming bond between humans and their loyal canine companions in this gorgeous tribute to tradition and innovation.

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Sketching in the City

Tools and Techniques for the Urban Artist Toby Haseler

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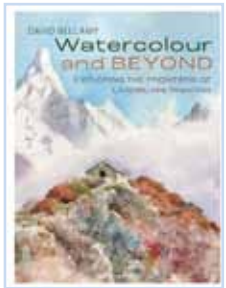
Gift certificates available too!

Watercolour and Beyond

Exploring the Frontiers of Landscape Painting David Bellamy

Watercolour and Beyond is an innovative, practical book, aimed at equipping landscape artists of all abilities with exciting new ideas and techniques. Alongside over 100 inspiring examples of David Bellamy's work there are more than 60 innovative approaches and exercises, with tips, visual examples and step-by-step technique, throughout the following sections: • Starting traditional (exploring pure watercolour) • Developing your style • Interpreting and altering your subjects • Taking it further.

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Watercolor Alchemy

Your Guide to Mixing Beautiful Colors Agus Di Stefano

Elevate your watercolour art with this foolproof guide to mixing stunning colours using just three primary paints! With this approachable handbook, you'll mix the vivid, realistic colours you've been looking for – no more muddy palettes, wasted supplies or premade paints that aren't quite right. Agus Di Stefano, a seasoned watercolour instructor, brings her expert knowledge and relaxed teaching style to 25 curated lessons and exercises that cover: • Colour recipes to create everything from earth tones like raw sienna and burnt umber to vibrant violets and intense reds • How to match any colour by eye with shortcuts to mix the perfect saturation, hue and value • Strategies for mixing true-to-life skin tones.

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Yuluwirri A First Nations Colouring Book Lakarri Pitt

Find joy and happiness applying the rainbow to this modern colouring book that celebrates culture and Country. Yuluwirri means rainbow in the Gamilaroi Ularoi Language, and it's also a symbol of joy, beauty and connection to the natural world. In this stunning colouring book, artist Lakkari Pitt shares artworks and stories of her culture, family, community and connection to her people's land. The author offers helpful colouring tips for every artwork, and there's a glossary of Gamilaroi Ularoi words at the front of the book. Thick paper means you can use your favourite colouring pens or pencils on every page.

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Color by Numbers: Nature

40 Mystery Pictures to Reveal

Hidden within this innovative colouring book are 40 stunning travel posters featuring natural wonders of the world. Simply follow the colour key to reveal the hidden locations. From the Grand Canyon and Everglades National Parks to the mountains of New Zealand and the fjords of Norway, where will you travel today? • Featuring thick, uncoated paper and printed single-sided, there is no risk of bleed-through • The pages are perforated, making it easy to pull out and frame • Full-colour versions of the illustrations are available to refer to at the back of the book.

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The Artist's Colour Box Kelly Grovier

Understand the stories behind the paints and pigments used by the great artists. The front of each card outlines a pigment's history – its discovery or invention, production and usage – with a swatch. The back features a notable work from the history of art that prominently features it. The 52 pigments have been carefully selected to demystify the extensive ranges of oil paints on offer today.

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Christmas Magic Coloring Book

Celebrate the magic of Christmas with this creative colouring book featuring more than 100 joyful holiday images. What is your favourite part of Christmas? Is it the presents, the decorations, the songs, the stories or the food? Whatever you love, you'll find it in *Christmas Magic Coloring Book!* With more than 100 designs to colour, you're sure to get into the holiday spirit. Plus, the book features a gorgeous cover with foil, embossing, rounded corners and sprayed edges for a continuous design on the front, edges and back, making this a book you'll want to take with you – or gift to others.

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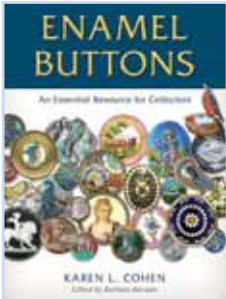


General Crafts

Enamel Buttons An Essential Resource for Collectors Karen L. Cohen

Meticulous research combined with her insights about the properties of enamel and the techniques used in buttons make this a must-have book for every collector. Hundreds of photos provide examples of the various techniques and button types and are a valuable resource for study. If you already collect enamel buttons, this is an essential resource for understanding your collection in more depth. If you are curious about the topic, this book tells it all: history, material, techniques and embellishments, makers and more. It's a button book you will enjoy paging through again and again, admiring the hundreds of glorious enamel buttons.

\$120	Hardback	280 x 215mm	150pp	250106
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Luminous Clay Working with Bone China and Porcelain Paperclay Angela Mellor

Angela Mellor encourages ceramists to explore these exciting mediums. The author covers the main methods of working with bone china, including mould-making and slipcasting, along with techniques that have allowed her to play with the transparency and surface of clay. Decorating methods, firing procedures and electrical lighting to maximise translucency are also explored along with stunning images and methods used by other ceramists. Gorgeous photography throughout demonstrates how ceramicists around the world are able to create extraordinary pieces that ripple and bend light.

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The Beginner's Guide to Wheel Throwing A Complete Course for the Potter's Wheel Julia Claire Weber

In *The Beginner's Guide to Wheel Throwing*, you'll find all you need to develop the skills (and patience) you need to make your first forms. You'll find: • Starter projects like cups, bowls and plates to hone your skills • Tutorials on important topics like trimming and handles • A unique decal workshop, unlocking the potential of image transfer. Throughout, skill-building is front and centre, with tips and tricks to help you crack the code and make pieces you're proud of. Gallery work from some of today's top artists will inspire potters of all levels.

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Wooden Jewellery Boxes

20 Projects for Storage and Display

Ranging from small ring boxes and trinket containers to larger boxes with several drawers, the projects in this book showcase a variety of construction and decorative techniques, such as dovetails, inlay, veneering and using contrasting timbers. These high-quality boxes will not only keep treasured items safe but will also become precious heirlooms. Boxes can be made to mark special occasions, such as weddings or anniversaries, or to store sentimental items and keepsakes. Advice is given on how to personalize the projects, inspiring readers to create their own boxes to keep or give as gifts. Projects include: ring box, inlaid wedding box, bespoke jewellery box, heirloom Bible box.



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A Beginner’s Guide to Animal Woodcarving

Learn to Sculpt Lifelike Figures from a Japanese Master

Mio Hashimoto

Mio Hashimoto reveals the secrets and techniques behind her rustic, whimsical and lifelike animal sculptures. She teaches you the entire process of creating an endearing animal sculpture – from the preliminary sketch and wood selection, to the techniques needed to saw, sculpt and paint it. The book provides 5 detailed tutorials with hundreds of colour photos for the following animal sculptures: • Sweet Kitty with a curlicue • Baby Penguin with downy feathers • Dozing Cat with its eyes pinched shut and its paws curled over • Bear on a Swing, ready to put on a show • Delightful Donkey with a round belly and stubby legs.



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Home & Garden

Wild by Design

Naturalistic Gardening for Modern Australian Landscapes

More than a how-to guide, though, *Wild by Design* is a deep reflection on the naturalistic movement in an Australian context, capturing the change, texture, climate, looseness and light that make Australian naturalistic gardens unique in the world. It's a book for ambitious home gardeners both urban and rural, as well as professional landscape designers exploring new philosophies of gardening, and anyone who finds joy in gardens. With stunning photography, the book presents the creative inspiration, information and tools you'll need to create your own plant-driven naturalistic garden, whether you're starting with an existing garden or a blank slate.



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Favourite Australian Plants

500 Popular Natives for Your Garden

Angus Stewart

Angus Stewart has selected the best native plants for every part of the country and soil type, from temperate coastal regions to areas with frost, and the tropical north. These are tried and tested plants easy to grow in home gardens. They include old favourites – such as grevilleas, orchids and bottle brushes – and popular cultivars, as well as less familiar species. These are plants with vibrant flowers and attractive leaves and shapes that will be a joy to grow, not only because of their beauty but also their reliability. Top 10 lists help you to find the plants best suited to your conditions, identifying plants for patios, parklands and everything in between. Each plant has a colour photo and details of growing requirements, and whether it attracts native birds and insects.

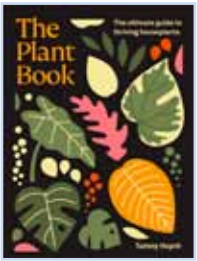


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The Plant Book

The Ultimate Guide to Thriving Houseplants

The Plant Book cuts through the noise with clear information that will help you grow and nurture healthy, resilient indoor plants. Tammy has selected the 50 most-loved houseplants and for each profile she offers: • A detailed description • Icons to indicate ideal care conditions • A list of cultivars • A list of common problems for that specific plant with photos to help you visually recognise and diagnose plant issues. In addition, the 'Houseplants 101' chapter covers general tips on lighting, potting mix, watering, fertiliser, humidity, pests and diseases, buying plants, hydroponics and pots and planters. There's a heavy focus on troubleshooting with diagnostic flow charts, allowing you to identify and resolve plant problems.



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The Weed Forager’s Handbook 2nd Edition

A Guide to Edible and Medicinal Weeds in Australia

Adam Grubb & Annie Raser-Rowland

An astonishing number of the plants we call 'weeds' are either edible or medicinal, and have deep and sometimes bizarre connections to human history. But how do you distinguish a tasty sandwich-filler from its dangerous look-alike? Which weeds are among the most nutritious vegetables ever tested? And how do you cook with delicious nettles without fear of being stung? Discover the answers to these questions and more in *The Weed Forager's Handbook*. This second edition includes additional weed profiles (22 in total plus 14 short profiles), updated research, extra facts and new photos. Step into the world of our least-admired botanical companions, peel back the layers of prejudice and forever change where you go looking for lunch!



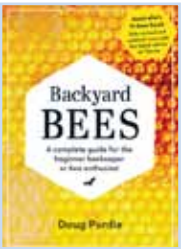
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Backyard Bees

A Complete Guide for the Beginner Beekeeper or Bee Enthusiast

Doug Purdie

Fully revised and updated, Doug Purdie offers friendly, expert advice on keeping happy, healthy bees and harvesting the liquid gold, including tips on choosing a hive and equipment. You'll also find case studies and anecdotes from beekeepers from all walks of life, and 20 delicious recipes for all that honey. The new edition includes a chapter on the Flow Hive, the innovative beehive design that has taken beekeeping by storm plus chapters on supporting your local bee population without a hive, with tips for planting bee-friendly gardens and creating habitats and homes for solitary bees.



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General Interest

100 Poems to Help You Relax

Liz Ison

Keep this collection handy for a moment of relaxation whenever you need it. With poems about pets, nature, creativity and more, there are any number of topics to help you de-stress and forget about your worries. When it's hard to unwind after a long day at work, or it's difficult to find time for some self-care, this collection is the perfect soother. Wise words from W. B. Yeats, Robert Burns, Mary Oliver, William Wordsworth and more provide many pockets of consolation, distraction, and comfort within these pages. Grab a mug of coffee, a glass of wine or a sweet treat, and have some relaxing time to yourself with many of the most soothing poems of all time.



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Fashion Critical

Red Carpet Lewks and LOLs from an Undercover Fashion Critic

If you've ever gawked or marvelled at Hollywood celebrities' red-carpet outfits, you're going to love *Fashion Critical's* musings on the most memorable red-carpet looks, trends and fails of our time. From the Golden Globes to the Met Gala and everything in between, viral social media commentator, FC, will give you VIP access to the multi-million-dollar machine that is celebrity red-carpet fashion. All her critiques promise her effective combination of humour and bang-on evaluations of celebrity style, while her loveable Australian colloquialisms add that touch of charm. (Whaddya call this, luv?) Enjoy this stunning book that is serving both fun and frivolity.

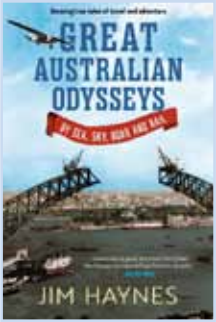


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Great Australian Odysseys

By Sea, Sky, Road and Rail

Trucks, trains, boats and planes – welcome to a treasury of unsung heroes and extraordinary journeys that have shaped Australia's history. From the bravery of Australia's sailors to our great age of rail, the resilience of the truckers crossing the Nullarbor to the daring aviation pioneers who turned the skies into a new frontier, *Great Australian Odysseys* is a rich tapestry of adventure and ingenuity, with a good dose of Aussie laughs. Jim Haynes brings to life the pioneers, larrikins and legends who define our country's unique spirit and who dared to dream big and journey across this vast continent.



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Shakespeare’s Flowers Puzzle

A 1000-Piece Circular Jigsaw Puzzle

Shakespeare grew up in the English countryside and filled his works with references to flowers, plants, animals and insects. Celebrating them all, Rebecca Harris's rich illustration style brings this circular jigsaw puzzle to life. Memorable quotations from the poems and plays scroll through the art: I know a bank whereon the wild thyme blows, Where oxlips and the nodding violet grows from A Midsummer Night's Dream, for instance. Lush, fruitful and romantic, this puzzle will appeal to puzzlers thanks to the intricate art and literary connections.



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Royal Horticultural Society Pocket Address Book

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.



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Why Do People Queue for Brunch?

The Explainer Guide to Modern Mysteries

Felicity Lewis

Does handwriting still matter? What are rogue waves? What do our teeth reveal about us? Here is a compelling compendium of astonishing facts and occasional weirdness for curious minds. Navigate life's quirks and curiosities with journalists from across health, science, culture and human behaviour as they ask some of the deeper questions in life.

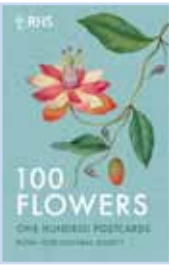


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100 Flowers

Royal Horticultural Society

The Libraries of the Royal Horticultural Society hold the world's finest collection of printed material on gardens and gardening and a selection of the best botanical paintings from this collection is featured here. *One Hundred Flowers* gathers together the most striking images to create 100 different postcards to send, keep or frame. The earliest works of art date from the late 17th or early 18th century and are by an anonymous Italian artist and the latest are from the middle of the 20th century. The one hundred postcards are stored in a beautiful box with a lift up lid.



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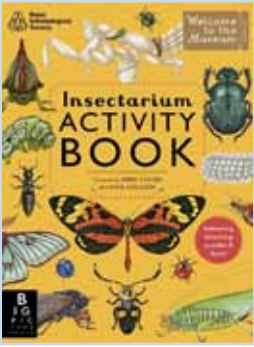
Children

Insectarium Activity Book

Welcome to the Museum

Dave Goulson

Step into the fascinating world of insects and discover informative, imaginative and artistic activities for young entomologists everywhere. Bursting with fascinating facts and puzzles about bees, ladybirds and hundreds of other insects, this book offers hours of entertainment to artists and nature lovers. Beautiful and inspiring, the 37 activities – including mazes, spot-the-difference, colouring and doodling – challenge the reader to discover something new and use their imagination to draw, decorate and design on every pull-out page. Recommended for ages 6+.



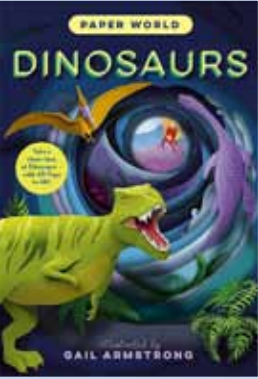
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Paper World: Dinosaurs

A Fact-Packed Novelty Book with 30 Flaps to Lift!

Ruth Symons & Gail Armstrong

Paper World: Dinosaurs uses ingenious paper cuts to reveal the wonders of the prehistoric planet, from towering dinosaurs, to monstrous marine reptiles, to terrific pterosaurs. With detailed art by paper-cut artist Gail Armstrong, a fact-packed text and flaps and die-cuts on every spread, this unique novelty book will appeal to all the family. Recommended for ages 7+.



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Number Train

All aboard the *Number Train* in this lift-the-flap rhyming counting book with spinning wheels! Count from one to ten in this vibrant lift-the-flap concertina book! Who is munching on a snack? Who is taking a quick nap? And who's that making lots of noise? Learn the numbers, lift the flaps, enjoy the rhyming text and animal scenes inside each carriage before flipping the book to play the fun counting game on the reverse. Then push the train-shaped book along on its six moving wheels! Recommended for ages 3+.

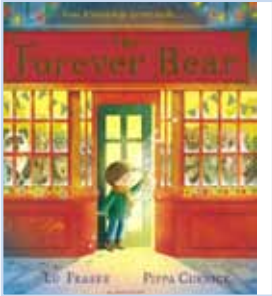


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The Forever Bear

Lu Fraser & Pippa Curnick

It's Harry's birthday, and all he wants is a bear of his own. When he steps into a magical shop full of teddy bears, he finds a hundred different kinds of bear to choose from – roundish bears and thinnish bears, woolly bears and shaggy bears; spotty bears and dotty bears, and stripy-on-their botty bears! But Harry is looking for a very special kind of bear. The kind of bear that he'll love for a lifetime. Will he get his heart's desire and find his Forever Bear? Packed with beautiful illustrations, *The Forever Bear* is an irresistible celebration of the bond we feel with our most special toys. Recommended for ages 3+.



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Build Your Own Rocket

Design and Build Your Own Rocket to Soar into the Sky

Lulu Mayo

Enjoy hours of fun with this classic build-your-own kit. Inside, you will find: • A 16-page illustrated instruction book with easy-to-follow assembly directions along with space and rocket facts • Press-out templates for rocket boosters, nose cones, fins and more • Rocket body tube • Foam nose cone and tube • Launcher base and detonator • Rubber hoses and bicycle-pump-nozzle adapter • Design decals to personalize your rocket before lift-off. Learn why these parts are important and what helps propel them through the air. Also in the manual are safety tips, hints for streamlining the building process, suggestions for personalizing the rocket with the included design decals and just a bit of moon mythology. Recommended for ages 7+.



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