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Folk Embroidered Felt Birds

Inspired by the main character of the Caldecott Honor book *Flora and the Flamingo*, this new series of board books is perfect for the very youngest *Flora* fans. When a nest of eggs begins to hatch, how will *Flora* ever keep up with so many chicks? Featuring fold-out pages and Molly Idle's graceful artwork, this adorable counting book will delight young children as they master new words and concepts.

Handmade Books

An inspirational guide to using nature in textile art, with step-by-step projects. Plants, flowers, gardens, insects and birds are a rich source of inspiration for artists and designers of all kinds. This beautiful guide demonstrates how to get the most out of your surroundings to create original and unique pieces in textiles. Beginning with a chapter on drawing from nature, the book demonstrates how to use sketchbooks and create mood boards to explore your local environment and landscape. The author demonstrates how to make small pieces such as folding books based on observational drawing and stitch. Moving on to a section on floral inspiration, the author shows how to use plants and flowers in your work, from using stencilled flower motifs as embellishment to printing with plants onto fabric and making simple relief prints. Finally, the taking flight chapter demonstrates how to move into three-dimensions and sculptural work with birds and insects made from cloth. Featuring step-by-step projects as well as work from contemporary artists, makers and collaborative groups throughout, this practical and beautiful guide shows how practitioners of all kinds can draw from the natural world for making and inspiration.

Secrets of Pistoulet

Chimney Swifts, birds that nest and roost in chimneys, have been historically abundant in North America. But by the late 1980s, the number of swifts migrating to North America from the Amazon River Basin had declined. A growing number of

people across North America are now constructing nesting towers and conducting Chimney Swift conservation projects in their own communities. With Chimney Swift Towers, concerned bird conservationists have a step-by-step guide to help them create more habitat for these beneficial, insect-eating birds. Chimney Swift experts Paul and Georgan Kyle give directions for building freestanding wooden towers, wooden kiosk towers, masonry towers, and other structures. Included are - design basics, - lists of materials needed, - useful diagrams and photographs, - and detailed instructions on site preparation, tower construction, installation, and maintenance. Anyone with basic woodworking or masonry skills and an interest in wildlife conservation will find this publication helpful. That includes do-it-yourselfers, homeowners involved in creating backyard habitat for wildlife, landscape and structural architects, park and wildscape managers, wildlife management area professionals, nature centers, garden centers, scout troops, and other civic organizations in search of community service projects.

Crocheted Accessories

Discover an entirely fresh and fun approach for creating fine arts with paper clay.

The Bird Way

Geraldo Valério is an artist who loves birds, from majestic Golden Eagles and Snowy Owls to brilliant cardinals and jays to the tiniest of hummingbirds. Here he presents his favorites, with beautiful collage illustrations and brief descriptions that highlight intriguing facts about each one. The illustrations show a variety of feathered creatures in their natural habitats as they hunt for food, impress their mates, nest, and care for their young. The concise, accessible text provides information ranging from clever techniques for finding food to remarkable physical features to fascinating behaviors. But above all, Geraldo Valério shares his passion for birds in this lovingly created album, inspiring young readers with their beauty and the excitement of discovery. Includes an introduction, glossary, index and sources for further information.

Stuffed Animals

There is more to a bird than simply feathers. And just because birds evolved from a single flying ancestor doesn't mean they are structurally all the same. With over 385 stunning drawings depicting 200 species, *The Unfeathered Bird* is a richly illustrated book on bird anatomy that offers refreshingly original insights into what goes on beneath the feathered surface. Each exquisite drawing is made from an actual specimen and reproduced in sumptuous large format. The birds are shown in lifelike positions and engaged in behavior typical of the species: an underwater view of the skeleton of a swimming loon, the musculature of a porpoising penguin, and an unfeathered sparrowhawk plucking its prey. Jargon-free and easily accessible to any reader, the lively text relates birds' anatomy to their lifestyle and evolution, examining such questions as why penguins are bigger than auks, whether harrier hawks really have double-jointed legs, and the difference between wing claws and wing spurs. A landmark in popular bird books, *The Unfeathered Bird* is a must for anyone who appreciates birds or bird art. A unique book that

bridges art, science, and history Over 385 beautiful drawings, artistically arranged in a sumptuous large-format book Accessible, jargon-free text--the only book on bird anatomy aimed at the general reader Drawings and text all based on actual bird specimens Includes most anatomically distinct bird groups Many species never illustrated before

Flora and the Chicks

Five years after the death of her mother, Dakota is running their knitting store part time with the help of members of the "Friday Night Knitting Club," each of who is seeking solace in their friendship from their own challenges in life.

Audubon Birdhouse Book

Brightly hued secrets burst forth from a flock of black-and-white birds in this lift-the-flap look at colors. Birds with black-and-white plumage fill the pages of this interactive board book, but a closer look reveals splashes of color just waiting to be discovered. Each clever spread holds a vivid surprise, helping little ones learn their colors in style.

Nest

Turn Your Crafting Into a Career! All over the world, creatives are turning their hobby into their livelihoods--and Crafter's Market offers the competitive edge you need to make your craft your career. This comprehensive guide will introduce you to a new world of possibilities for taking your craft to the next level. To help you on your journey, this edition is updated with fresh resources, such as:

- Over 250 new listings for complete, up-to-date contacts and submission guidelines for more than 1,500 craft market resources, including craft shows, publishers, marketplaces, and more!
- Informative, inspirational articles on building your brand, customer communication, teaching classes, getting press coverage, photographing your goods, and more, from successful craft business owners.
- Actions you can take today to grow your business now, no matter your creative medium--quilting, sewing, knitting, crochet, papercraft, or jewelry making!

Whether you're looking to expand your online presence or you're just beginning to think about how to turn your weekend hobby into a side business, Crafter's Market is the complete resource for creative professionals.

What It's Like to Be a Bird

There is magic and mystery in the farmhouse known as Pistoulet, nestled in the remote, untraveled southwestern French countryside. Originally published in 1996, this 15th anniversary edition of *The Secrets of Pistoulet* tells the gentle tale of the healing power of magical soups and foods, while celebrating the redemptive and sustaining nature of shared meals among friends and family. With fold-out letters, removable recipe cards and pockets, and special vellum pages, *The Secrets of Pistoulet* quickly became a bestselling gift book. There's no better time to rediscover its magic.

The Artful Bird

Get lost in the meditative practice of coloring with this coloring book from Galison, which features intricate black and white line drawings of birds, flowers, plants, and nature scenes by Geninne D. Zlatkis. - Trim size: 8.5 x 10" - 38 Pages of coloring images

Knit Two

Snail and Turtle are friends and love to spend time together. They like to run, walk and enjoy being quiet together. Snail and Turtle like hiding, but never from each other.

Birds of a Feather Flock Together

The bird book for birders and nonbirders alike that will excite and inspire by providing a new and deeper understanding of what common, mostly backyard, birds are doing--and why "Can birds smell?" "Is this the same cardinal that was at my feeder last year?" "Do robins 'hear' worms?" In *What It's Like to Be a Bird*, David Sibley answers the most frequently asked questions about the birds we see most often. This special, large-format volume is geared as much to nonbirders as it is to the out-and-out obsessed, covering more than two hundred species and including more than 330 new illustrations by the author. While its focus is on familiar backyard birds--blue jays, nuthatches, chickadees--it also examines certain species that can be fairly easily observed, such as the seashore-dwelling Atlantic puffin. David Sibley's exacting artwork and wide-ranging expertise bring observed behaviors vividly to life. (For most species, the primary illustration is reproduced life-sized.) And while the text is aimed at adults--including fascinating new scientific research on the myriad ways birds have adapted to environmental changes--it is nontechnical, making it the perfect occasion for parents and grandparents to share their love of birds with young children, who will delight in the big, full-color illustrations of birds in action. Unlike any other book he has written, *What It's Like to Be a Bird* is poised to bring a whole new audience to David Sibley's world of birds.

When Women Were Birds

The author of the memoir *Refuge* offers a meditation on the meaning of a strange legacy that her mother left her--three shelves of the elder woman's "journals," all discovered by the author after her mother's death to be empty.

One Cool Friend

Create colorful peacocks, cheerful canaries, and adorable penguins with these simple, beautiful projects to sew and love. With pattern templates included and step-by-step instructions, you can creatively put together pretty bird crafts for your friends, and even more for yourself! The birds you create are not just unique and cute decorations but also little critters that can double as plushies, pillows, and more. Before you know it you'll have dozens of unique birds decorating your home.

Pretty Birds is a must-have for avid bird lovers and crafters alike.

Chimney Swift Towers

A timeless, little-known literary classic. As the Black Death ravaged London in 1608, the theatres closed, many people moved out of town for safety, and playwrights scrambled to find other outlets for their talent. While Shakespeare retreated to his hometown of Stratford, Thomas Dekker wrote *Four Birds of Noah's Ark*, a book containing fifty-six prayers for the people of London and all of England. Dekker's prayers bear witness to his deep faith and profound understanding of human psychology with a power and poignancy that few written prayers in English literature achieve. Bringing this devotional classic back into print for the first time since 1924, editor Robert Hudson has included a fine introduction, annotated the prayers, and modernised the language without sacrificing any of its beauty and simplicity. This lovely book at once surprises and enchants with its literary voice, devotional heart, and accessible writing.

Avian Friends Coloring Book

Join the flock! Create your own aviary of charming, beautifully detailed, one-of-a-kind fabric bird sculptures with basic machine and handsewing, embroidery, and mixed-media craft techniques. *The Artful Bird* presents 16 incredibly charming, quirky, personality-filled birds for you to make! Through a detailed chapter of step-by-step basic birdmaking techniques and tips, you will not only learn to make these cute creatures, but also discover how to craft your own patterns for almost any bird--real or imagined. Inside you'll also find Glassenberg's creative ideas to give each bird individual character and personality, from using paint and glitter to adding collage elements. Plus, check out an international gallery of birds from other noted fabric bird makers for more inspiration!

Artful Paper Clay

2013 Caldecott Honor Book. From New York Times bestselling author Toni Buzzeo and Caldecott Medal winning illustrator David Small, comes a cool tale about an unlikely friendship. On a spontaneous visit to the aquarium, straight-laced and proper Elliot discovers his dream pet: a penguin. When he asks his father if he may have one (please and thank you), his father says yes. Elliot should have realized that Dad was probably thinking of a toy penguin, not a real one... Clever illustrations and a wild surprise ending make this sly, silly tale a kid-pleaser from start to finish.

Flora and the Peacocks

An up to date look at macrame techniques which offers crafters and jewellery makers fresh, inspirational ideas and takes an exciting look at a traditional craft.

Snail and Turtle Are Friends

Bird lovers will flock to this whimsical and endearing celebration of the avian world.

Packed with all things feathered--but not flighty--The Little Big Book of Birds offers literature, poetry, trivia, helpful tips, humor, recipes, profiles of respected birders, and advice for the seasoned birder and the beginner alike. Grab your binoculars and hit the trail, or curl up in an armchair and enjoy the adventures of your favorite birding authors. This book includes: Birdwatching 101: Useful for beginners as well as those who have been around the block a few times, this section covers all the how-to's you'll need for ultimate know-how: basic bird identification, bidding on the internet, a guide to the field guide, a guide to binoculars, building a backyard bird haven, bird habitat conservation, and more. Birding Around the World: Includes advice on the best places to bird in North America, whether you're planning a weekend trip for waterfowl in your home state or trip to Mexico to witness "The River of Raptors." Learn fun facts about the most exotic birds around the world from the Sacred Ibis of Sub-Saharan Africa to the Red-backed Shrike of Siberia. Stories & Essays: Adventure tales and legends of the field to curl up with from famed birdwatchers and essayists including John Muir, Marie Winn, E.B. White, Lola Oberman, Kenn Kaufman, and more. Poetry: A selection of poems inspired by birds from beloved poets such as Pablo Neruda, Mary Oliver, Rainer Maria Rilke, W. B. Yeats, Emily Dickinson, Robert Frost, and D. H. Lawrence. Famous Birder Biographies: Learn from the greats in these short histories of the best birders past and present, including John James Audubon, Roger Tory Peterson, Alexander Wilson, Margaret Morse Nice, Pamela Rasmussen, and Ted Parker. Bird Facts: Everything under the sun about the rulers of the sky, including important birding festival to attend during every season, the best bird films and documentaries, information about endangered birds, the origins of common bird names, a guide to birder vocabulary, and more.

Textile Nature

"Serve up classic recipes and new favorites from a Southern perspective. In The Southern Entertainer's Cookbook, Courtney Whitmore shares her party go-tos, from appetizers and salads, to entrees, drinks and desserts. Consider this your Southern primer on party food: in addition to sharing recipes for quintessential favorites (but not to worry, no archaic methods or hard-to-find ingredients here), as well as modern twists on classic favorites, Courtney provides styling tips throughout to make the most of your food's presentation. Courtney is known for creating delicious, party-friendly food to enhance any meal and every party"--

Geninne's Art: Birds in Watercolor, Collage, and Ink

This sumptuous step-by-step guide unites traditional crochet skills with contemporary fashion styles and icons. Crocheted Accessories introduces crochet makers of all abilities to a new vista of exciting possibilities. The book aims to give beginners the confidence to tackle exciting projects, as well as inspire intermediate crochet makers to develop new skills and dexterity. Vanessa Mooncie takes the reader on a making journey, explaining the techniques needed to produce a wide range of vibrant and exhilarating pieces; from intricate bumble bee brooch pins and vintage-inspired tattoo emblem brooches to delicate flower posy corsages and charming heart-shaped rings. Each chapter includes a project that all levels of makers can accomplish, as well as history boxes explaining the development of crochet through the ages. Projects include: fantail dove brooch, daffodil headband,

mod target cufflinks, love heart tattoo brooch, trinket charm bracelet and oak leaf necklace.

Crafter's Market

"Inspired by the spectacular discoveries of the past two decades from the Age of Reptiles in China, Riddle of the Feathered Dragons explores how these miraculous fossils have transformed the contentious arena of bird and dinosaur evolution. Aside from being the most comprehensive discussion of these avian and associated discoveries, the author delves into the world of investigative journalism to expose the darker side of the world of fossil birds and dinosaurs. The book exposes the massive unfounded speculation that has characterized the field of vertebrate paleontology and published extensively in the world's most prestigious journals, including everything from supposed dinosaur protein to so-called feathered dinosaurs. The book questions the validity of the foundational tenets of the now "unquestionable orthodoxy" of bird and dinosaur evolution, including bird origins, feathered dinosaurs, flight origin from the ground-up and hot-blooded dinosaurs and their proteins. It exposes how speculation has gone far beyond the ability of the currently available evidence to yield answers. The author concludes that birds are best defined by a more traditional definition of the possession of feathers and avian flight architecture, that the so-called "feathered dinosaurs" are most likely derived avians, and that flight clearly originated from the trees-down, from ancestors that antedated the dinosaurs, rather than a direct linear descent"--

Micro Macrame Jewellery

This guide, from the team that wrote the bestselling "Last-Minute Knitted Gifts," features 30 patchwork and quilted projects organized according to the amount of time it takes to complete them.

Last-Minute Patchwork + Quilted Gifts

In this beautiful, collectible new volume, street artist Matt Sewell offers his own unique take on 52 of our favourite British garden birds. Since its first appearance in July 2009, Matt's 'Bird of the Week' feature for the Caught by the River website has quickly become a cult hit. His pop-art watercolours are distinctive and enchanting, as are his innovative descriptions, which see great tits 'bossing the other birds around', the 'playful yet shy buoyancy' of bullfinches and the 'improbable' nature of the waxwing ('like a computer-generated samurai finch'). With 52 birds, one for each week of the year, this delightful gift book will appeal to bird watching enthusiasts, children and adults, and art and illustration fans alike.

The Unfeathered Bird

The darling, dancing Flora is back, and this time she's found two new friends: a pair of peacocks! But amidst the fanning feathers and mirrored movements, Flora realizes that the push and pull between three friends can be a delicate dance. Will this trio find a way to get back in step? In the third book featuring Flora and her feathered friends, Molly Idle's gorgeous art combines with clever flaps to reveal

that no matter the challenges, true friends will always find a way to dance, leap, and soar—together.

Birds of a Color

Randy and Yuleisy are orthodox con artists who would go all lengths to get everything that they want. In the purview of deception, strangers, loved ones, and even the government are all the same - potential victims. Acquainting themselves with other crooks as a married couple they meet Bobby; a fine carpenter, a business man, and a career criminal. Despite his legal success, he continues to steal and carjack at gun point which soon landed him in prison for ten years. Bobby is later deported back to his country where he continues to break the law as a hit man. Ramon's Birds of a Feather Flock Together is a mysterious and thrilling triumph, a story of crime and obsession, survival and betrayal, and the daunting terror of getting caught.

Our Mutual Friend

Come, listen to the sweet jungle orchestra, featuring the Woodpecker's drums, the Hornbill's trumpet and the Kingfisher's blues When curious little Gul hears some strange sounds coming from her radio, she follows the musical clues into . . . an Indian jungle! On her walk, she finds feathered friends who TWEET, TAPP and TALK. There are some who howl and hoot, and others who play the flute. With a KEE here and a KAW there, Gul discovers songs everywhere! Brought to life by painterly illustrations, The Jungle Radio is a little story about the language of birds-their songs and sounds-with a loud and clear call to listen to the world around us.

The Artful Parent

In Geninne's Art: Birds in Watercolor, Collage, and Ink, popular Santa Fe artist Geninne Zlatkis presents a personal field guide to how she creates her charming paintings and collages of birds and nature. Brimming with inspiring examples of the artist's work, this beautiful book takes you inside Geninne's studio for an in-depth look at how she creates. You will discover, step by step, how this devoted artist spends time photographing nature, selecting her materials, and developing her personal imagery. Explore: How her studio is set up, how she works, and what materials and tools she uses How she captures nature with both a camera and phone for reference Her artistic process through the step-by-step creation of 5 watercolor paintings, 5 collages, and 5 ink drawings, with notes on each medium and technique As a special bonus, the book includes 32 pages of collage papers, painted and selected by Geninne, for you to use as you explore and develop your own artistic voice. Vibrant, detailed, and richly imaginative, Geninne's interpretation of the birds she has observed so closely will inspire you to use the natural world as fodder for your paintings, drawings, and collages.

The Southern Entertainer's Cookbook

Produced in association with the National Audubon Society, Audubon Birdhouse Book explains how to build and place safe, species-appropriate bird homes for

more than 20 classic North American species, from wrens to raptors. A visit to almost any home or garden center presents birders with numerous cute and colorful contraptions that are sold as bird homes. But the fact is, many of these products provide anything but a safe refuge for your feathered friends. Each of the easy-to-build boxes and shelves within is accompanied by cut lists, specially created line diagrams, and step-by-step photography, making the projects accessible to those with even the most rudimentary woodworking skills. In addition, this practical and beautifully presented guide is packed with color photography and profiles and range maps for the bird species covered—including titmice, chickadees, nuthatches, phoebes, swallows, waterfowl, and even kestrels and owls—to help the reader properly place and maintain the homes to attract birds. And because these projects are the product of years of experience and field-testing, you can be sure you're getting the best advice regarding proper design, safe construction materials, and correct home placement to mitigate exposure to elements, pests, and predators. Finally, beyond the birdhouses, you'll find out how you can contribute to the larger birding community and even enhance your birding experience with the aid of new technologies. Build an Audubon-approved home for these species: Bewick's, Carolina, or House Wren; Prothonotary Warbler; Eastern, Western, or Mountain Bluebird; Ash-throated or Great Crested Flycatcher; Tree Swallow or Violet-green Swallow; Juniper, Oak, Black-crested, or Tufted Titmouse; Barred Owl; Eastern or Western Screech-owl; Barn Owl; Northern Flicker; American Kestrel; Black-capped, Carolina, or Mountain Chickadee; Wood Duck; Hooded Merganser; Purple Martin; Mourning Dove; Barn Swallow; American Robin; House Finch; and Eastern or Say's Phoebe.

Four Birds of Noah's Ark

Handmade Books! Artful Techniques, Tips, Templates and Book Making Projects for Adorable Handmade Books Are You Ready To Learn ALL About Handmade Bookmaking? If So You've Come To The Right Place No experience with Bookmaking? No worries! This book is suited to the absolute beginner that's looking to get started with bookmaking, whether this be for your own enjoyment and a sense of self-accomplishment or perhaps even to earn some money on the side the choice is yours! Here's A Preview Of What This Book Contains The Anatomy of a Book Explained The Essential Elements of a Handmade Book Basic Tools For Bookmakers Materials, Paper Sheets, and Pages Bookbinding Techniques Terminologies to Remember Proper Care, Handling, and Storage The Process of Handmade Bookbinding Simple Projects You'll Enjoy Advanced Projects To Take Your Bookmaking To The Next Level Handmade Bookbinding Tips (Must Read!) And Much, Much More! Order Your Copy And Get Started Now!

Our Garden Birds

The Jungle Radio

We tend to take birds for granted, in the landscape or in our neighbourhoods. The presence of birds communicates the health of a place. When they're gone, it's as though there's a hole in the sky, in the air, an absence of beauty and grace, and

vivid chatter or haunting cries are replaced with eerie silence. As an amateur naturalist and nature lover, Janine Burke, art historian and author, has spent many years observing birds. *Nest: The Art of Birds* is the story of her passion, a personal, wide-ranging and intimate book - part natural history, part folklore, part exploration of art and aesthetics, part memoir - that will appeal to all those who love nature, literature and art. What are nests if not art created by nature? If a nest is not art, how can we account for those exquisite, painstakingly constructed creations that are decorated, or woven through with feathers, or studded with objects of a particular colour or sheen? *Nest* reveals both the art and mystery found in nature and celebrates them with lyricism, insight and great affection. In the tradition of *Longitude*, *Cod* or *The Cello Suites*, *Nest: The Art of Birds* is a short education that encompasses celebration and theory, investigation and memoir, the familiar and the revelatory - as surprising and enticing as any beautiful, intricately constructed nest.

My Book of Birds

Louis loves to watch birds. He takes care of injured birds and studies how they look and how they move. His father wants him to become an engineer, but Louis dreams of being a bird artist. To achieve this dream, he must practice, practice, practice. He learns from the art of John James Audubon. But as Louis grows up, he begins to draw and paint living, flying birds in their natural habitats. Louis Agassiz Fuertes (1874-1927) is now known as the father of modern bird art. He traveled with many scientific expeditions all over the world. His best-known works--paintings for habitat exhibits at the American Museum of Natural History in New York--are still beloved by visitors today. His art helped to encourage wildlife conservation, inspiring people to celebrate and protect the world of wings. Poems by Newbery Honor-winning author Margarita Engle and illustrations by Aliona Bereghici capture the life of Louis Fuertes and the deep sense of wonder that he felt when he painted the sky.

The Little Big Book of Birds

Katie is all alone and feeling grey. The colourful picture on her wall looks a much better place to be. If only Katie could brighten herself up, who knows what might happen. This story is an inspiring flight of fantasy about the powers of the imagination.

Pretty Birds

From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Genius of Birds*, a radical investigation into the bird way of being, and the recent scientific research that is dramatically shifting our understanding of birds -- how they live and how they think. "There is the mammal way and there is the bird way." But the bird way is much more than a unique pattern of brain wiring, and lately, scientists have taken a new look at bird behaviors they have, for years, dismissed as anomalies or mysteries -- What they are finding is upending the traditional view of how birds conduct their lives, how they communicate, forage, court, breed, survive. They are also revealing the remarkable intelligence underlying these activities, abilities we

once considered uniquely our own: deception, manipulation, cheating, kidnapping, infanticide, but also ingenious communication between species, cooperation, collaboration, altruism, culture, and play. Some of these extraordinary behaviors are biological conundrums that seem to push the edges of, well, birdness: a mother bird that kills her own infant sons, and another that selflessly tends to the young of other birds as if they were her own; a bird that collaborates in an extraordinary way with one species--ours--but parasitizes another in gruesome fashion; birds that give gifts and birds that steal; birds that dance or drum, that paint their creations or paint themselves; birds that build walls of sound to keep out intruders and birds that summon playmates with a special call--and may hold the secret to our own penchant for playfulness and the evolution of laughter. Drawing on personal observations, the latest science, and her bird-related travel around the world, from the tropical rainforests of eastern Australia and the remote woodlands of northern Japan, to the rolling hills of lower Austria and the islands of Alaska's Kachemak Bay, Jennifer Ackerman shows there is clearly no single bird way of being. In every respect, in plumage, form, song, flight, lifestyle, niche, and behavior, birds vary. It is what we love about them. As E.O Wilson once said, when you have seen one bird, you have not seen them all.

Flyaway Katie

This first book by famous textile artist Mister Finch is a gorgeous collection of the artist's fantastical, one-of-a-kind creatures. Drawing inspiration from the natural world, as well as British folklore, Finch mingles fairytales and reality to create a magical world all his own. Peek inside Finch's Yorkshire studio, a place brimming with buttons and scraps of fabric, where spindly-legged spiders keep watch over mischievous hares and carpet-winged moths perch majestically atop bookshelves. Finch's critters have been called "wonderfully peculiar and completely charming," "a joy for the eye and the soul." Many of these pieces were born of treasures lost and forgotten: velvet curtains from an old hotel, a threadbare wedding dress and a vintage apron become birds and beasts, looking for new owners and adventures. The pages of this book are strewn with creatures who prove that anything is possible in the fairytale world of Mister Finch.

Riddle of the Feathered Dragons

Bring out your child's creativity and imagination with more than 60 artful activities in this completely revised and updated edition Art making is a wonderful way for young children to tap into their imagination, deepen their creativity, and explore new materials, all while strengthening their fine motor skills and developing self-confidence. The Artful Parent has all the tools and information you need to encourage creative activities for ages one to eight. From setting up a studio space in your home to finding the best art materials for children, this book gives you all the information you need to get started. You'll learn how to: * Pick the best materials for your child's age and learn to make your very own * Prepare art activities to ease children through transitions, engage the most energetic of kids, entertain small groups, and more * Encourage artful living through everyday activities * Foster a love of creativity in your family

Mister Finch

Features step-by-step instructions for designing and constructing sixteen stuffed animals and covers all aspects of the craft, including drawing and editing patterns, backstitching, stuffing, and creating jointed toys.

The Sky Painter

20 beautiful folk embroidered felt birds to make and display Corinne Lapierre's beautiful folk embroidered birds are sure to delight everyone! They include a swan, a hen, a goose, a partridge, an owl, a dove, a peacock and a flamingo. Beautifully made in lovely soft colors, the birds are filled with toy stuffing and embellished with beads and folk-style surface embroidery in different-coloured threads. The stitches include chain stitch, feather stitch, fly stitch, running stitch, blanket stitch, French knots and satin stitch. The book includes lovely, hand-drawn step-by-step illustrations and there are same-size templates at the back of the book for all the birds. The birds all have optional ribbon hangers for display. These delightful birds make great gifts for all occasions and are quick, easy and fun to make with minimal outlay on materials.

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