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Coastal Crafts: Decorative Seaside Projects To Inspire Your Inner Beachcomber



Synopsis

When life's a beach . . . get crafty! Coastal Crafts carries you straight to the shore, with projects that incorporate seashells, ropes, sea glass, and a range of nautical materials and motifs. Learn how to weather surfaces, make driftwood, and cast sand. With everything from wood frames and hanging jars to decorative sailboats and a knotted necklace with shells and pearls, these beautiful items celebrate summer all year long.

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Customer Reviews

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Looking for a fun way to sail through the summer? Coastal Crafts has it all! Whether you're new to crafting or an old salt, you're sure to find great ways to enjoy a seaside summer all year long. The beautiful photographs and easy-to-follow instructions stimulate your inner artistry, and most of the projects are quick to do, too. Using your treasured shell collection or that jar full of pebbles and beach glass, you'll find whimsical projects that you can do with your kids, and elegant ones that

you'll want to make on your own as special gifts for family and friends. My favorite project is the "Sand and Shells" hanging candleholders. You can hang them from your porch or on the branches of a tree, and with the handy "Tips" dotted throughout the book you can customize projects like these even more. The author of Coastal Crafts clearly has lots of talents, but you don't have to be a kick-boxer to succeed with this book. Just follow along step-by-step, and soon these crafts will be stirring memories of or dreams of childhood vacations by the shore.

This book has very attractive pictures of the projects and "how to" steps. There are a range of projects for all styles and tastes, from cutie to sophisticated. I liked that, some books have just one level or type of project and it can be a drag to buy a book and have only one thing in it that appeals. I really liked the flat knot woven coasters, painting them really makes them so unusual. I never would have thought of taking it further in that way. They look very nice and you can color coordinate with your kitchen or table setting. And now I finally know how to do the knot weave thanks to the great pictures. Thanks.

Often craft books projects are "cute" but not something I'd want in my home. There are enough projects in this book that I will enjoy making and using to keep me busy for quite a while. Definitely worth the price and worth keeping.

I love love love this book! Tons of easy to do crafts that are perfect for beach lovers!

good ideas for crafts with things that you find on the beach

Great ideas in this book!

This is a good book for coastal decorating ideas. It gives pretty good directions in how to do the ideas shown. I'll use some of the "how to" instructions to do other projects.

Cute crafts.

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