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C&T Publishing At Home With Modern June: 27 Sewing Projects For Your Handmade Lifestyle



Synopsis

Whether you're moving into a new home, launching a home makeover, or just sprucing up a room, this book, *At Home With Modern June*, by Kelly McCants, provides plenty of ideas on how to infuse individuality into every room in the house. The 27 budget-friendly projects have a retro style and use materials such as oilcloth, laminated cotton, and chalk cloth in addition to quilter's cotton.

Easy-to-follow instructions and helpful photographs guide you to success. You'll make drapes, bed skirts, floor mats, and much more. All that's required is a bit of ingenuity, a little time, and some basic skills.

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Customer Reviews

I don't consider myself much of a seamstress (I was going to say 'sewer' but then I realized that 'sew-er' as in 'one who sews' is indistinguishable from 'sewer' as in 'where poop goes'...which is probably why people say 'seamstress') but I can mend torn clothes, sew a hem, and make simple things like doll clothes or pillow covers. But even I found the projects in this book easy. As in, really easy. So easy, in fact, that I probably didn't need a book to tell me how to do them (like make a place mat or a simple pair of curtains). At the same time, if you are someone who loves the look (or idea) of handmade items for your home but have absolutely no idea where to begin, this book might be perfect. The photos are aspirational and--as promised--modern, even though they're referencing a nostalgic time gone by. For instance, the author refers to her grandmother as "the only person she ever knew who wore an apron" then shows you how to make an apron. It's the book for people who

find Pinterest exciting but too complicated. But because the projects are so simple, *At Home With Modern June* does make me want to try the few ideas in the book that are slightly more intimidating (to me at least) like the Roman blind or the bed skirt ruffle. Since the other things are so easy, how hard could these ones be? If I actually do get a Roman blind finished, I'll be sure to update you with my results! Ultimately Kelly McCants captures perfectly the current trend of "modern nostalgia," mixing old-fashioned patterns and ideas with modern sensibility and accessible techniques. The projects are probably too simple for the serious sewer (see? it's hard to write that word) but are a great starting point for someone who desperately wants to be able to point at something in their home and say proudly, "That? Oh yeah I made it." (This review originally appeared on my blog, *Cozy Little Book Journal*)

Once again, Kelly McCants has turned out a fun and inspirational book. Being an all around sewer and an owner of a 1930's Sears & Roebuck kit home this book couldn't be more perfect for the decor in my home. From floor to ceiling great ideas abound along with super "how to" information to guide you through working with fabrics like oil cloth, chalk cloth and laminates. She guides you easily on what tools and techniques will make your project a success!

I was super excited to get my hands on a review copy of *Modern June*. The beautiful cover is just a little taste of what's inside and I was very pleased when I opened it up. *Modern June* is the newest offering from Kelly McCants and this book is just as wonderful as her first (*Sewing With Oilcloth*). This book includes projects for every room of your home and has a retro feel that will leave you longing for colorful days of the 50's. While the projects include various fabrics, there is a heavy focus on oilcloth, laminates and chalk cloth and also varied skill levels which makes this a great book to have on hand whether you are a brand new sewer or have whipping up magnificent creations for years. Loaded with bright and cheerful projects for all sewing levels, *Modern June* will help you fill your home and sewing calendar with a plethora of beautiful projects. There are even a couple no sew projects which I love because they will be perfect for my girls to help with. One of my favorite things in this book is the mood boards. They are beautifully laid out, there is a great tutorial for them. Kelly gives a lot of options for how to lay them out and how to use them. I've been sewing for a while and putting all my ideas together in one place is something I have never done. I love the detailed instructions for each venture as well as awesome little "June Suggests" bubbles with tips and tricks for each project. The author's knowledge and love of sewing shows clearly on each page and makes me want to add this book to my sewing collection. If you haven't

had a chance to check out Modern June you should run right out and grab a copy. It's a book full of eye candy and sewing inspiration that will keep your sewing machine humming!

This book is very inspirational and I've successfully made a few of the projects! When I got stuck on one of the projects and posted about my frustration on Instagram, Kelly responded with some tips that worked...like a pro! This is one of my favorite books to just flip through. Everything about it is fresh, modern, whimsical, inspiring and engaging.

Great, actually useful projects in this book, with easy to follow instructions. In the projects, the author guides you in how to measure your materials to suit your own needs, rather than everyone print/cut the same pattern and do exactly the same thing. I taught myself to sew from books and YouTube and out of all the sewing books I've read, I made the most projects out of this one.

What a fabulous book! Full of fun projects that seem totally do-able - - even for someone like me! I'm not sure if I should tackle the French knot towels first or the giant mood board. Maybe the color block duvet...

This book was full of fun sewing projects. There were maybe half that I'd be interested in trying, but the other stuff was great to just look at. The colors and prints the author puts together makes this book eye candy. Instructions were clear & easy to follow and the author added in bits of entertaining commentary. Highly recommended for crafty/sewing book lovers.

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