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A Beginners Guide To Smash Books And Upcycled Scrapbooks - A Step-by-step Guide To Creating Beautiful Pieces Of Art (Green Crafts Book 4)



Synopsis

Learn all about Smash Books! What they are, where to buy them, how to smash and how to make your own upcycled version of a smash book! We even go over techniques for making embellishments from soda cans, packaging plastic and much more. So what exactly is a Smash Book? Smash Books are pre-bound scrapbooks, but instead of plain pages, which can be hard and daunting to fill, they have patterned papers and different papers with sayings on them. The books are made from good quality card stock and can take a lot of memorabilia glued, taped or stapled to the pages. The entire process of just adding pictures and memorabilia to the pages without bothering about the perfect layout is what is called "smashing."™ This makes these new smash books fun and easy to work with. The pages are beautifully coordinated and put together with an occasional "surprise"™ page with a saying or picture that you would not expect. The books are coordinated with a lot of extras that you can buy as well, like pockets, stickers, and tabs. Learn how to make your own upcycled version of this fun scrapbook! Use materials lying around the house. Have fun and UPCYCLE!

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Customer Reviews

This is another great entry in MZ's fantastic series of books about upcycling, or repurposing what would otherwise be trash into unique and interesting craft projects. This particular book focuses on a new trend in the scrapbooking industry: SMASH books. SMASH books are books that are almost-finished scrapbooks. They have unique papers and materials bound together between two chipboard covers. Although the papers within the book vary widely, they are unified by color. MZ, in the first half of this book, reveals for us the approach she took to her very own SMASH book, as she chronicled some important life events from 2011. I enjoyed this, because she shared not just what worked, but even what *didn't* work...meaning I won't make the same mistake she did about printing photos with lower print resolution. That alone is worth the 5 stars in this review - I hate making a mistake and then finding out that the person I was emulating made the same mistake and couldn't be bothered to share it! The second half of this book is devoted to the creation of your own upcycled SMASH book. MZ shows us the SMASH book she made, using unique and interesting papers, bags/boxes, and even pages from her original pink SMASH book that she didn't need in her 2011 book. She gave some great pointers about how to ensure the pages you've chosen for your SMASH book are strong enough to stand up to SMASHing (for example, especially thin or flimsy papers might need to be laminated to a piece of card stock before SMASHing). This was great. I also really like some of the ideas she had for organizing a SMASH book (i.e., by theme, by year, etc.) instead of trying to fit *everything* within its pages. I remember ONE typo. There may be more, but overall, the book is very well written and edited.

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