

Synopsis

Dive into the wonderful and creative world of fiber arts and crafts with this easy-to-follow activity book packed with over 70 projects across a variety of fiber arts including knitting, felting, knotting and braiding, spinning, weaving, crocheting, and dyeing. Clear instructions and illustrations guide you in creating these cute, useful crafts. Learn to: felt a handy bag, braid a small rug, weave a colorful tapestry, knit comfy slippers, crochet an eye-catching belt, make and use natural dyes, repurpose old clothing, and much more! Along the way you'll learn fascinating fiber facts and history, such as how Viking ships' woolen sails were made, the history of rope bridges, how artists in Japan craft giant straw sculptures, and much more. Fun for younger kids to explore with a caregiver or older kids to work through alone, Knit, Hook, and Spin belongs in any craft-loving kid's home or classroom.

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Grade Level: 4 - 7

Customer Reviews

I received free, for review, a copy of "Knit, Hook, and Spin: A Kid's Activity Guide to Fiber Arts and Crafts", by Laurie Carlson. It's full of great little fibre arts projects to create and explore with kids age 9 and up. My initial response was very favourable. There are fun sections on spinning, dyeing, weaving, knitting, crochet, braiding, and more. It wasn't long and I had chosen a project to do with my 9 year old granddaughter. She had great fun creating what was meant to be a woven cup basket. I don't think she ever fully finished it though. The instructions for finishing it off were rather vague.

And with this we come to one of the difficulties with this publication. There has been an attempt in this book to cover numerous different crafts. Even though it is a substantial book of 148 pages that is not nearly enough to adequately teach that many crafts! For instance there are only 6 pages dedicated to learning the rather intricate craft of knitting. Of those six pages one is a description of how to make your own knitting needles. Additional publication space is taken up by a paragraph or two of knitting history. I'm a very experienced knitter and I can tell you that I never could have learned to knit with the vague, brief instructions written here. I don't think any adult could, let alone a child. The same brief coverage is seen for all of the other projects, and yet ---- 6 pages of text were used to describe various fibres. The other problem I see is the lack of child appeal in the way the projects are presented. The only colour is seen on the cover. All of the projects within the pages are represented only by simple, black and white line drawings. There is no wow factor to draw a child in!

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