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Fun and Functional Crafts to Fit a Recession Size Budget

Backcountry Betty: Crafting With Style Nature Inspired Projects

By Jennifer Worick

Illustrations by Kate Quinby

A hip, snappy craft book with projects designed to bring the outdoors in!

It pays to discover the great outdoors. With Jennifer Worick's latest installment of craft genius, a walk in the park becomes a whole new creative adventure. From homemade Tiki Torches to Pebble Pendants, you'll never lack for quick and easy sustainable projects made from outdoor flotsam – bark, pinecones, rocks, flowers, feathers and beyond. Make a log cabin candle from downed birch or a "clamdle" - a candle in a clam shell--and discover the depths of resourcefulness and ingenuity found in nature.

Divided into habitats from your own backyard to the shore, each project features items found in nature and adheres to the "leave no trace" ethic. Not one to exclude the city folk, Worick includes a chapter on the urban jungle, repurposing city-found items into uniquely handmade crafts. Dig deep into your craft stash for a glue gun and scissors, and head outside for some fresh air and inspiration. From a rock star pendant, to the gem branch to store it on, Worick's inventive, and low-cost projects are just what this economy ordered!

Jennifer Worick is the author of over 20 books, including the *New York Times* bestseller, *The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook: Dating & Sex*, *Nancy Drew's Guide to Life*, and most recently *Backcountry Betty* and *The Prairie Girl's Guide to Life*. Her writing has been featured in *Cosmopolitan*, *Men's Health*, *Women's Health*, *Allure*, *Women's Day* and *Bust*. She lives in Seattle, Washington.

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