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Sweet Tweets: Simple Stitches, Whimsical Birds



Synopsis

Fall in love with cheery little birds that add the perfect touch of whimsy to these simple, practical items. The magic happens with a unique style of raw-edge applique that's similar to free-motion quilting, as if you were sketching with thread. Let your creativity soar with 11 quick projects. Get the look of hand embroidery without the handwork--almost all the stitching is done by machine! Stitch patchwork patterns including a pillow, place mat, coaster, tote bag, and small quilts. Make personalized gifts for housewarmings, holidays, babies, and birthdays--this technique works well on many types of projects. Add crochet edging to several projects if you wish (instructions are included).

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Customer Reviews

I've been waiting for this book and it didn't disappoint! I love the sweet projects and cannot wait to try them out! As a mother of 3 young kids, I am a big fan of the mini quilts. This was perfect for me! The directions are easy to follow and there are lots of pictures to guide you.

cute, small patchwork projects embellished with crochet trim and raw edge applique, some projects are fabric collages or applique scenes but not in the abstract sense. Lots of Denyse Schmidt prints in the samples, lots of quilt fabrics mixed with linen. Most patch sizes are small, some could be made with mini charm packs. There are no quilts, just wall hangings, potholders, pillows and small projects that can be made quickly. One of the cutest patchwork books I've seen in years. The applique templates are full size, no need to enlarge them with a copy machine. Excellent directions.

The book is "small" but there are plenty of full size photos, great step by step directions, and info for people who have never quilted before that teach you the basics of piecing, quilting and binding. This free form style of quilting is very inspiring, a good launching point for stimulating your own ideas for patchwork collage. I would have given it four stars but I was expecting a lot more content for the price.

This arrived today and I have looked through it several times already! The quilts are simple and precious and I am having the hardest time deciding which one I will make first. Very few books have more than two or three quilts that I want to make and that's fine. This book doesn't have a single quilt that I don't like. They are just beautiful and fun and I will have little bird quilts hanging all over my house by the time I'm finished with this book! After that I will start over, making gifts. This is a wonderful book and worth every penny! Just love it!

I love this book. It is small, but every project in it is adorable and easy to make. I am definitely going to make more than a couple projects from the book.

This is literally one of the most adorable books in my quilting library. The instructions and diagrams are very easy to understand and the projects are not only cute, but do-able for just about any level of quilter. Kudos to the author for producing such a unique book!

I really like this book. It is filled with various projects revolving around these cute whimsical birds. I do have some sewing experience (not a professional) and found the directions to be pretty easy.

1/27/16 review: Sweet Tweets is a very charming little book, with many excellent photos and illustrations and very detailed instructions for each of its 11 projects, which include several wall quilts, a tote bag, a pillow, and a hot pad and coasters. The hot pad and coasters have hand-crocheted edging, for which specific instructions also are included. The wall quilts would also could be used as baby-crib quilts. The author clearly explains what free-motion applique is and how to do it. This book is clearly written and easy to understand. Although experienced quilters could enjoy making some of the cute projects in this book, I think the book would be especially good for beginners. The designs are really adorable, because the author uses interesting small-print fabrics for the applique pieces, then uses free-motion machine stitching to create tree trunks and limbs and to repeatedly outline each applique. The dark-thread stitching, when paired with the pastel fabrics,

creates a great contrast. Because the author outlines the appliques several times each, the finished designs really do look quite a lot like they were "sketched."

I LOVE the idea of this book and her projects are charming! One of the reasons I buy these books (besides making the actual projects, yay!) is for the feel-good of the visuals and the energy and inspiration I get from looking through them. While I do understand the intent of the "feel" of the projects in this book, the unrelenting similarity and overall effect is one-trick-pony. I love linen, burlap and muslin as much as the next creative, but an entire book of the same thing disappointed me. I don't know if this was intentional or if I got one of a bad printing batch, but the entire book is dullish in color - similar to being monochromatic in feel even though there are plenty of other colors. Each page looks as though there was a greyish/brownish filter or wash applied to the photos. :(There's no perk, no spark, no "clean" colors - it's all...blah. With the name of "Sweet Tweets" I think I expected happiness, energy, light and airy. The photos and overall "feel" of this is blah. It could all be dramatically different (and as it deserves to be) by using a printer person with a good eye. I've been a graphic designer and digital designer since 1991 and can tell the difference. I've seen people, when using Photoshop or doing any image editing, go the lazy way and apply the same filter to every picture without paying attention to the detail that you can't do a blanket wash without tweaking each individual picture to bring out its best. Without that extra attention to detail, a great disservice is done to what could have been, what should have been and what WOULD have been the perfectly delightful little book of charming projects it was meant to be. :D

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