



WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO CREATE THESE AMAZING PROJECTS USING DISCARDED BOOKS?

I'm a fine artist with a background in painting and bookbinding, and a scavenger at heart! I got interested in making books while I was still in college. Afterward I took an in-depth course on making books by hand at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. I was making lots of traditional stitched and leather-bound books, as well as artists' books.

But what I found really loved are books simply as the objects that they are printed paper bound together, enclosed in a cover employing typography design, often illustration, and any manner of content. As always, I was using those as materials.

Even today in my paintings and books in my sculptural pieces, as the projects in *The Repurposed Library* are born of that mentality. It's really all about honoring the detail and content of the book. With so many books being discarded from yard sales to library sales, they just had to be upcycled. These sweet little upcycled books need a new home and purpose. And with reading going the way of e-readers, it seemed a worthy effort to transform those otherwise forgotten tomes into objects that get them off the shelf and into life.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE BOOK?

The Repurposed Library is intended for the bibliophile as well as the artist and crafter. With illustrated instructions for thirty-three projects, the reader is bound to find a project that inspires. What I have been hearing back from people is that they've had a couple of old books they just couldn't part with, didn't know what they were going to do with them, and now they have given them a new purpose by making them into a sewing book, a summary, and a book mobile. The projects range in spectrum from the very simple, to using a hand saw, with myriads between. Nothing here is out of anyone's reach. Plus you'll learn about the anatomy and value of books. I recently designed and read with stunning photographs. *The Repurposed Library* is an art object in and of itself.

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