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books we're reading

## KEEPFAKER \$49.95

(Phoebe Bossett/*Hardie Grant Books*)  
This is a treasure trove of recipes, full of nostalgic images and snippets of closely guarded cooking pearls. You'll swear it had come straight out of granny's kitchen-drawer drawer. Handwritten, scribbled on, annotated, traced, tested, served-up lovingly.

## THE WAY WE LIVE - IN THE COUNTRY \$49.95

(Nigel Clegg/*Thomas & Hudson*)  
Some of the most charming things in life combine in this square-format book of rustic dreams: photographs of seeping landscapes, crusty farmers, crunchy vegetables and cozy interiors that beckon at the end of a hard day outdoors. This will have you mentally packing your bags and heading happily for the hills.

## SECOND SKIN \$49.95

(India Fines/*Wardlock Books*)  
Green awareness turns the focus on fashion, and the message is delivered in the most appealing way - a beautifully presented coffee table book with a global conscience. The essence is "choosing a fabric for textiles and clothing", but it's tempered with beautiful images and rich textural delights.

## THE REPURPOSED LIBRARY \$45

(Lisa Ockipinti/*Newart, Tabor & Chang*)  
Literary purists may want to avert their attention for a moment while we talk about this volume, which shows how to cut and refashion old books into creative art forms. There are 33 projects in all (over page 77) for our favourite ideal, from jewellery to clocks, lanterns to lettered wreaths. Each comes with hand-drawn, step-by-step illustrations.

Plus authorized instructions!

## build a book shelf

This ingenious reimagining of vintage books into a quirky ledge is one of a collection of crafty ideas from *The Repurposed Library*

IMAGE: LISA OCKIPINTI; PHOTOGRAPH: TRAVIS ALLISON OWEN

We were very fond with this bookshelf made from stacked volumes. It's a nifty piece of recycling, and it's easy to do. **What you'll need:** Five hardcover books of graduating lengths, two 43.5cm corner braces, wood screws, craft knife, screwdriver, white paintable glue, clamps, bandsaw, Liquid Nails. **On your marks!** Stack your books, shortest (bottom) to longest (top). Open the third book up in the stack about a third of the way into the pages. Position the corner brace, equally spaced, on the two-thick-thick section of pages so they are flush with the book's outer edge and extend at least 30mm above the top of the book when it's closed. Trace the brace's shape onto the pages and use a craft knife to cut the shapes into the pages, approx. 3mm deep. Secure the braces to the pages with wood screws. Break glue inside the back and front covers, and press closed. Also glue along the book's outer edges, pushing glue into the outer edges for a secure hold. Clamp and allow to dry. Glue the remaining books in the same way. Using a bandsaw, cut the top book 30mm from the spine (the section closest to the spine forms the narrow top shelf). Use Liquid Nails to glue the first four books together. When dry, attach the brackets (and four stacked books) to the wall. Glue the fifth 30mm book spine to the rack. **FOR MORE:** *The Repurposed Library* is reviewed on page 58.

