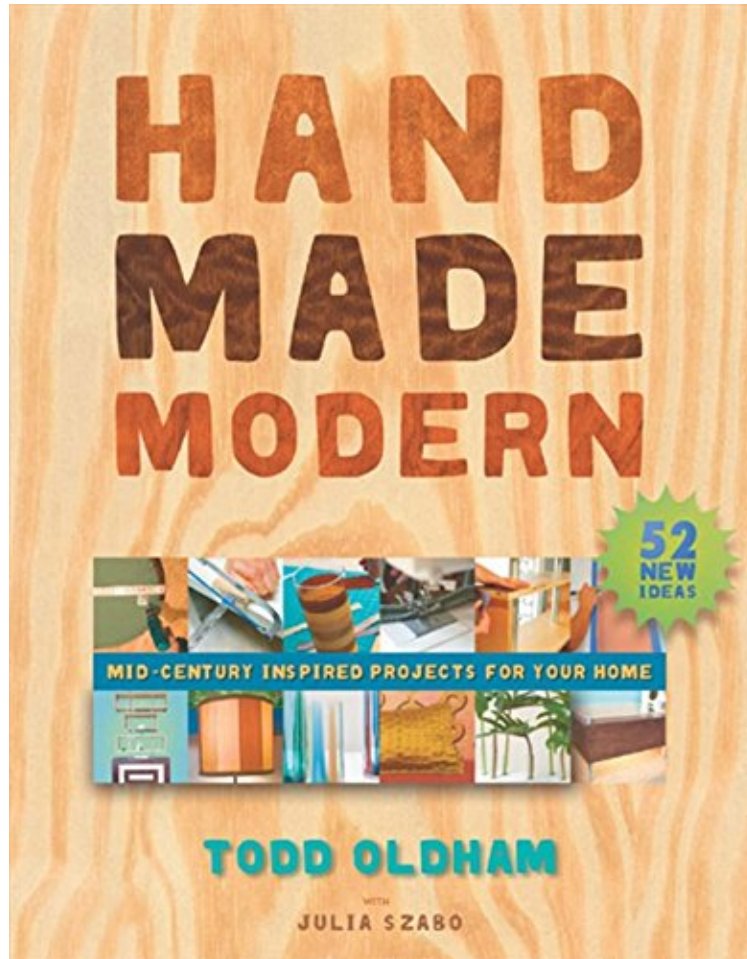


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Todd Oldham : Handmade Modern: Mid-Century Inspired Projects for Your Home before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Handmade Modern: Mid-Century Inspired Projects for Your Home:

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. A Solid Book for Beginners By PurelyNicole Handmade modern has a wide range of projects. Some were "meh" where some were exactly what I was looking for. I've built the bench and nightstand out of the book so far, and they were both simple and easy to complete. If at all possible, check out this book at your local library before purchasing. The projects in here aren't going to be for everyone. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Incomplete instructions, misleading table of contents By SCWalls In the table of contents, you'll see names of famous designers. But you won't find breakdowns of their designs or any designs 'inspired' by them. Plus, no project had a list of required materials - not one. So to craft one of the ideas, you have to read instructions through to the end and make one yourself - guessing at how much you'll need. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great pictures, step by step instructions! By Momof2grownup I am so enjoying this book.

Nice photography of great room designs, along with a list of tools. Definitely within the range of the beginner with some help from a woodworker. I am modifying the designs for use in a doll house, and I can definitely see myself making these projects, using a lot of the fabrics I already own (especially the silk pillow, the pinwheel style pillow and the woven ribbon pillow) So glad I bought this :)

Seventytwo stepbystep projects for modern doityourself home and office design, by worldrenowned designer Todd Oldham. Love the look of midcentury, modern, retro design, but don't feel like dropping two weeks' pay on an Eames chair? Todd Oldham shares his passion for midcentury modern homes with over 72 doityourself projects for anyone who loves crafts and longs to add character to every corner of their home. Each project is charted through stepbystep photos and instructions until the fabulously mod end. Other projects include homecomputer facelifts, Xerox wallpaper, aluminium lighting fixtures, and cosy shoestorage systems. In addition to Todd's brilliantly engineered projects, the book comes complete with a tutorial on modern home design in the form of sidebars and short essays throughout everything from that nowfamous Eames chair to the casestudy houses of the 1950s. Handmade Modern promises to revolutionise the way the reader looks at his or her own home and capacity to beautify a space. Chic, accessible, and fun, this is the achievable new look of modern home design.

From Publishers WeeklyQualified do-it-yourselfers can go retro with enough projects by legendary designer Oldham to fill entire rooms. Taking inspiration from such mid-century designers and artists as Isamu Noguchi, George Nakashima, Alexander Girard and Florence Knoll, Oldham revisits modernism in the new millennium. Bold, vibrant, unpretentious and suitable for small urban spaces, Oldham's pieces for the bedroom, living room and "reading room" play to function as well as form. Projects are rated for "ease level" on a scale of one to five, but readers unskilled in using jigsaws and sewing machines are left with rather unfulfilling tasks, such as a sand-art incense bowl or kaleidoscope art glass. However, those with the know-how and the right equipment in their tool boxes (Oldham suggests "mod podge" and a "respirator" as must-haves in any "basic" toolkit) can create an all-in-one room divider with "floating" boxes for storage space, an illuminated end table which is at once a display case and a light source, or a hand-quilted body pillow to go on top of a platform bed. Step-by-step photos illustrate techniques, and full-page pictures of finished rooms show how various pieces can be eye catchingly mixed and matched. Oldham is not out to create a revolutionary new aesthetic here, but is simply using elements of modernism that have endurednamely comfort, utility and visual panache. (Apr.)About the AuthorTodd Oldham is one of the most beloved and mediagenic designers working today. Originally a couture fashion designer with several stores in New York, and a commentator on MTV's House of Style, Todds career has evolved to include all areas of design, from film and photography to furniture and graphic art. Todd appears frequently as a consultant on NBC's Today, as well as on MTV's enormously popular Crib Crashers, for which Todd redesigns teenagers homes in the likeness of their favorite stars abode. Oldham designs his own line of dorm room furnishings for Target in addition to a line of furniture for La-Z-Boy, and he is currently developing a television series based on Handmade Modern. Most recently, he has become a contributing editor to ReadyMade magazine. He lives in New York City.