

Making Stuff and Doing Things: DIY Guides to Just about Everything (Good Life)

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When you're young, broke, and in search of a life of adventure, Making Stuff and Doing Things is the most useful book on the planet. It's an indispensable handbook full of basic life skills for the young punk or activist, or for anyone who's trying to get by, get stuff done, and live life to the fullest without a lot of money. The book started in the 90s as a series of zines, with dozens of contributors setting down the most important skills they knew in concise, often hand-written pages. If you want to do it yourself or do it together, this book has it all, from making your own toothpaste to making your own art and media, feeding, clothing, cleaning, and entertaining yourself, surviving on little, thriving on less, and staying healthy for all your life's adventures. You'll never be bored again.

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"More important than the Bible." Heartattack

"Full of amazing information without being too heavy handed or too general. This book should be a staple in every punk house!" Ray Suburbia

"It's like the Time-Life series for punks all in one volume, for one low-low price!" Hanging Like a Hex

"From making clothes, to making out, from taking care of your pet, to dealing with the problem of fruit flies, from binding a book to brewing some beer, this book has got everything covered. ... The DIY solution to almost any problem you might have is contained within this book." Last Hours

"You probably need this book. Dozens of underground zinesters compile their essays, diagrams, and comix about how to do things and how things work that will explain how to compost, fix a toilet, make toothpaste, clothes, and root beer, take care of sick animals, understand how your penis works, organize your day, or create your own buttplug. Plus about a thousand more hints Heloise never gave out." Rocktober

Other Books

The No-BS Guide To DIY Powerwalls. The Guide to DIY Powerwalls was the first of a 3 part series I started in May of 2020 during the height of the Pandemic that focused solely on creating a robust and extremely powerful power storage system similar to the Tesla Powerwall but on a shoestring budget. One of the requirements would be its easy intergration into other off-grid technologies. The search led me to discovering how to repurpose large and relatively inexpensive batteries from wrecked Electric Vehicles (EVs). This book consists of 113 pages broken down into seven chapters which are: Safety, Planning, Teardown, Preparation, Deployment and the P3 (Portable Power Pack) Builds. The guide walks you through determining your energy usage and needs, storage amounts, locating suitable batteries at the best price and converting them into a usable battery bank. This guide illustrates the conversion of a Ford C-Max battery module, but the

principals apply to almost any EV battery out there. Although a seemingly daunting task, this book makes it easy with plenty of pictures, careful explanations and a sprinkling of humor. This book will be useful to everyone from the novice to the expert alike.

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