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Tilda's Christmas Ideas



Synopsis

The designs include santas, pixies, angels and snowmen, all made in a festive colour scheme. All projects are accompanied by clear instructions, gorgeous photographs and colour illustrations, making them ideal for beginners, as well as more experienced sewers. Popular techniques, such as applique and embroidery, are used, and full-size templates are also included.

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Customer Reviews

Tone Finnanger has a distinctive style that is popular with crafters of all ages and abilities. Her titles for D&C include Crafting Springtime Gifts, Crafting Christmas Gifts, Sew Pretty Homestyle, Sew Pretty Christmas Homestyle, Sew Sunny Homestyle and Crafting Tilda's Friends. She lives in Norway.

I am new to the work and artistry of Tone Finnanger and I love it! I am an avid and experienced stitcher. For years I sewed and sold my creations at various craft fairs and bazaars. I don't do that anymore but I remain a creator of all things fabric and stitched. I love quilting and stitchery books. Upon receiving this book, I am itching to jump in and make several of the projects for myself and for others. When deciding upon this book I was disappointed that the "Look Inside" feature was not available for it. I read the reviews and for the most part those of a negative vent were related to their disappointment that this work was redundant of her previous works. Since that is not a problem for me, I purchased it! The sweet kitties on the cover are just the tip of the iceberg to what is inside. In

addition to the kitties there are garden angels, birds, bumblebees, frogs, dragonflies, flowers, snails, and bunnies; these are shown in various ways such as clothed, mounted on stakes, with birdhouses, in gardening pots, strung as a garland, as wreaths and more. Using the designs further she shows how we can make these cuties into cards. I can't wait to make the cards as I am old-fashioned and still love to send notes via snail mail. :-)

In addition to the darling designs Ms. Finnanger's color choices really suit me. They lean toward soft and muted blue-grays, subtle tans, pale sage greens, brownish red, in solids, stripes and checks. However, I believe that one can use the colors that appeal to them. I would however recommend following her suggestions and instructions of fabric type to achieve the look she demonstrates. I find her examples very appealing. I have ordered two more of Finnanger's books... I'm on my way to becoming one of her many fans!

UPDATE: 3/6/2015 Photos added.

I bought this one because the critters in this book are adorable. I made the frog with dungarees. While the patterns in the back are full-size, they don't include seam allowances. Some items are to be traced onto the fabric, sewn on the line, and then cut out. For others, a seam allowance must be added. The instructions could be clearer, but for an experienced seamstress, the patterns are simple enough to figure out. Overall, I wish the book had better instructions, but I love the cute projects.

Just now working on the Santas to give as gifts this Christmas, my crafting friends as well as my whimsical friends will love them.

Very pleased with the patterns in this book. I hope to make some Christmas gifts using this book. It is in great condition.

Such a beautiful book with imaginative ideas for decorating your own home or gifts to give.

Darling--can't wait to make these dolls

This book is great for those of us who like to have a hand in creating the decorations for our living spaces. If you like to make dolls there are some unique designs in the book. All her designs are simple and easy to execute. I highly recommend this book.

This book has some wonderful Christmas craft ideas and it certainly is beautiful to look at, but the directions are minimal at best. It assumes you have a working knowledge of dollmaking and other crafts. Another frustrating aspect is that all the suggested brand name notions and fabrics used in this book can't be bought in this country. But if you are a knowledgeable crafter you will be able to make sense of the directions and you certainly can find substitutes for the various notions and fabrics. Best of all, the price is right.

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