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Sandra Salamony, Maryellen Driscoll : Gardener's Craft Companion: Simple, Modern Projects to Make with Garden Treasures before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Gardener's Craft Companion: Simple, Modern Projects to Make with Garden Treasures:

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. High Quality Crafting BookBy A CustomerThe authors blend together a very inspired combination of modern crafting techniques and garden beauty. All of the projects display 'class' and use high quality materials, not a country looking craft in sight in this book. One of my pet peeves with many craft books is the tendency to try and use stuff from around the house (like tin cans or off looking fabric scraps). To me these things just end up looking like cheap stuff put together with a glue gun. If I'm going to invest my time in crafting I want it to look pleasing and delicate to the eye when finished. I want people to say 'where did you find that!' instead of 'oh, it looks like you've been busy'.My favorites were seed cards, woven lavender candle cuffs and a whole

section entitle 'Garden Spa' with very clever ideas including herbal blend bath teas, a sage bolster and a petal potpourri tea-light holder. The authors have a delicate touch. A perfect match for incorporating the simple beauty of the garden into handmade items.

A fresh take on a popular topic: bringing the outdoors in. This book presents fresh, modern crafts to make with your own garden flowers or store bought flowers and garden greenery. There is a wide variety of projects, including dried florals, herb decorations, mosaic, decoupage, and nature printing. Traditional crafts get a modern feel from the vibrant color choices, mod patterns and fun streamlined shapes. These "nature crafts" could be used as gifts or decorating accents for the home.

About the Author An author of various books on art techniques, home decor, and crafts, Sandra Salamony makes a living as an art director, designer, and artist in Traverse City, Michigan. Her projects and designs have been featured in magazines, books, and on television.