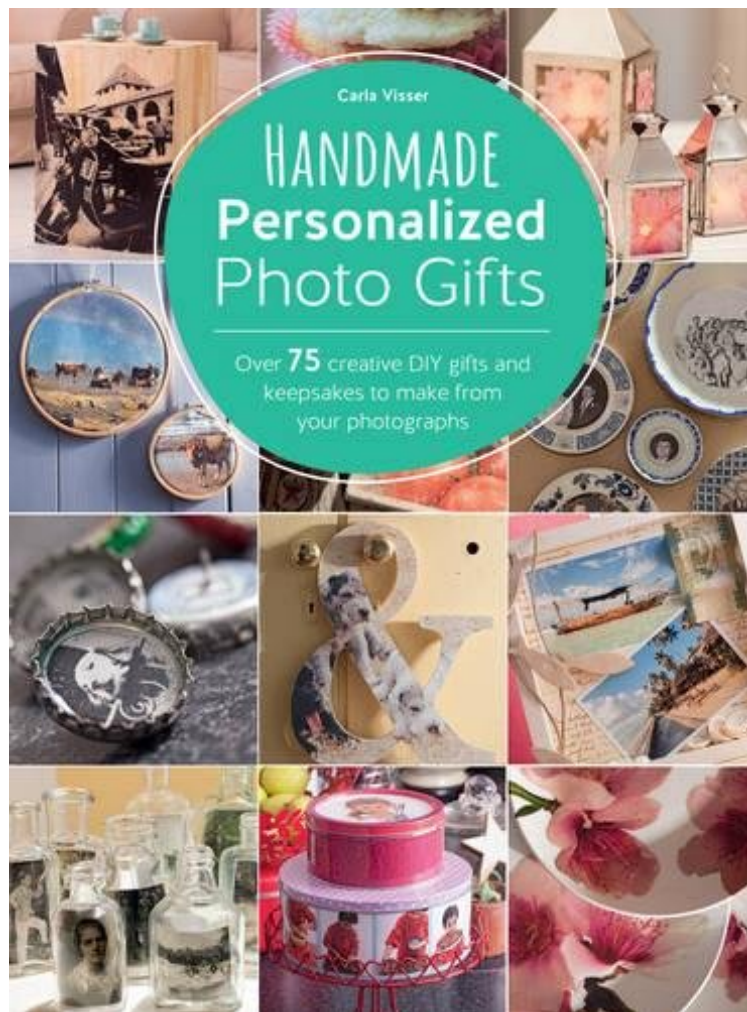


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Some Good Ideas, But Probably Not for BeginnersBy KPI don't consider myself to be a creative person. I love to make things, but I need some kind of springboard from which to proceed. That's why I love books like this one, because I would never have come up with any of these ideas on my

own. As with most project-based books, not every single idea in here is a winner, but this is more due to my own personal taste, and not necessarily because they are bad ideas. I'd say about half to two-thirds of the ideas in here are good ones, and the projects I dislike might be just what someone else is looking for. So I wouldn't lower the rating on that account. It should be noted that most of the projects in here involve creative ways of framing one's photos, and not so much creating new objects from your photos. Some of the ideas are not what I would call wholly original, but if you've ever wanted to make a jewelry box with a favorite photo, for example, or coasters, or those fabric flags that seem to be popular DIY items these days, this book will show you how. As for the clarity of the instructions, I can't comment on that (see below). In general though, you won't find anything too outrageous in this book. Having said that, I don't know if this book could really be considered a good one for beginners. Much as I enjoy making things, I'm still new to the world of crafting, and many of the projects in here that I would love to make appear to be beyond my admittedly limited ability. Additionally, for some of the projects you will need special tools, up to and including things like drills and staple guns. This isn't a book full of projects you can make with whatever you've got lying around. It's also worth mentioning that many of the projects require either an inkjet or a laser printer that can print photos that are, well, photo-quality. So if you're on a limited budget and you don't already own such devices (both apply in my case), you might have to look elsewhere for ideas. For those reasons I'm afraid I can't comment on the quality of the instructions - I'll have to leave that for a reviewer who's been able to make some of the projects, should such a person decide to post a review. Overall, though, I really liked this book. It's unfortunate that I won't be able to do most of the projects in it, but I'm not going to give it a low rating for that reason, since my personal skill level and budget are unrelated to the quality of the book itself. (Nowhere that I can see does this book claim to be for beginners--or for poor people, haha.) Bottom line, if you have the means and the skill, you're likely to find something in here that you'll want to duplicate, or that you can use as inspiration for your own ideas.

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Three Stars By a sad kindle owner Great ideas...the instructions look good and dont seem to be missing any steps.  
0 of 2 people found the following review helpful. One Star By Cheryl H Not great projects!

Photographs always evoke strong emotions with those special moments caught on camera - this book shows you over 75 fabulous ways to display your photographs on virtually any surface! Using the very latest trends, techniques and materials this book shows you how photos can be added to practically any surface to create unique gifts. Project ideas include: canvas prints, bottles, plates, mugs and jars, jewelry, cushions, blankets, toys and puzzles. Step-by-step photographs will both teach and inspire you to create amazing results - so give your creativity free rein and fill your life with your special moments.

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