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Petra Boase : Quick and Easy Handmade Cards before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Quick and Easy Handmade Cards:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy J P LandahlI was very impressed with this book. Thanks.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The Perfect Balance of Basics and New TechniquesBy Nicole Cook | Crazy Mom Personally, I would hardly call sewing on your cards a basic technique, yet this book can teach you how. While I will admit that the papers used to create the cards shown would not have been my choice, the ideas are endless and quite creative. The best part of this particular book is that you can adapt most of the designs to fit your own style, try new techniques, embellish on more basic designs and create cards that truly fit you or the recipient. Another perk of the book, is that most of the tools and materials shown in the easy to follow directions, are things that are easy to get or that you probably already own. There are 35 different techniques shown and in between each section is a gallery of ideas shown with that technique. Another thought, quilling, embossing, applique, and goldleafing are all taught in this book with a variety of ideas to accompany. These don't strike me as basic techniques and I think this book would be truly helpful to those that are still semi-new to card making. I actually would recommend this to others for the simple to follow instructions, the techniques shown and the resizable templates in the back of the book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good for first time beginners- but a little TOO basic. By V. Tomich I got this book as a gift since I just recently started making my own greeting cards for family and friends. While I did learn some interesting tips, I think the projects are a bit too basic, and the end result isn't as spectacular as you may be hoping for. Some of the projects require a sewing machine or tools you probably won't use

too often (like for working metal). There are little galleries in between projects, and some of the cards are much nicer than the projects in this book- making me feel like the book was lacking (a lot). I'd pick a more complex card book over this one (even if the projects seem more intimidating, the end result will be MUCH NICER)- at least it would give you something to work towards. I would only recommend this book to a teacher who wants to come into class with some interesting projects for your students.

The projects throughout the book are designed to kick start your imagination and show you a variety of simple card-making styles and techniques. Straightforward collage, applique, needlepoint, rubber stamping, papercrafting to create 3-D effects, wire work, and decoupage - all techniques that can be easily achieved around the kitchen table in just a couple of hours. All the basic techniques that are used in the projects are explained in the Tips and Techniques section with easy-to-follow photographs showing you how to transfer templates, cut out shapes and stencils, and finish your cards, including making and decorating envelopes. There is also a section on which tools you will need and how to use them, plus an overview of the materials and tools that are required. Rights: UK General Export

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