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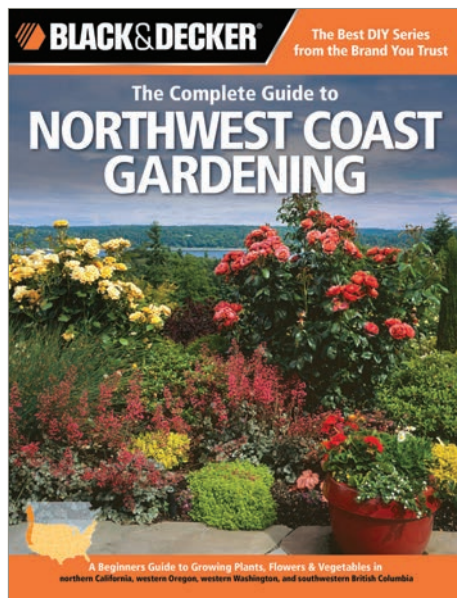
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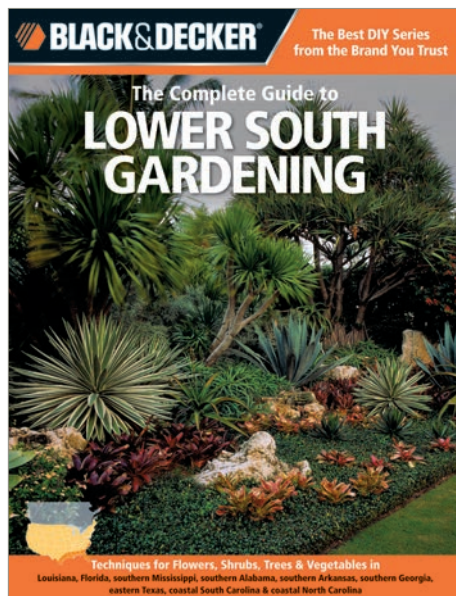
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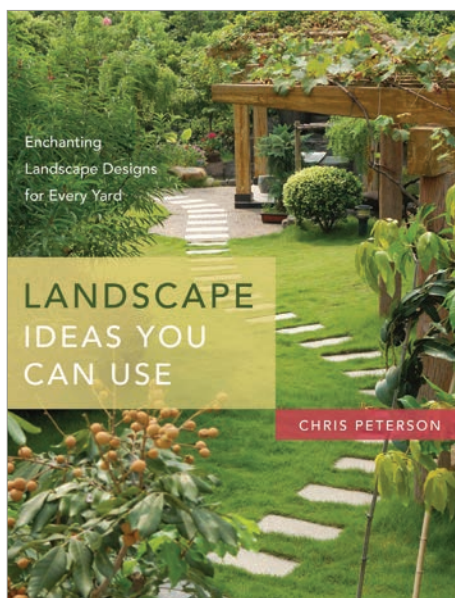
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Chris Peterson is a professional writer and editor based in Brooklyn, New York. An expert in home design, repair and renovation and an avid cook, he's the author of *Deck Ideas You Can Use*, *Manskills: How to Avoid Embarrassing Yourself and Impress Everyone Else*, *When Duct Tape Just Isn't Enough: Quick Fixes for Everyday Disasters*, *A Man's Whirled: Every Guy's Guide to Cooking with the Blender*, and several other books.



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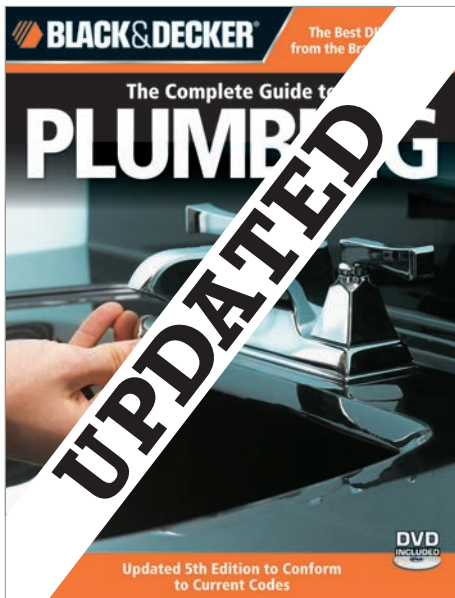
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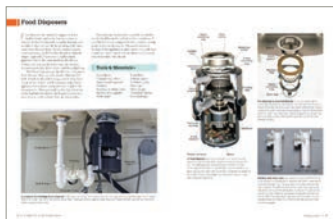
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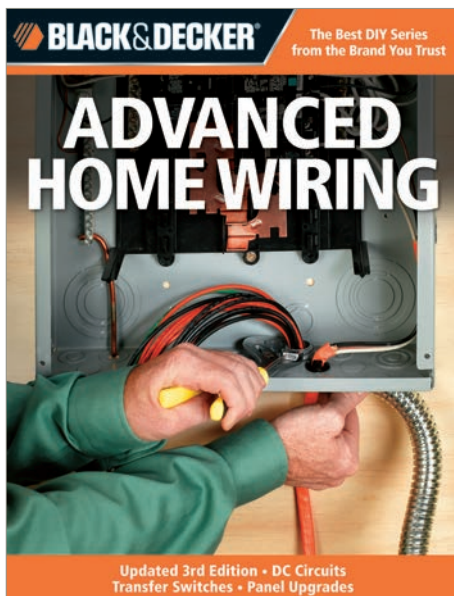
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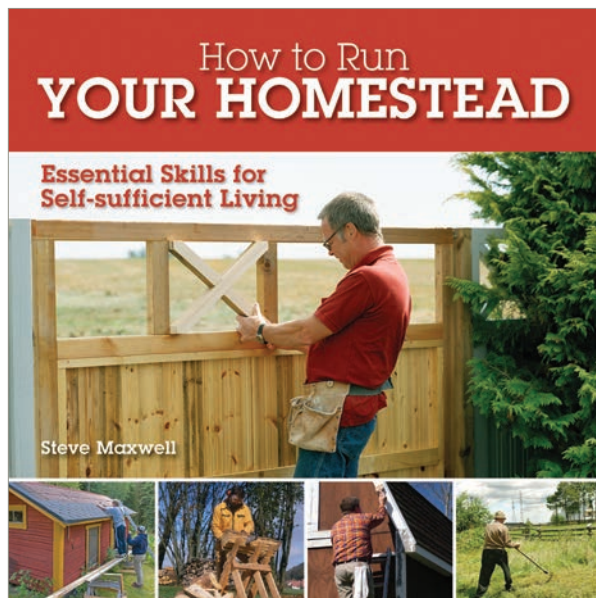
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Steve Maxwell lives on a 90-acre farm on Manitoulin Island in Canada. Known as Canada's Handiest Man, he is an award-winning home improvement authority and woodworking expert who has helped people renovate, repair, build, and maintain their homes since 1988. A dedicated off-the-grid DIYer, he has written over 5,000 articles for *Mother Earth News* and many other publications. His website is www.stevemaxwell.ca.



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Susan Stein is a nationally recognized leader in the quilt and fabric art industry, leading the way with her cutting edge store and classroom. She demonstrates fabric art techniques and exhibits her own art quilts at national quilt shows. Susan is the author of *Fabric Art Workshop*, *Fabric Art Projects*, and *The Complete Photo Guide to Textile Arts*. She lives in White Bear Lake, Minnesota.



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Karen Erickson has been engaged in the Home Decor Interior Industry for the past 24 years. In 1986, she started Fine Finishing by Karen as a part-time home based business designing and fabricating draperies, slipcovers and other fabric accessories. In 1998, her company became a corporation with a name change to Slipcover America, Inc. Karen instructs numerous seminars and workshops both in the U.S. and Canada. In January of 2007, she partnered with Claudia Buchanan of Sew What! to start www.HomeFashionsU.com. She lives in Snohomish, Washington.



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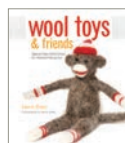
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Ruth Lane has been a member of the Felting Forum — an online forum of 2500 felt makers from around the world — for four-and-a-half years and a moderator for three years. A longtime supporter of fine crafts, Ruth co-owns a fine craft gallery, The Purple Pomegranate, which represents more than 180 American artists whose work includes jewelry, ceramics, metal work, mixed media, woodworking, glass art, fiber art, prints, and paintings. Ruth has taught numerous aspects of felt making, including basic wet felting, nuno felting, making 3D felt objects using a resist, the use of a power sander in felting, and dyeing of wool and other fibers for use in felting. She writes a blog about felting and other fiber arts at <http://ruthsfiberphotos.blogspot.com>.



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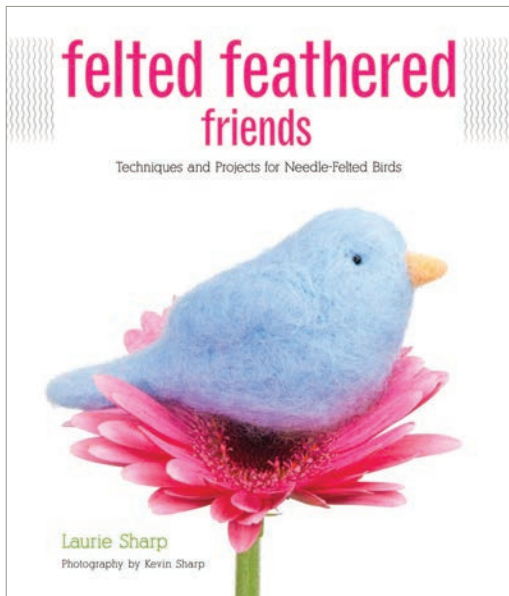
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Laurie Sharp is a full time artist and has been needle felting for over 10 years. She raises her own sheep, shears and processes the wool for most of her projects. She has been featured on HGTV's *That's Clever*. From her web site www.woolpets.com, she sells needle felting kits and finished pieces as a business that has become overwhelmingly successful. Her work has been shown in a number of galleries in the Pacific Northwest, where she lives with her husband and business partner, Kevin Sharp.

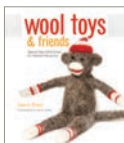
Kevin is a professional photographer, and provides both beauty and how-to photography for Laurie's books.

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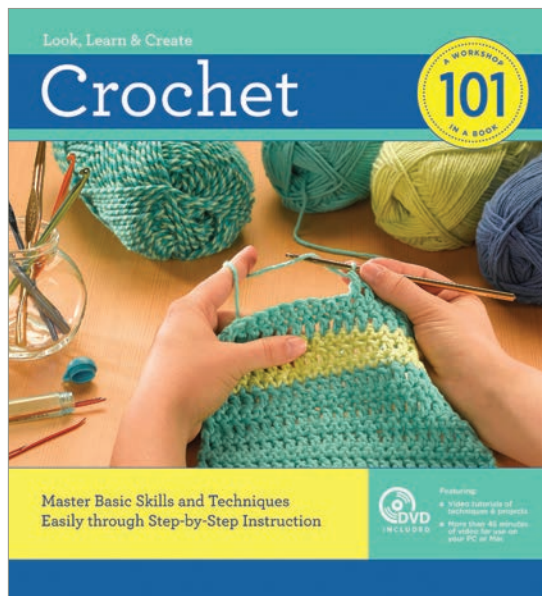
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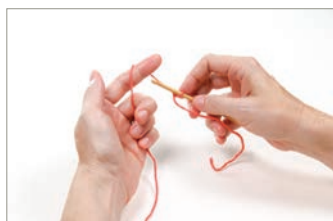
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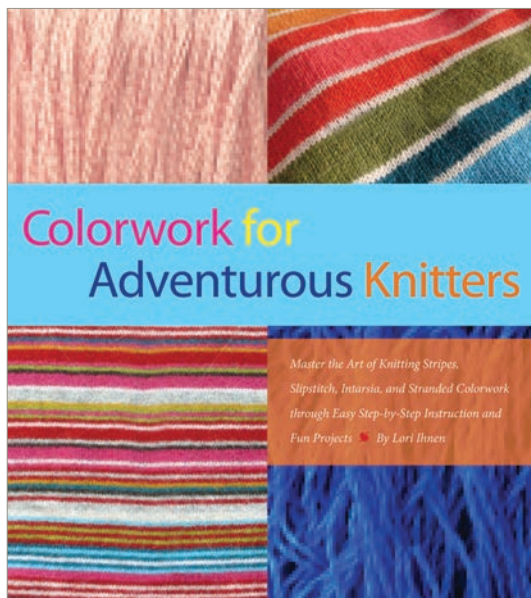
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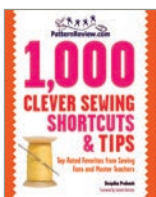
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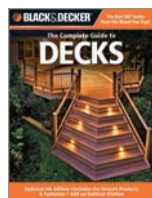
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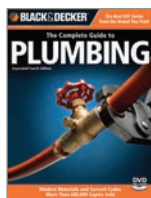
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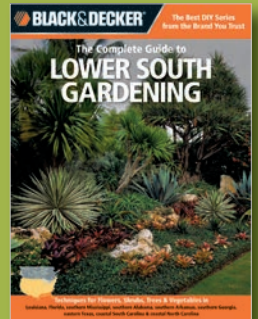
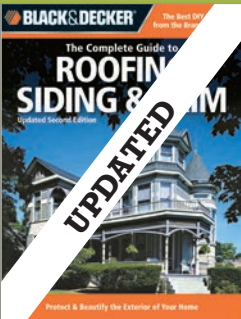
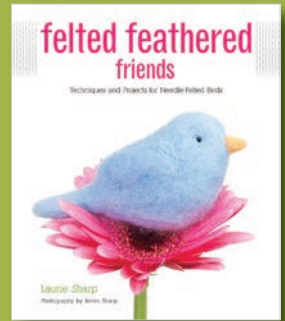
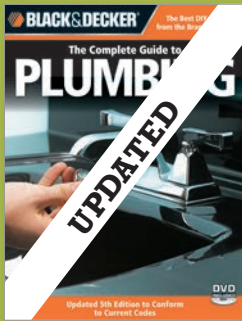
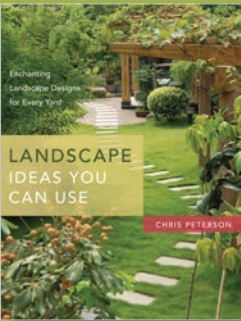
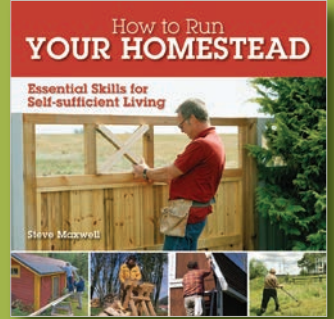
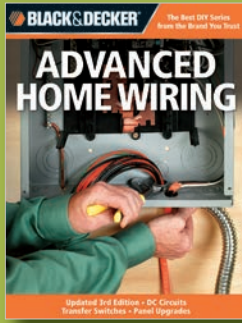
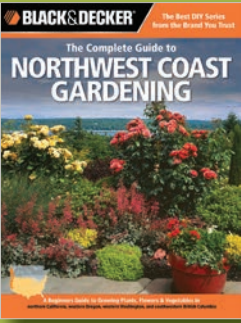
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