

## Little Birds: 26 Handmade Projects to Sew, Stitch, Quilt Love (Design Collective)

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**CT Publishing's Design Collective : Little Birds: 26 Handmade Projects to Sew, Stitch, Quilt Love (Design Collective)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Little Birds: 26 Handmade Projects to Sew, Stitch, Quilt Love (Design Collective):

52 of 52 people found the following review helpful. Birds of a feather all togetherBy NancyS  
This book contains a colorful flock of fun and folksy sewing projects with a contemporary edge. The projects are varied: mobiles and ornaments and stuffies and aprons and quilts and wreaths fill the pages. It was hard to pick which project to start with. So far, I've made the peacock and I have 5 other projects earmarked.I do want to offer some warning. Even though it claims to be for beginners, this book isn't really for anyone who doesn't have basic sewing skills. There isn't always precise step-by-step instructions- I had to fiddle a bit with the peacock's beak and tail to make it work. Luckily, most of these projects don't require careful precision. I think some fiddling gives each piece its own character.Quite a few of the projects use embroidery for the finishing touches. There is a very basic guide to embroidery stitches in the back of the book but I think you would fare better if you hone your skills before tackling the projects that depend on your ability to do this well. Ditto for the quilts. I've never made a quilt and I would only feel comfortable attempting one from this book if I had some basic quilting skills already.For somebody with strong sewing skills this book is 5 star. But, despite my intermediate-beginner status, I found enough projects in here to feel that the book was worth the purchase price.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Best Birdie Book everBy Krista Cole  
This is a must

have even if you don't make a single bird! The book is perfect. First, the tutorials are easy to read, engaging and very visually appealing. The steps are clear, concise and well illustrated for any level. The variety of projects is well worth the investment in the book. Truly the author cared about putting out a brilliant work. This book could have been written just for enjoyment!!!! However, bonus....you get to actually learn how to craft your own tweetees. If you love birdies, this book is a must have for your library. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. love it! By bree I've only got about half way through the peacock design but I love it! It has more embroidery ideas than I thought. (About half stuffed animals half embroidery and quilting) so I was a little disappointed but as soon as I have the money for an embroidery machine I'm gonna give it a go! Also, every design is in the back of the book however they tell you to enlarge by 200%. I found that useless considering it should be full sized already to match the dimensions they specify on each project. So I free handed and it turned out pretty darn well so not that big of a deal. But if you find it hard to get to a computer to scan then enlarge then print which I did, and can't free hand the patterns to match this may be a problem for those of you who don't have either of those options.

This adorable book is all about the birds! From budgies to owls to peacocks, these projects will pique your curiosity and make your heart sing! Many talented designers bring you soft sculptures, quilts, ornaments, and more.

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