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29 of 30 people found the following review helpful. The Book You've Been Looking ForBy Claire Goldstein and Sven-Erik RoseI'm not an excessively successful crafter, or at least I haven't been in the past, but I love funky, recycled handmade things, and have always loved the idea of working with my kids to create our own toys. We've had a lot of fun collecting fabric, cutting and gluing, and over the years I've amassed several books. After this book arrived, the rest of them are getting traded in. **THIS BOOK IS GREAT.** Sue Havens is both an artist and a teacher, and you can tell by the way she writes and the projects shown in the photographs that she is talented at both. This book will be a great resource for both beginning and experienced crafters. For beginners or those in need of a refresher, the first chapter gives a quick rundown of sewing techniques and terms, with helpful little drawings and tips. It's very clear and easy to follow. I don't know how she conveys so much technique in so little space. Experienced sewers will also love the book. The projects walk the fine line between hip and cute, appealing to grownups and children alike, with plenty of latitude to adapt and personalize. As one of the previous reviews mentioned, the book itself is very appealing to look at. It's also a pleasure to work with -- very lucid and approachable directions. One feature I especially loved was the

short paragraphs Havens added at the start of each project. She talks about her fabric, color, and trim choices, and yet again, in very few, and very accessible, words, conveys some fundamental design principles, breaking down for the rest of us why these creatures look so appealing and cool. We're most of the way through our first project. We are having fun with it, and it looks great! Buy this book! 16 of 16 people found the following review helpful. cool and unusual
By Jessy Randall
If there was a Project Runway for making toys, Sue Havens would be the winner. Her combinations of fabric are so cool and unusual, and her designs are first-rate. I love the whole sensibility of this book, from the recommendation to use old clothes for fabric to the expressions on the animals' faces. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fun Soft Toys to Make Yourself
By Reagan Dobler
Great little book with easy to understand ideas and tips. Cute sock critters and inspiring pictures. Some patterns included that will need to be copied. I found it to be fun to read and I immediately made a great sock monkey. Easy peasy! I recommend this book and seller to others.

Happy friends to make, hug, and love Meet a mischievous piggy, dopey panda, rambunctious little bunny, a passel of monkeys, a proper penguin, and many more soon-to-be best friends of all shapes, sizes, and personalities in this irresistible guide, *Make Your Own Toys*. With simple-to-follow instructions and hand-drawn illustrations, artist and designer Sue Havens will help you make 22 unique stuffed toys that will endear and charm adults and kids alike.

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